

GMR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FALL 2022

***Dates & Time are subject to change.*

*Please check GraceMillsRiver.org to confirm event dates & times.***

WAYS TO CONNECT

GMR Website

- GraceMillsRiver.org (This has the most up to date information!)

Weekly Email Update

- Sign up for the weekly email update: GraceMillsRiver.org/connect/email-updates

Fill out a Connect Card

- A paper copy is available at the Information Desk.
- Fill out online: GraceMillsRiver.org/Contact

Follow us on Social Media

- Like us on Facebook: [Grace Mills River](#), [Grace Mills River Discipleship](#), [Women of Grace](#), [Watershed Youth](#), [Grace Mills River Children's Ministry](#)
- Follow us on Instagram: @gracemillsriver, @watershedyouth, @gracemrkids,

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - Fellowship & Connection

- Join us in the cafe for coffee to catch up with friends you haven't seen over a busy week.

9:00 AM - Youth Group - Greg Lieb - grlieb@gmail.com

- Youth (6th grade - 12th grade) meet upstairs for a time of fellowship & teaching.

9:00 AM - 9:40 AM - Encountering God's Word Together - Ken Downer - KenDownerGMR@gmail.com

- See below under DISCIPLESHIP - Co-ed Studies for more details.

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Understanding Christian Sexuality - Brad Owen - emailbrado@gmail.com & Toni Owen - bntowen@bellsouth.net

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9:45 AM - 10:15 AM - Prayer Gathering - Dave Bokmiller - prayforthisgmr@gmail.com

- Join the prayer team to pray for the spiritual renewal of our world, nation, community & church family.

10:30 AM - Worship Service

- Worship together through song, prayer & hearing God's word.

10:30 AM - Children's Classes - Christen Stewart - christenbstewart@gmail.com

- Children's classes (infant - 5th grade) are offered teaching our kids about Jesus.

WORSHIP & ARTS

Juried Art Show & Reception - Molly Angel - mollyangelart@gmail.com

- *Description:* Our 19th Annual Juried Art Exhibit brings the opportunity to welcome many artists to the gallery all at one time. If you are interested in helping, please contact Molly.
- *When:* Artists can apply online and drop off work on November 13 (3-6PM) & November 14 (9-12PM). All are invited to the opening reception on November 17 at 6:30 pm.
- *Where:* GMR Gallery
- *Questions:* Contact Molly Angel, Visual Arts Coordinator.

Musicians - Andrew Kerhoulas - akerhoulas@gmail.com

- If you are a musician or vocalist and would like to use your gifts to lead the body in worship, contact Andrew Kerhoulas, Discipleship & Worship Pastor.

DISCIPLESHIP

Co-Ed Studies

[Sundays]

Encountering God's Word Together - Ken Downer - KenDownerGMR@gmail.com

- *Description:* Come join us as we dive into the scripture passage the sermon will be based on that day. No preparation is necessary. Sit and listen or join the discussion. This is a great way to grow closer to each other as we enjoy the scriptures together. We end our time together just before the prayer gathering which makes for a great Sunday morning!
- *When:* Sunday mornings from 9AM - 9:40AM
- *Where:* Education Building - Room 305
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship

Understanding Christian Sexuality - Brad Owen - emailbrado@gmail.com & Toni Owen - bntowen@bellsouth.net

- *Description:* "Discover the truth about Jesus, Sex & Gender. This video-based, comprehensive discipleship experience will help adults, mentors, parents, youth and young adults engage in one of the most important conversations of our age." A collaborative resource from The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender (christian-sexuality.com)
- *When:* Sunday mornings (September 18 - November 13) from 9AM - 10AM
- *Where:* Education Building - Room 306
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship
**Childcare Available upon request in registration form.*

[Wednesdays]

Prodigal God - Rick Hebert - rick.hebert44@gmail.com

- *Description:* What's the heart of Christianity? Why should it matter for our lives? Join us for a 7 week small group discussion of Tim Keller's book, *Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. Journey with us as we uncover the essential message of Jesus, locked in his most familiar parable. We plan to meet in person, but will have a Zoom option available.
- *When:* Wednesdays from 7PM - 8PM, beginning September 28
- *Where:* Education Building - Room 302
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship

Mid-week Study - How to Reach the West Again - Georgia Sams -
samsgeorgia@yahoo.com

- *Description:* Many followers of Jesus today wonder how to engage an increasingly secular culture with the gospel. While there are many new challenges, we desire to equip you with how the Christian faith interfaces with our cultural moment. Join us on Tuesdays as we explore Tim Keller's short book, *How To Reach The West Again*.
- *When:* Tuesdays from 1PM - 2:15PM beginning September 20 (6 weeks)
- *Where:* Zoom
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship

Book of Hebrews - Jeff Leider - jeffleider8@gmail.com

- *Description:* Join us as we explore and apply truths from an inductive Bible study of one of the most profound books of the Bible.
- *When:* Thursdays from 7PM-8PM beginning September 29 (8 weeks)
- *Where:* Education Building - Room 302 and Zoom option
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship

Women Only - Studies, Gatherings & Opportunities

Women's Community Group - Angie Blackmar - angie.blackmar@gmail.com

- *Description:* Join a group of women seeking to build community around honest, scripture-saturated discussions and prayer.
- *When:* 1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 7pm starting September 7th
- *Where:* Angie Blackmar's Home in Arden
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship - email Angie for directions and questions

Women's Bible Study - Leigh Verm - leighverm@gmail.com & Cindy Stashanko -
cyn4friends@gmail.com

- Exodus (September 8 - November 3)
- Advent (November 11 - December 8)
- Ephesians & Lent (January 19 - April 27)
- *Description:* We are committed to meet casually together on Thursday mornings through the year to study God's word, pray together, and encourage one another. It is never too late to join; women of all ages are welcome. Contact us with questions. We are working on providing childcare, but an RSVP is necessary to secure a spot.
- *When:* Thursdays from 9:30AM - 11AM
- *Where:* Education Building- Room 305
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship

Ladies Bible Read - Elenore Beach - elenorebeach@gmail.com

- *Description:* Join a group of gospel-loving women who love to read through Scripture together. We meet together a couple of times a month to discuss the questions and insights we are gleaning from our readings. Currently, we read through portions of the old and new testaments and engage in laid back but profound discussion.
- *When:* 1st & 3rd Mondays from 10:30AM - 12PM
- *Where:* Online via Zoom
- *Register:* Email Elenore Beach.

Laura Story in Concert

- *Description:* Enjoy an evening with this humble and talented singer/songwriter, worship leader, Bible teacher and author.
- *When:* Friday, September 23 at 7PM
- *Where:* Arden Presbyterian Church
- *Tickets:* Available at ardenpres.org/laurastory

A Morning with Laura Story

- *Description:* Ladies! Join us for a special time as she shares her story of God's grace and provision in the midst of difficult times.
- *When:* Saturday, September 24 at 9:30AM
- *Where:* Arden Presbyterian Church Chapel
- *Registration:* There is no cost for the event, but please sign up at ardenpres.org/laurastory.

Women's Fall Retreat hosted by Highlands Presbytery - Connie Buckner - conniebd@charter.net

- *Description:* Vanessa Hawkins, Director of Women's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, will be sharing on the topic of "Strength and Courage for the Weary Woman". Vanessa will use Joshua 1 to explore the themes of the centrality of the Word of God, the importance of rest, and the necessity to be strong and courageous. To find out more about her, follow her on Instagram & twitter @hawkinsclan5 or wherever you listen to podcasts.
- *When:* October 21 & 22
- *Where:* Ridge Haven Camp and Conference Center - Brevard, NC
- *Note:* This event is not organized or hosted by GMR. Contact Connie Buckner with questions. Register Online - <https://HPWM2022FALLRETREAT.eventbrite.com>.

Women's Gathering at Mills River Brewery - Allison Rickman - allison.rickman@gmail.com

- *Description:* Want to get to know some other women who attend GMR?
Join the Women's Leadership Team for an evening of fellowship at Mills River Brewery.
- *When:* Thursday, November 10 from 7PM - 8:30PM
- *Where:* Mills River Brewery - 336 Banner Farm Road, Mills River, NC 28759

SAVE THE DATE - Women of Grace : Carols & Cookies - Carrie Hoyle -
carriemaehoyle@gmail.com

- *Description:* Ladies join us for an evening of singing carols, tasting Christmas cookies & fellowship. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share. Feel free to bring your daughters (Grade 2 & above) or invite ladies outside of Grace. This just might become an annual event. Let's worship through carols during the Christmas season.
- *When:* Sunday, December 11 from 7PM - 8:30PM
- *Where:* Carrie Hoyle's Home in Hendersonville
- *RSVP:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship - email Carrie for directions and questions

Men Only - Studies, Gatherings & Opportunities

Saturday Morning Breakfast Gathering - Dave Bokmiller - MenofGMR@gmail.com

- *Description:* The Men's Breakfast Group meets for a time of fellowship, Bible-based study, discussion & prayer.
- *When:* 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, 8AM - 9:30AM *watch the website for any schedule changes
- *Where:* GMR Cafe
- *Questions:* Email Dave Bokmiller.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Jim Pearce - gracejimpearce@gmail.com

- *Description:* A book study and a time for fellowship and mutual encouragement.
- *When:* Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM
- *Where:* GMR - Education Building - Room 304
- *Questions:* Email Jim Pearce.

SAVE THE DATE - Men's Hike - Lee Hunt - leehunt22@hotmail.com

- *Description:* A men's hike is in the works. There will be a 'Celebrity Guest Hiker' leading the group. Keep an eye out in the weekly email update for the celebrity reveal and more details.
- *When:* Saturday, October 22 *Email Lee for time & additional details.
- *Where:* TBD *Details to come.
- *Questions:* Email Lee Hunt for details.

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering - Dave Bokmiller - PrayForThisGMR@gmail.com

- *Description:* Everyone is invited to join the prayer team to pray for our world, nation, community, church and one another. Each week prayer requests from the church family are shared and prayed for. You may come to be prayed over as well.
 - *When:* Sunday mornings from 9:45AM - 10:15AM
 - *Where:* GMR - Education Building - Room 304
 - *Questions:* Email Dave Bokmiller to receive the prayer list.
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YOUTH

Watershed - Sunday Morning Youth Group - Greg Lieb - grlieb@gmail.com

- *Description:* Students (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join the youth group on Sunday morning to share a short talk on Jesus, games, and singing together in community.
- *When:* Sunday mornings from 9AM - 10:15AM
- *Where:* GMR Youth Room - Located upstairs
- *Questions:* Email Greg Lieb for details.

Fall Shed Activities - Greg Lieb - grlieb@gmail.com

- *Description:* Watershed Small Groups will meet on Wednesday evenings to share time in God's word and hang out together. We will meet in groups of HS guys, HS girls, MS guys and MS girls.
- *When:* Wednesdays from 6:30PM - 8PM
- *Where:* GMR Youth Room
- *Questions:* Email Greg Lieb for details.

Fall Youth Activities Calendar - Greg Lieb - grlieb@gmail.com

- [Download the youth calendar here](https://www.gracemillsriver.org/ministries/youth/) - or check the website:
<https://www.gracemillsriver.org/ministries/youth/>

CHILDREN

Sunday Morning Children's Classes - Christen Stewart - christenbstewart@gmail.com

- *Description:* Children's classes that partner with and support families showing each child how to love God's world, be in God's family, and live in the joy of God's gospel.
 - *When:* Sunday mornings from 10:30AM - end of worship service
 - *Where:* GMR Children's Hallway & Education Building
 - We currently have an infant, preschool class (ages 2-4) & three elementary classes (Kindergarten, 1st-3rd grade & 4th/5th grade).
 - *Check-in Sunday morning at the CM Welcome Area*
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MERCY

Widows Group - Fran Li - franatjohnson@me.com or 239.248.2477

- *Description:* Join others that have lost spouses for a time of sharing, fellowship and relationship.
- *When:* Once a month, usually on the 3rd Friday at 2:30PM
- *Where:* Second Act, Hendersonville
- *Questions:* Email Fran Li to confirm day, time & location.

Our Journey of Hope - Kathie Sorenson - skathie22@gmail.com

- *Description:* Do you know someone who is battling cancer- a neighbor, friend or loved one? Our Journey of Hope is a biblically-based cancer care ministry open to anyone who is ready to make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer. We want to bring practical support and the hope of Christ to every person in our congregation and community affected by this illness.
- *Questions:* Contact Kathie Sorenson to register for the Our Journey of Hope training that will equip and commission you for this special outreach. Materials are provided free of charge. This ministry supports those diagnosed with cancer, those that know someone diagnosed or those caring for someone with cancer.

Mercy Ministry Newsletter

- Each quarter our Shepherding support team in collaboration with the Diaconate Moderator create a newsletter to share important information about Mercy Ministry. In the past, the newsletter has included bios of new Deacons and Deaconess, introductions to new ministries and ministry needs. Flock Advocates send it directly to their flock members and a copy is linked in the weekly email update & posted on the GMR website for everyone to read. **If you are wondering what a Flock Advocate is, please see the Shepherding Ministry description below.*

OUTREACH

2-hour MovieTrax Discipleship Workshop - Ed Beach - edbeach@storyweaversglobal.org

- *Description:* Movies can give us a great starting point for deeper conversations with our friends. They present themes that brilliantly illustrate the struggles, brokenness, joy and hope we all experience. Seeing these messages mirrored in movies, both we and our friends can explore our need for healing and wholeness which God has provided through the Gospel.

MovieTrax is a type of “biblical storyweaving” designed to help facilitate personal conversations with others. This framework allows us to connect with others through the issues of life and to bring Scripture to the center of the conversation. Biblical storyweaving encourages us to connect with Scripture and people, giving them an opportunity to engage with God through His Word.

- *When:* Sunday, November 13 (Time TBD)
- *Where:* GMR Auditorium
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/groups/discipleship
- *Questions:* Contact Ed Beach.

Local

GMR Local Partnerships

**Listed below are organizations that support our local community in various ways. We support their work financially and through volunteerism. If you are looking for a place to serve, we would recommend you connect with one of these organizations or the GMR member listed below.*

- **Black Mountain Home for Children** - www.blackmountainhome.org
 - Paul Shogren - pshogren@bellsouth.net
- **Least of These** - www.leastoftheseasheville.com
 - Liz Loop - loopelizabeth@gmail.com
- **Interfaith Assistance Ministry** - www.iamhendersoncounty.org
- **The Storehouse** - www.storehouseonline.org
- **Asheville / Buncombe County Christian Ministries** - www.abccm.org
- **Young Life of Henderson County** - www.hendersoncountync.younglife.org
- **Council on Aging of Henderson County / Meals on Wheels** - www.coahc.org
- **Kairos** - www.kairosprisonministry.org
 - Jeff Leider - jeffleider8@gmail.com
- **Homeward Bound** - www.homewardboundwnc.org
- **Safelight** - www.safelightfamily.org

Backpack Program - Christen Stewart - christenbstewart@gmail.com

- *Description:* Consider donating *non-perishable, lightweight, child friendly items* to the Feed the Need program. We will be collecting these throughout the school year to help supplement food for local families in need.
- *Suggested Food Items:* ramen noodles, fruit cups, individually packaged snacks, mac and cheese bowls, oatmeal, granola bars, Chef Boyardee cups, cereal and poptarts.
- *Where:* collection bins are located on the CM hallway
- *Questions:* If you are interested in volunteering to help with collection, organization, or food delivery, please contact Christen Stewart.

Global

Annual Global Missions Fair & Annual Fundraiser - Allison Rickman - allison.rickman@gmail.com

- *Description:* We look forward to welcoming Edward & Christine Isingoma, Grace Missionaries, for a visit at the end of September. Edward will preach on Sunday, October 2. Multiple events will happen on that Sunday to bring awareness and share the impact our missionaries are having around the world. A few of our missionaries will be present to share updates and participate in the weekend.
- *When:* Sunday, October 2
- *Where:* GMR
- *Questions:* If you are interested in helping support this weekend, please contact Allison Rickman.

ASANTE Sale for Knickers for New Life - Watha Kollmeyer - watha.kollmeyer@gmail.com

- *Description:* Knickers for New Life (KFNL) partners with schools in Uganda providing knickers (underwear), sanitary supplies, separate latrines for girls and boys, hand wash stations and mosquito-repellent soap. ASANTE Scents for a Cause are products (candles, lotions, room sprays, soaps, etc.) that support the work of KFNL.
- *When:* Sunday, November 6 ASANTE products will be on sale.
- *Where:* GMR Cafe
- *Questions:* If you are interested in helping KFNL, please contact Watha Kollmeyer.

COMMUNITY & BODY LIFE

GMR's 30th Celebration Concert - Craig Lotz - craiglotz@gmail.com

- *Description:* God has richly blessed our church for the last 30 years, and we want to celebrate with you! Come and enjoy a night of gratitude, community, good food (Garage BBQ, fresh lemonade & dessert), and music supplied by musicians at Grace. This is a great occasion to invite friends and neighbors for a party three decades in the making! **Remember to bring a lawn chair.*
- *When:* Friday, September 30 at 6PM
- *Where:* GMR Pavilion & parking lot
- *RSVP:* by Friday, September 23 [*RSVP HERE](#).
- *Questions:* Contact Craig Lotz, W&A Creative Coordinator.

Becoming Family - Membership Class - Allison Rickman - allison.rickman@gmail.com

- *Description:* Join us to learn more about Grace ministries, our distinctives, values, philosophy and vision. This is a great way to get to know us whether you want to find out more about GMR or are ready to become a member. **Required for membership.*
- *When:* Sunday mornings, October 9, 16 & 23 from 9:00AM to 10:00AM
- *Where:* GMR Education Building - Room 306
- *Register:* GraceMillsRiver.churchcenter.com/registrations

Stepp Orchard Event - Allison Rickman - allison.rickman@gmail.com

- *Description:* Join us for a fun evening at Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard. The orchard will close at 6PM but remain open for GMR folks only til 7PM. GMR will provide 2 wagon rides and apple donuts. You are welcome to pick apples, purchase items from their store and walk through the corn maze as well. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy the beautiful setting and have apple donuts for dessert! We are looking forward to a fun evening for all!
- *When:* Sunday, October 16 from 4PM - 7PM
- *Where:* 170 Stepp Orchard Drive Hendersonville, NC 28792
- *Questions:* Email Allison Rickman.
- *Register:* [Google Form Sign up](#)

SAVE THE DATE - Christmas Movie Matinee - Craig Lotz - craiglotz@gmail.com

- *Description:* Let's get into the Christmas spirit! Join us for a Christmas movie matinee to kick off the holiday season. Wear your favorite Christmas PJs, bring a blanket and pillow and enjoy the show!
- *When:* Sunday, December 4 at 3PM
- *Where:* GMR Auditorium
- *Questions:* Email Craig Lotz.
**Watch the weekly email update for more details and registration.*

Shepherding Ministry - Rick Hebert - rick.hebert44@gmail.com

- *Description:* The Grace elders are committed to shepherding the members as encouraged in scripture. The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to help every member feel cared for, and encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- *Basic Structure:* Each member is assigned to a Parish based on their home address. A *Parish Shepherd*, GMR elder, is assigned to each parish. Each member is also a part of a smaller group of members called a flock. Each parish is made up of multiple flocks. Each flock has a *Flock Advocate*, a leader or lay member who is trained to provide a personal connection with each member of their flock.
- *Questions:* Email Rick Hebert.

Ways to Serve the GMR Body

Meal Train - Sheryl Mathis - edsheryl@juno.com or Julie Ledford - jlledford57@yahoo.com

- *Description:* Our deacons have had several needs for meal preparation for our church families during times of illness, surgery, etc. We are in the process of building a group of folks that would like to help provide meals when needs arise. If you would like to help with meal preparation, please contact either Sheryl or Julie.
- *Questions:* Contact Sheryl Mathis - edsheryl@juno.com (828-243-5749) or Julie Ledford - jlledford57@yahoo.com (828-891-5332).