



GRACE CHURCH

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Here are some of the many, varied ways that *worshippers at Grace Church are engaged in ministry*. Opportunities abound with many ways to serve. Maybe one of these is a ministry where you have a God-given interest and would like to get involved.

Church for Skeptics (Grace Church Mission Partner)

Church for Skeptics is a ministry of apologetics by Dan Arsenault built around a YouTube channel with the same name. This ministry has given Dan the opportunity to teach around the world and to impact the lives of many students and adults wrestling with the validity of Christianity.

- Opportunities and/or needs: assistance with filming; help with media connectivity, social media presence; assist with research; prayer support
- Person to contact: Dan Arsenault – (205) 344-1925; danielarsenault@bellsouth.net
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/churchforskeptics>

Community Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning ladies from the Tuscaloosa area meet for Bible study at a local church. The Bible study meets weekly for approximately 30 weeks and follows the local school calendar. Study includes whole group teaching as well as Core Group discussion. The study is designed to encourage women to grow closer to God and to one another.

- Opportunities and/or needs: attend the study, serve as a Core Group leader
- Grace member to contact: Elaine Moore – (205) 792-8078; emoore43@gmail.com
- <https://www.communitybiblestudy.org/bible-study-for-women/>

Fabric of Hope

Fabric of Hope is a non-profit organization formed to facilitate sponsorship and communication between donors in America to the House of Hope children's homes in Satu Mare, Romania. House of Hope houses and feeds 25 girls and boys while providing school tuition fees, books, clothing and shoes. Many of the kids were malnourished as infants and toddlers and have suffered unspeakable traumas that require expensive doctor visits and medications. Fabric of Hope exists to provide the hope of Christ to abandoned kids showing them that their lives are not in vain and they are deeply loved.

- Opportunities and/or needs: sponsoring children, general financial support, funding of various practical specific needs
- Grace member to contact: Bonnie Faile – (205) 292-3381; bonnie.faile@gmail.com

Faculty Commons (Grace Church Mission Partner)

Faculty Commons is a ministry of Cru (f.k.a. Campus Crusade). They work with Christian faculty members and Graduate students in universities and colleges helping them foster spiritual growth and Christian ministry to their students and colleagues. Faculty Commons connects faculty members and grad students with resources to grow in their faith and share Christ on their campus and around the world.

- Opportunities and/or needs: welcome Packs” for new faculty/PhD students; provide a place to stay while looking for apartments; babysitting for young grad school couples; store furniture for students over the summer; occasional home-cooked meal; “adopt” an undergrad or grad student.
- Grace member to contact: Phil & Brenda Bishop — (205) 799-7504; pbishop@ua.edu
- <https://www.cru.org/>

Food Distribution at Grace Church

On the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, Grace Church distributes boxes of food to families and individuals referred by various social agencies. Families come to Grace Church and based on the size of the family, we distribute boxes of food including frozen meats, canned goods, paper products, cereals, dried fruit, etc.

- Opportunities and/or needs: help with picking up food from the Food Bank distribution center to bring to Grace Church and volunteers to pack and distribute the food boxes on the distribution days
- Grace member to contact: Amber Miller — (251) 359-1136; afyoder@gmail.com

Freedom in Grace (Grace Church Mission Partner)

Freedom in Grace was founded to help men break free from sexual addiction. This ministry seeks to lead men into healthy productive lives and provides counsel through the ups and downs of recovery and the hurt, guilt and shame that comes with addiction. Their goal is for men to know the joy and freedom that recovery brings. Life can begin again, no matter how deeply you've fallen from grace. Freedom in Grace gives speeches to inform people about the dangers of pornography from churches to college classrooms.

- Opportunities and/or needs: Because of the strict confidentiality of this ministry, personal involvement must be cleared through David Fletcher. F.I.G. would like to add a ministry to the wives.
- Grace member to contact: David Fletcher – (205) 561-8611; david@thirstmissions.org
- <http://freedomingrace.com/>

Gideon's International

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place scriptures in hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails in 200 countries.

- Opportunities and/or needs: Christian men and their wives as members to share our message in churches and members who can place the scriptures in areas where we distribute the Word of God. Additionally, all Grace Church members are encouraged to use the Gideon Bible Memorial and Recognition cards located on the Library counter to donate Bibles to be placed around the world.

- Grace member to contact: Jimmy Moore – (205) 799-0777; jcmoore43@gmail.com
- <https://www.gideons.org/>

Return to Zion Ministry (Shavei Tzion)

This ministry is the USA arm of Return to Zion Messianic Congregation in Haifa, Israel, which consists of Russian speaking immigrants. They work to raise support within the USA to enable Return to Zion to take the Gospel to the people of Haifa.

- Opportunities and/or needs: Norman and interested Grace members make trips to Haifa to assist with the ministry and to take donations/supplies based on current needs.
- Grace member to contact: Norman Patrick — (205) 886-7545; normanpatrick76@gmail.com
- <https://www.shaveitzion.org>

Juvenile Detention Center (Grace Church Mission Partner)

The Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Detention Center is a low-security correctional facility for area juveniles. While the center and its staff provide for the care, safety, and protection of detained youth, Chaplain Terry Hallman ministers to their spiritual and emotional needs. From weekly chapel services to special events, the goal is to show the love of Christ in a way that affirms their worth and leads them toward better life-choices.

Chaplain Hallman coordinates special Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for the youth, provided and served by volunteers. He also coordinates gifts of personal hygiene, basic clothing items, etc. for the youth throughout the year as needs arise.

- Opportunities and/or needs: travel-sized deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash; white crew socks, white t-shirts (all sizes), solid colored boxer underwear (all sizes); seasonally—provide a dish for and/or serve the meal on Thanksgiving Day, provide a filled gift bag for Christmas
- Grace member to contact: Terry Hallman — (205) 242-5199; thallman1955@gmail.com

Love INC (Grace Church Mission Partner)

Love INC (Love In the **N**ame of Christ) networks churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ leveraging their collective impact to bless those in need. Love INC of Tuscaloosa is a local chapter of a national organization.

- Opportunities and/or needs: Donate gently used clothes, furniture, household goods, etc. to their Donation Center; volunteer in their Donation Center; be a financial counselor; volunteer for their annual Homeless Connect event.
- Person to contact: Cathy Vanderford — (205) 292-0367; csellers@loveinctuscaloosa.com
- For info on the national organization: www.loveinc.org

Navigators International Student Ministry (Grace Church Mission Partner)

The Navigators International Student Ministry engages with students from 72 different nations in 46 different locations across the U.S. These international sojourners represent millions of people in their home countries who will return home to impact their family and relational networks—touching every facet of society and the world with the gospel of Christ.

- Opportunities and/or needs: attend and/or provide food for Thursday night gatherings, take international students to lunch after church; help with international student conferences
- Grace members to contact: Barry & Karen McGlothin
- Barry — (205) 887-9981; bmcglothin@gmail.com
- <https://www.navigators.org/mission/navigators-international-student-ministry/>

Sav-A-Life of Tuscaloosa (Grace Church Mission Partner)

Sav-a-Life is a place where women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy can come for confidential care and support. Free services offered include pregnancy testing, pregnancy options counseling, limited ultrasound, accurate information about abortion, adoption information and referrals, community resources and referrals, baby supplies, parenting education, and post abortion confidential counseling.

- Opportunities and/or needs: copy paper, peanut butter crackers and bottled water; chips, snacks, and sodas for men who attend

Fatherhood Focus classes; diapers, bouncers, play mats, children's books and DVD's, breast pumps, gliders, baby monitors

- Grace member to contact: Chris Guin — (205) 792-4524; imagine01@gmail.com
- <http://savalifetuscaloosa.org/>

Tuscaloosa Pastors Network (Grace Church Mission Partner)

TPN is an association of pastors across lines of denomination, race, and culture who believe that God's plan for us as Christians is to walk in unity of heart as the one church in Tuscaloosa. The Pastors Network seeks to foster unity by bringing pastors together for fellowship and prayer, and by bringing churches together to serve the community.

- Opportunities and/or needs: assist with pastors lunches & fundraisers (prep, serve, etc.), participate in city-wide prayer events
- Person to contact: Fred Schuckert – (205) 239-2599; tpnfred@gmail.com
- <https://www.tuscaloosaprayernetwork.org/>

Tuscaloosa International Friends (TIF)

Tuscaloosa's International Friends (TIF) is a community organization dedicated to providing opportunities for international visitors to learn more about life in the United States and for local residents to learn more about other cultures. TIF sponsors picnics, dinners, parties, and a friendship family program.

- Opportunities and/or needs: If you wish to "host" (i.e. be a friend) an international student for an academic year, complete the Online TIF Friendship Family Application Form and send to Ann Brooks at annbrooks2002@yahoo.com or mail to: **Tuscaloosa's International Friends, P.O. Box 21302, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402**. The information you provide will assist TIF in determining the best "Friendship Family" match for you and visiting international students.
- Grace members to contact: Minda Paxton — (205) 799-1820; mindapaxton@gmail.com OR Chad Berry — (678) 673-7201; cberry314@yahoo.com
- <http://international.ua.edu/programs-activities/tuscaloosas-international-friends/>

Youth for Christ – YFC (Grace Church Mission Partner)

YFC reaches young people, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus. **Campus Life** is Youth for Christ's outreach to high school and middle school campuses. It combines healthy relationships with creative programs to help young people make good choices, establish a solid foundation for life, and positively impact their schools. **Parent Life** reaches expectant and parenting teens and their children through intentional relationships with trained adults and community partnerships. It seeks to provide physical, social, emotional, and spiritual support. Tuscaloosa YFC's **Juvenile Justice Ministry** reaches incarcerated youth with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- Opportunities and/or needs: weekly adult volunteers in middle school clubs on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings from 7:15-8:00; volunteers to assist during events; office volunteers to stuff newsletters, etc.; social media expertise to get message out promotions etc. for posting and regular sharing of information.
- Grace member to contact: Ben Talmadge — (205) 393-6676; ben.talmadge@gmail.com
- <https://www.tuscaloosayfc.org/ministries/>



Grace Church Ministry Teams

- **AV Ministry Team**

Our AV team works behind the scenes to make sure all of the technology needs are met in our Sunday morning services, as well as any other service or special event. Team members serve on a rotating basis.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Tim Wilson, Associate Pastor, tpw821@gmail.com; (205) 861-8283

- **Benevolence Ministry Team**

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- ◇ Grace member to contact: Robert Griffith, Benevolence Deacon, dr.griffith@gmail.com; (205) 391-7298

- **Coffee Ministry Team**

Coffee and tea are offered every Sunday morning as part of our hospitality ministry. Team members serve on a rotating basis; they arrive early to get everything ready and stay afterward to clean up.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Carla Roig, Coffee Ministry Team Captain, arqcaroig@gmail.com; (205) 657-8679

- **Communion Prep Ministry Team**

Each Sunday morning, the Grace family participates in the ordinance of Communion / Lord's Supper. Team members prepare the elements and clean up afterwards. They serve for a month, twice a year.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Tim Thomassian, Associate Pastor, timthomassian@gmail.com; (205) 886-6886

- **Event Ministry Team**

During our church-wide events help is needed in making the necessary physical arrangements whether on campus or at a different location. Those who are willing to serve (sometimes a truck and/or trailer is helpful) should contact Tim.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Tim Wilson, Associate Pastor, tpw821@gmail.com; (205) 861-8283

- **Greeters Ministry Team**

Our Sunday morning Greeter Ministry Team is divided into two groups: foyer greeters and Sanctuary door greeters. The greeters welcome congregants and guests in the main foyer of our building. The Sanctuary door greeters welcome worshipers and hand out Worship Guides.

Greeters serve once every seven weeks.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Brent Hutto, Connections Deacon, brenthutto@truckstop.com; (205) 886-5565

- **Hospitality Ministry Team**

At our church-wide and large-group events, the Hospitality Ministry Team is in charge of providing and/or managing the food, drink, and sometimes decorations. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Bonnie.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Bonnie Faile, Hospitality Deacon, bonnie.faile@gmail.com; (205) 292-3381

- **Nursery Ministry Team**

On Sunday mornings a team of dedicated workers lovingly care for our birth through 4-year-olds during the worship service. Each Nursery Ministry Team member serves once every seven weeks.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Shannon Gray, Children's Ministry Director, (205) 561-9406; shannon@gracechurchtuscaloosa.com

- **Praise Team**

Sunday morning worship music is led by our Praise Team. Members of the team, instrumentalist and/or vocalist, must audition before consideration. If interested, please contact Leslie.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Leslie Hoyle, Music Director, lesliejhoyle@gmail.com; (205) 799-5892

- **Security Ministry Team**

The Security Ministry Team (in cooperation with on-sight personnel) provides protection on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Each team member serves once every ten weeks.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Mario Bueno, Security Deacon, mario.buenopatino@gmail.com; (830) 275-0953

- **Usher Ministry Team**

Men and women (16 years of age and up) serve during the Sunday morning worship service by assisting in seating, serving Communion, and receiving the offering. Ushers are asked to serve for a month on a rotating basis three times a year.

- ◇ Grace member to contact: Rachel Waits, Worship Service Management Deacon, rkwaits@email.com; (205) 299-6302



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