

# The Grove Covenant Church

## May 17, 2026

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**Welcome and  
Morning Announcements**

Stacey Littlefield  
Lead Pastor

**Worship in Song**

“Great Things”  
“God Is for Us”  
“Goodness of God”

**Morning Prayer**

Sally Louk  
Council

**Confirmation**

**Children’s Message and Blessing**

**Scripture Reading**

Confirmation Students  
[Matthew 15:21-28](#)

**Sermon**

Pastor Chuck Potts  
**Confirmation Sunday:  
Final Thoughts for Confirmation Students**

**Worship in Song**

“So Will I (100 Billion Times)”

**Benediction**

**Next Week’s Scripture**

[Genesis 12:1-5](#)

## **THIS WEEK AT THE GROVE COVENANT CHURCH**

**Today** 10:30am Worship, Sanctuary and Online  
Toddler Nursery (Birth - 3 years old)  
Kids **Out Loud** (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5  
mid-service, Kids **Out Loud** (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Life Center

**Monday** 9:00am Pickleball, Life Center Gym  
6:30pm Men's Monthly Meal, Walt's Other Pub

**Wednesday** 6:30am Men's Morning Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm Men's Evening Study, Room 10  
6:30pm Youth Group, Life Center

**Thursday** 5:30pm Pervasive Prayer, Offsite  
5:30pm Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center

**Friday** 9:00am Pickleball, Life Center Gym

**Next Sunday** 9:00am Adult Christian Formation, Great Room  
10:30am Worship, Sanctuary and Online  
Toddler Nursery (Birth - 3 years old)  
Kids **Out Loud** (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5  
mid-service, Kids **Out Loud** (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Life Center

### **Save the Date**

May 31 Congregational Meal & Meeting

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**Confirmation Sunday:** For the first time since 2019, we are excited to have 5 students being confirmed here at The Grove TODAY, during our morning worship service! They have completed the 2-year "Rooted: Small Group" where we walked through the Old and New Testaments and reflected on our part in God's larger story. These students will publicly confirm their faith, and we will present them with their confirmation Bibles and celebrate them as a community with a reception after worship.

**Graduating Seniors:** We will be honoring our High School graduating seniors in worship on Sunday, May 31. If you are a graduating senior or have a graduating senior in your house, please fill out [this form](#) by Sunday, May 24. While May 31 will be for our High School graduates, if you are or have someone in your home graduating from College or a Trade School this year, please [let us know](#) so we can recognize those accomplishments as well.

**Congregational Meeting and Meal:** Our next congregational meeting is Sunday, May 31. There will be a fellowship meal immediately after worship, and the meeting will begin at about 1:00pm. Please [sign up](#) to attend the meal, and for childcare, so we have an idea of the number attending. We are also looking for donations of sides or desserts and for [volunteers to help](#) our coordinator.

**Youth Car Wash:** The High School summer trip has its final fundraiser on Friday, May 29, from 2:00-7:00pm, where they will be hosting a free car wash. This is a “Sponsored” car wash, meaning the more cars we wash, the more we raise! You can help in a few ways: 1) You can sponsor a team member or make a flat donation to our team by contacting any of the students or leaders directly. 2) The easiest way to help... Bring your car to be washed! And 3) you can also volunteer and join the team for a day to help wash cars. For questions, see Pastor Chuck, and we’ll see you with your cars on May 29<sup>th</sup>!

**Outreach Toiletry Closet:** The Grove has an outreach closet to help those in need in our community. With recent changes to SNAP benefits, it’s getting even harder for those who are struggling financially to make ends meet. Please [sign up](#) to bring toiletries and/or cleaning items. [Signing up](#) helps us to be sure to have a variety of products available. You can drop off items in the bin behind the east counter.

**Adult Christian Formation:** Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. Adult CF has just started a new series entitled *Hebrews: Jesus is Better*.

### Men’s Ministry

- **Men’s Monthly Meal:** Men, join us for our monthly meal tomorrow, May 18, at 6:30pm at Walt’s Other Pub (3001 S 9th St) for good food and conversation.
- **Wednesday Morning Men’s Fellowship:** Join us each week at 6:30am via Zoom. The group is studying the book of Matthew using an NT Wright commentary. For an invitation, please email [Ken Ritchey](#). We'd love to see you there.
- **Wednesday Evening Study:** Pastor Kurt’s weekly study meets Wednesdays in Room 10 at 6:30pm. They will do a one-hour inductive bible study that tracks with our sermon series. We hope you can join them.

### Women’s Ministry

- **Guided Prairie Walk:** Ladies, Save the Date! Discover the natural beauty of the Prophetstown prairie with us. We are gathering for a guided walk on Thursday, June 4, from 6:30–7:30 PM. More information regarding cost and transportation will be shared soon!

### 1935 Young Adults (roughly ages 19 to 35-ish):

- **1935 Nights:** All young adults are invited to come and connect through conversation and fun at our regular 1935 Night gatherings. Young adults are welcome to gather from 6:30 to 8:30pm every other Friday at the Life Center. To get details on location and the latest plans, please fill out the interest form on the [1935 page](#) of our website.

### **Youth Group:**

- **End-of-Year Party!** All middle and high school students are invited to our end-of-year youth group party on Wednesday, May 27, from 6:00-8:00pm, in the Life Center.
- **Wednesday Gathering:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to the Life Center every Wednesday for snacks, community, and Bible study from 6:30–8:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM for early arrivals. Contact [Pastor Kristin](#) or [Pastor Chuck](#) with questions.

### **Children's Ministry**

- Our nursery, preschool, and kindergarten children meet in the main building, down the hall from our worship space. You can check in for these classes at our Kids' window in the lobby. Our 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>-grade students begin in worship with their families. Midway through our worship service, they are invited to a class in the Life Center building.

**Pickleball at The Grove Covenant Church:** We will have courts open on Monday and Friday at 9:00am. We're open to all levels of play and especially looking forward to making new friends. We'll limit play to members and attenders of The Grove Covenant Church and their guests. If you would like to get an email with schedule updates, let us know [here](#).

**LifeGroups:** Building community and growing in Christ are key to what it means for us to know God, follow Jesus, and pursue God's purposes in the world. LifeGroups meet at least twice monthly for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual formation. If you aren't currently in a group and would like to join one, please fill out our [interest form](#), and we will contact you with more information.

**The Grove App!** Have you ever wondered what's happening in the life of the church here at The Grove and not known how to find out? Well, the best way for us to stay connected as a church is by using The Grove Covenant Church app for your phone or tablet! You can go [here](#) to download and find some helpful tips on how to use the app!

**SAWs Team:** The Grove's Men's Ministry partners with [Servants At Work \(SAWs\)](#) to construct ramps for wheelchair bound people in Lafayette and West Lafayette. We are forming a team to pre-build ramp components for upcoming installations. If you would like to be on this team, please [sign up](#).

**Landscape Adopt-a-Spot:** We have a big campus here at The Grove with several landscape beds. The way we keep those free of weeds and looking good is that individual beds are adopted and maintained by individual Grove attenders. Adopting a bed is simply a commitment to keep it weeded and looking good from the spring through fall. It doesn't cost anything except your time, a couple of times per month. If you are interested in adopting one or more of these landscape areas, please contact [Pastor Kurt](#) for more information.

## Please Pray For:

**Recovery from Surgery:** Caleb Cranford, Todd Crum, Pam Crum, Matthias Hatke, Linda Helmerick, Denny Lancaster, Kara Webb, Marilyn Ziemer

## Health Concerns

Church Attenders: Freda Brock, Allen Busenitz, Terri Clark, Kate Cogswell, Mike DeBoy, Marge Elliott, Marilyn Grenat, Solomon Hatke, Vickie Henry, Perry Kirkham, David McIntosh, Margaret Maitlen, Ken Ritchey, Denise Senesac, Judi Stanfield, Abby Stearns, Richard Stroshine, Jill Taul, Nina Thayer, Ben Waninger, Nate Waninger, Jane Warner

Church Attenders' Family: Deb Burrow's parents (Chuck and Rosemary Vendl), Kim Gibson's mom (Kay Brady), Kyra McIntosh's dad (Mike), John Barrett's sister (Pat Sheahan), Lynette Hamer's mom (Caroline Wiatt), Pam Gellenbeck's brother (Mike Swindle), Bill Senesac's brother (Don Senesac), April Wiley's dad and stepmom (David and Mary Holscher), Linda Jones' husband (Roy Jones) and father (Don Nelson), Sandy Waninger's father (Jim Siegfried), Matt Waninger's sister (Lisa Reynolds), brother (Brian Waninger), Lisa Kohl's brother (Tony Kohl), Kari Ekenstedt's mother (Sheila)

**Mission of the Week:** Margo Thievagt, WDA Worldwide Discipleship Association, Georgia

**Service Person of the Week:** Ben Teninty, Army National Guard

**Prayer Focus:** Meal Ministries: Miller Meals, Bauer Meals, Miller Backpack program, Meal Trains, Funeral Meal Team

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**Care Team:** As Care Team members, our hope is to care for and support those who are hurting during challenging times. We will listen, be present with you, and pray for you. Please respond [here](#) to have one of our referral coordinators contact you.

## Stewardship at a Glance

April Budget	\$77,687	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.25-4.30.26	\$776,868
Weekly Amount Needed	\$17,928	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.25-4.30.26	\$759,858
Last Week's Offering	\$15,983	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.25-4.30.26	\$766,961
May Amnt Received	\$32,934		
May Amnt Needed	\$44,753		

Go to [thegrovecov.church](http://thegrovecov.church) to find out ways you can connect with others in our church community.



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