

Mercy Ministry News

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Greetings from the GMR Diaconate!

Welcome to New Diaconate Officers

The Grace diaconate recently elected new officers to serve the church body: Bob Giles, Moderator, Ron Yarbrough, Secretary (re-elected), and Brad Greene (Treasurer). We are thankful for previous officers Greg Van Voorhis, Moderator, Ron Yarbrough, Secretary, and Dave Bokmiller, Treasurer, for their outstanding service to Grace.



Current Needs Within The Body

Children's Ministry: Children's Ministry is looking for Sunday morning volunteers who are willing to serve in our CM classes once a month or to be a substitute as needed. **We hope to open a Babies class within the next few months so we have specific needs for volunteers who are interested in serving this age group.** For more information or questions, please contact Christen at christenbstewart@gmail.com



Youth: Youth is looking for Sunday morning volunteers who love Jesus, love teens and have a broken heart for teens to know Jesus. Sunday volunteers are invited to invest in students through consistently showing up on Sunday mornings, playing games, and being relational through building friendships with students.

We also need volunteer leaders who can lead Tuesday or Wednesday Bible studies with students. We specifically need two to three men and one woman to invest in this work. This would be a one year commitment that involves co-leading a Bible study, a desire to show up in teens' lives through sports, art, drama, or extracurricular activities, and a teachable spirit. Volunteer leaders may be required to meet regularly with youth director for ongoing discipleship. For more information contact Greg Lieb at grlieb@gmail.com.



"we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thess. 2:8

Cafe: We need a cafe volunteer in the clean up shift on 4th Sundays. This shift starts after the service and lasts about 45 minutes. We could also use some folks who would be willing to be cafe volunteer substitutes to fill in when needed. Please contact Molly if you are able to help: mollyangelart@gmail.com

Greeters: We have a few greeter positions open at the front doors to welcome folks and point them in the right direction to service or Children's Ministry. Contact Molly if you are able to help out: mollyangelart@gmail.com

Meal Train

The Diaconate is excited about a new ministry to serve our church body called MEAL TRAIN. It is an easy-to-use app that allows for organized meal giving around significant life events. Their website states, "When a friend is in need everyone asks, 'What can I do to help?' The answer is always to provide support through a meal. When many people provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized."

So far, meals have been set up through Meal Train for our members who have had shoulder surgery, knee replacement and for a young family in which both parents are struggling with COVID. We are looking for more folks to take part in providing an occasional, simple meal for a Grace Family.



After knee replacement one member wrote:

"I am doing so much better. I am so thankful for the excellent food you have been sending me, or rather, bringing to my home. Everything has been yummy. Thank you all so much!"

Another member who regularly participates in Meal Train says:

"Providing someone with a meal when they are in need, whether recovering from surgery, illness or a new baby, etc, is a very simple way of serving the body. If you don't cook (or even if you do!) take-out from a restaurant is an easy option. Bringing a meal also provides an opportunity to get to know members better. You truly receive a blessing, and families are most appreciative."

Please considering joining us as we minister to our Grace Family members. We need you! Be encouraged by Paul's words to, "Share with the Lord's people who are in need." Romans 12:13. If you have an interest, please reach out to either: Sheryl Mathis at 828-243-5749 or by email at edsheryl@juno.com or Julie Ledford at 828-891-5332 or by email at jilledford57@yahoo.com

Save the date! **October 20-27** Black Mountain Home for Children will have a thrift store donation trailer in the parking lot of GMR. You can help children in need by donating gently used clothing, household items, kitchenware, books, art, furniture, etc.