

# Welcome to Grace Bible Fellowship

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 12

- 9:00am**    **Discipleship Hour-** Classes for Preschool – Adult  
Adult class- Fireside Room
- 10:15am**    **Worship Service**
- 6:30pm**    **PrayerWorks.** Join us as we gather together to pray for the church family and the ministries of the church.

### Tuesday, August 14

7:00pm **Board Meeting,**

### Wednesday, August 15

- 6:00am**    **Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
Breakfast & a time of prayer for the needs of the GBF family members.
- 7:00am**    **Women's Prayer Meeting**  
Breakfast & a time of prayer for the needs of the GBF family members.
- 11:00am**    **Saints Alive (55+ yrs) BBQ @ GBF**  
*Our annual Saints Alive Barbecue and potluck at the church.  
If you plan to attend, please indicate on your blue slip so we will know how to prepare.*
- 6:30– 8:30pm**    **Youth Group: The Amazing Race @ GBF**  
 Join us for a night where teams race against each other in a scavenger hunt and will encounter challenges, clues, , detours and roadblocks to get them to the finish line.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Upcoming Events

**August 22**    **Youth Group: Dinner & Movie**  
6:30– 10pm? @ Perlenfein's  
Outdoor movie! Bring blanket/lawn chair



**August 25**    **Evangelism Class, 9 – 10am**  
Pastor Tom will teach tips, techniques & principles for evangelism.

**August 25**    **Church Picnic, 10am – 2pm @ GBF**  
Please see insert for more details. Please fill out & return the insert form to help us plan for this event.

**August 29**    The **Youth Group** will not be meeting.

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### **Men's Roundup @ Camp Tadmor, Sept 7 - 9**



If you are interested in attending **Men's Roundup** you can sign up in the foyer. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Dean Flaming.

*A big THANK YOU to GBF from Love, INC for your generous donations of school supplies and backpacks for to the School Backpack Giveaway.*

Please check the cart in the Coffee Connection Room for any items that might belong to you.



Ray Allen . . . . . Message

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## GBF Elders: Info and Updates

*Occasional postings throughout the year featuring a biographical sketch of a GBF elder; and/or a current emphasis of our elder team.*

### Ron Burch



Ron was born March 27, 1949 in Albany, Oregon. His father was killed in a railroad accident when he was a year-and-a-half old, leaving his mother, older brother, Mike, and soon to be brother, Gary, in the care of relatives. His mother remarried several years later and they moved to Shedd, Oregon. The family grew to seven children.

Ron graduated from Central Linn High School in 1967 and attended Oregon College of Education. Upon earning his degree in Speech, Drama and English in 1972 he began teaching at Calapooia Middle School in Albany, Oregon where he met his wife, Ardiss Jean Kennel, a Home-Ec teacher. They were married August 12 of 1973, and built a home on the family farm in Monmouth. A son, Jordan Levi, was born in 1977 and a second son, Justin Joel, was born in 1979. Several years later, Ardiss went on to teach at Santiam Christian High School where their children also attended. Ron was a Board Member for 4 years and sports announcer for 30 years at SCHS.

The foundation for Ron's Christian walk began with Summer Bible School at Plainview Mennonite Church and the Youth Group at Shedd Methodist Church. He became a Christian in March of 1972. Ron and Ardiss helped to found Prince of Peace Mennonite Church, in Adair Village where Ron served as Sunday School teacher, Church Chairman, and later, as Elder. The church has since become a community church. Ron and Ardiss began attending Grace Bible Fellowship in 2004.

Their older son, Jordan, is married to Kristin and they have two grandsons, Tommy and Peyton. Their younger son, Justin, is married to Mellissa and they have a granddaughter, Maren, and two grandsons, Owen and Josiah. On July 16 of 2017 Ardiss died of renal cancer.

In addition to serving as an elder; Ron, for several years, taught an adult class on the Old Testament, now carried forward by Dean Flaming.

