



SEPTEMBER 21

LIFE CHANGE IS AN INVITATION AWAY



SOPHIA SCHWORM

My life before I met Christ was hard, scary, and just miserable. It was so hard that I started having thoughts of ending my life and had so much anxiety it was to the point I could not take it anymore. That's when I saw God in the hardest moment of my life. When I thought I just could not do it anymore, I met Him. I started praying and asking Jesus to forgive me of my sins and to be the leader of my life. After that everything was better. My anxiety was a lot better, my life was no longer to the point where I couldn't take it, and God got me through my suicidal thoughts. I thank God and want to learn more about Him.

TAKE FIVE

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR (Sept 6 - 11) - Pray that our Grace Kids booth at the fair will be a place of joy and connection for families. Ask God to use the crafts, games, and activities to spark conversations that lead to invitations for Pumpkin Sunday – and ultimately, to Christ. Pray for our volunteers to serve with warmth, energy, and genuine love as they engage with our community.

YOUTH GRACE GROUPS LAUNCH (Sept 14) - Pray for students to find a wildly welcoming space where they can build deep friendships, ask hard questions, and grow in their walk with Jesus. Ask God to strengthen and equip leaders to guide students with wisdom and compassion. Pray that this year would spark a lifelong passion for following Christ and living boldly for Him in their schools and communities.

GRACE GROUP FALL LAUNCH (Sept 14 - 20) - Pray that this season's relaunch will deepen community, grow faith, and inspire action. Ask God to bless our re-emphasis of serving together, that groups would joyfully step into our "serve weekend" this semester and make a tangible impact in our community. Also, pray that people would find hope and healing through our electives Re:Gen, GriefShare, and DivorceCare. Pray for lasting relationships to form as people grow together in God's Word and live out their faith side-by-side.

NEW SERIES "KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES" - Pray that God would use this series to free people from the trap of comparison and the weight of unrealistic expectations. Ask Him to redefine success in hearts and minds, replacing jealousy and insecurity with gratitude, contentment, and authentic living. Pray that many would find their identity and satisfaction in Christ alone.

PUMPKIN SUNDAY (Sept 28) - Pray that this fun, family-friendly fall event will draw many from our community to Grace. Ask God to bless each conversation, that guests would feel truly welcomed and cared for. Pray that the joy of the day – from pumpkins to petting zoo – would open doors for people to experience the even greater joy of knowing Jesus.

GRACE CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

through 09/14/2025

Year-to-Date Giving \$1,348,154

Year-to-Date Budget \$1,321,641 \$26,513

NEXT Campaign Giving \$13,207,379