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a community of grace

## THE BODYBUILDER

Our vision is to be a community of grace, telling the unsaved of salvation by grace, encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace, and extending grace to others.

## Be with Jesus. Be like Jesus. Do as Jesus did.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:25, "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher." This statement challenges many of us who struggle to believe that becoming like Jesus is sufficient for our lives. Often, we are consumed by an insatiable desire for more—more time with loved ones, more personal time, more money, more opportunities, and more control over our circumstances. Yet, this relentless pursuit of more frequently leaves us feeling emptier, unfulfilled, and overlooked in a vast world of billions. We may even question the eternal value of our work in God's eyes.

However, it is only when I spend time alone with Jesus, gazing upon His splendor and beauty, and observing how He lived in this sin-cursed world, that I realize He understands both life and humanity. Jesus experienced a world that perpetually hungers for more, a world that prioritizes wealth, power, and possessions over humility, grace, and servitude. As fully man, Jesus navigated life with the same power available to us today—the Holy Spirit.

Despite the pressures of His age, Jesus lived a life of peace, love, and service, touching everyone He encountered. He struck the perfect balance between contentment, activity, and rest. How did Jesus achieve this balance? By spending time with the Father and drawing upon the grace that supplied His every need.

It is in my time with Jesus that I am transformed to be like Him before I can do as He did. I will never attain the perspective that being like Jesus is enough until I spend quality time with Him. I will never have the power of grace to become the person God calls me to be or to do the things He has called me to do if I don't first spend time with Him alone.

How is your quiet time with Jesus? Are you taking time to get away from all the distractions of life, to gaze upon His beauty and splendor? Are you leaning from Him how to navigate life in such a way that Jesus becomes enough and becoming like Him is your life's ambition.

Remember the words of Jesus this week. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Gary



Students (7-12 grade) and families come swim with us on

September 2, at 5pm at the home of Merle and Colleen Ridlen

Contact Phillip Ridlen for more info!





## Join us for these upcoming events.

- 2 Labor Day
- 2 Youth Pool Party, 5pm
- 8 Deacon's training Meeting, 12pm
- 8 Youth Activities Resume, 6pm
- 9 Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 15 Baptism Service
- 15 & 22 Membership Class, 9:15am
- 16 Women's Card-Making, 6:30pm
- 21 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 21 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am





Women's Ministry
Card Making Event

Monday September 16, 6:30pm

Contact Sherry Roth for more information

Take that next step of involvement at BBC!

**Commitment To The Community** 

Sept. 15 & 22 - 9:15am

membership CLASS FOU'RE INVITED



## SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 *Sandy Arnall Neva Dick	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 *Jaris Roth	5	6	7
9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club	youth summer POOL PARTY	7:30PM Men's Alliance				
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15 *Charlie Brown  MEMBERSHIP CLASS  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:00PM Youth Group	Women's Card-Making	17 7:30PM Men's Alliance	18	19	20	21 *Phillip Ridlen 7:30am Ladies MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am
MEMBERSHIP CLASS  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:00PM Youth Group	23	24 7:30PM Men's Alliance	25	26 *Lynda Kersen	27	28
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