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60+ Adults

contact us

479-783-5161
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Iron Man Lunch
 September 8 - Noon
 Small Dining Room - \$6
 Catered by



New Member's Class



60+ Adults



Jolly Travelers
 August 12th
 10:30 a.m.
 for those 60 years
 or older



Valley View
 Farmington, AR
 August 20 - 8AM Start
 \$50 w/lunch
 Sign-up in
 Guest Services
 Contact Trey Prieur
 coachprieur@gmail.com



MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

Total Covenants:
\$2,382,235

Total Received:
1,225,772



BEYOND MEASURE

Rebuild *Obey*
Love
Blessing *Glory*

COUNTDOWN
ORACLES OF HAGGAI

a word from our pastor



The Countdown has started! We are only 5 weeks away from the **Grand Re-Opening of our Worship Center**. Church, you are going to love what is being done in our main room. You are going

to love the quality of sound, the new lighting system, the state-of-the-art staging system, the high definition video screens, the new main floor seating package, plus much, much more. Our Worship Center is being redesigned and outfitted with the mind-set of how that room would be constructed if it were being built new today. We have also worked very hard to be forward-thinking as well. We can only guess at what opportunities the new technologies of tomorrow will bring, but we have renovated our Worship Center to pave the way for the future. I am confident that future generations and pastoral staff will look back with gratitude and thanks for the price we are paying today. Let me ask you to be very aggressive and sacrificial in your giving to **Beyond Measure**. None of what we are doing in the worship center is being paid for with our normal ministry budget. This is an above-and-beyond vision project that our wonderful people have covenanted to give to and pay for. NOW is the time to give to **Beyond Measure** in a Beyond Measure way.

In conjunction with this real-time Countdown, I started last Sunday morning a new teaching series from the prophetic book of Haggai. I hope you take time before Sunday to read the whole of this powerful book. It is just two chapters long and can be read in 10 minutes. This book fits Grand Avenue Baptist Church like a glove for where we are TODAY. Get ready for **Countdown: The Oracles of Haggai**. You can download the first message of this new series, **Countdown to Rebuild**, from our website.

This coming Sunday we will also be having a special time of prayer for our students and educators as they prepare to go back to school. It seems like summer has just begun but it is really almost over. School will begin in Fort Smith on August 17th. Depending on the district, some students have already started and some will start shortly after the 17th. Church, it is vital that we commit our students and educators to the Lord by praying over them. Won't you be prepared to join me Sunday morning?

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

A NEW BOOK BY
JEFF CRAWFORD
ON A SHIP TO TARSHISH
God's Will, Your Life

"If you are ready to know more about the will of God for your life, begin this journey now."
-from the forward by Dr. Ronnie Floyd
Senior Pastor, Cross Church, Northwest Arkansas

Girls' NIGHT OUT Sunday, August 28 • 7PM
Cross Church Pinnacle Hills
For questions contact Sherry at 783-5161

Anita Rentroe & Mandisa

Lifestyle Women's Ministry
Grand Avenue Baptist Church

The City

Pie Fellowship & the City Training

All 60+ Adults are invited to join us at the church on September 4th at 6PM. Bring a pie and we will train you to use the City!!!

Sign-Up Here...
<http://grandfamily.onthecity.org/kiosk>

KEEP CALM YOU'RE LOCKED IN

Grand Student Ministry / AUGUST 26 / 10pm - 7am
The Refuge / 40th St & Grand Ave / All Night Lock In
7th through 12th Grade Only / \$5 per Student

ALMA AQUATIC PARK

MY JERUSALEM
Grand Avenue Baptist Church

Grand Family Fun
August 21st
6:30PM-8:30PM
Free Entry
Invite Your Friends!

Catfish Hole
Alma

60+ Adult Fellowship
August 21st
5:30PM

meet our newest members

 Doris Barney	 Hon Chung
 Jason Harris	 Monica Jordan
 Venus Todd	 Zana Chambers