

The Grove Covenant Church

May 10, 2026

**Welcome and
Morning Announcements**

Chuck Potts
Pastor of Young Adults

Worship in Song

“I Believe”
“Jesus Messiah”
“Jesus My King”

Morning Prayer

Kristin Devine Mueller
Pastor of Families and Children

Children’s Message and Blessing

Scripture Reading

Courtney FitzSimons
[John 20:24-31](#)

Sermon

Pastor Stacey Littlefield
**Encounters:
Honest Thomas**

Worship in Song

“Help My Unbelief”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[Matthew 15:21-28](#)

To Know God, Follow Jesus, and Pursue God's Purposes in the World
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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 st -5 th Grade), Life Center
Monday	9:00am	Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Tuesday	5:00pm 7:00pm	Miller Family Meal, Miller Elementary Council Meeting, Room 10
Wednesday	6:30am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Men's Morning Bible Study, Zoom Men's Evening Study, Room 10 Youth Group, Life Center
Thursday	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
Friday	9:00am	Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Saturday	9:00am	Landscape Day, Church campus
Sunday	9:00am	Landscape workday, The Grove Campus
Next Sunday	9:00am 10:30am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room Worship, Sanctuary and Online Toddler Nursery (Birth - 3 years old) Kids Out Loud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5 mid-service, Kids Out Loud (1 st -5 th Grade), Life Center

Save the Date

May 31 Congregational Meal & Meeting

Landscape Workday/Adopt-a-Spot: How many trees are there at the Grove? I don't know because no one has ever counted, but we will be spreading bags of mulch around some of them (and some other projects) at our Landscape Workday this coming Saturday, May 16, at 9AM. This is a family-friendly event for all ages. Bring a rake if you want, but it's not necessary. [RSVP is appreciated](#)

Also, 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.

Confirmation Sunday: For the first time since 2019, we are excited to have 5 students being confirmed here at The Grove next Sunday, May 17, 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 Meal help: 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: Our High School Community Live-in Trip’s final fundraiser is on May 29; we will once again be hosting a free car wash for the community from 2 to 7pm here in the parking lot. This is a “Sponsored” car wash, meaning they are being sponsored by friends and family to wash as many cars as possible as a team. The more cars we wash, the more we raise! And we would love your help in one of these three ways: 1) 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. Many hands make light work... or wash more cars. If you are interested or have any questions, please see [Pastor Chuck](#).

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 on 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.

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 1st– 5th-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](#).

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: Pete Zull, International Students Inc., Purdue

Service Person of the Week: Matthew Rogers, Army, Meghan McClellan's brother

Prayer Focus: Care Team leadership (Kelli Holland and Denise Senesac) and members

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	\$16,951	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.25-4.30.26	\$766,961
May Amnt Received	\$16,951		
May Amnt Needed	\$60,736		

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