



GUMC Outreach Ministries

Two things continue to amaze me here at Grayson United Methodist Church. There are 200+ children that are on this property on a daily basis. They are here more every week than the average member is. These are our preschool children that we have the opportunity to welcome into our family as our own.

The second thing that amazes me is that on Saturdays there are two to three times more people on our church property than on Sundays. We conservatively estimate we have 1500+ recreation team members and family members here on Saturdays to participate in our recreation ministry.

Our Outreach Committee schedules events throughout the year that consistently bring hundreds of people through our doors. Our Nurture Ministries continue to show God's love by walking with people through life's challenges by offering assistance where it is needed.

What an incredible opportunity we have to share the love and the grace of God with people who may have never experienced it before. And they are already on our church property!

By becoming involved in these ministries you'll have the opportunity to touch lives in a fresh and new way.

Blessed to be in ministry with you,
Scott Hearn, Senior Pastor





Reaching out to the community sharing the love of Christ, inviting and welcoming others in, while investing in our church family.



Hosting & participating in events each year gives Outreach the opportunity to meet others outside our church walls:

- We have hosted the Beth Moore Simulcast for the last 5 years. This past September we had 27 different churches represented, 95 ladies attending with ladies from others churches on teams volunteering to help.
- Fall Festival began having outside vendors 2 years ago. We supported 35 vendors last year.
- Marty Childs came to our Yard Sale one year & was invited to come worship. Just one example of how conversations at these events lead to people coming through our doors.
- Marcia Bargo came to Grayson thru our Alzheimer Support Group. Lauri Mayo invited her to a Saturday Beth Moore Study where she was invited to attend worship service. Marcia joined the church last year.
- A family came to the booth at Grayson Days looking for a new church home. They were not happy where they were attending. Katie spent a lot of time with them sharing information about our Children's Ministries and they have since visited GUMC.
- The proceeds from the 2013 Yard Sale & Fall Festival were used to fund the Outreach budget for 2014. Some of the functions or items that Outreach host or provide are: GUMC101 classes, First time visitor gifts & Grayson Day Float/booth give aways.



Recreation Ministries

We provide an example of faith and character through constantly and consistently sharing the positive message of Christ through activity and relationships.

- We began an After School Program this year that has a total of 10 children from local elementary schools. Over half of these children and families attend church very little or not at all and the afternoon conversations are really the only consistent exposure they have. Some of these children stay and participate in our Wednesday night programs as well.
- Flag Football/Cheerleading season has begun with registration exceeding 110 participants.
- We are partnering with Grayson and Archer High School campus leaders through the NG3 programs to provide referees for flag football. This gives the participants a positive high school example.
- As a group, we attended an Atlanta Sliverbacks game with 45 children from our soccer program.
- 1 of our recreation families has begun attending regularly since mid-August.
- 65% of the participants in the Recreation Ministry are from the church or preschool.
- We had 179 children participate in our Soccer program this year. 80% of coaches for the teams were church members. We'd like that to be 100%!
- We bring in participants from the PATH Project to our sports programs.



Preschool Ministries

To reach out to the community to provide a loving, Christian environment for children and families during their first school experience.

Ongoing goals:

- Educate Teachers. Educate Parents. Educate Children.
- Maintain guidelines, following protocol, by keeping our focus on what is truly important and basic for a Christian Preschool.
- Stay aware of community needs and plan accordingly. Each year, we look for ways to extend our after school activities to fill parents' need for an extended schedule.
- We strive to create an environment where staff feels free to make suggestions, decisions and mistakes without intimidation.
- Maintain a relationship with other area preschools.

Grayson UMC Preschool



"Little Hands, Big Hearts"



Nurture Ministries

The Uniting in Hope (Nurture) Ministry makes sure no one walks alone.

- Each month, the Card Ministry sends an average of 80 cards to those in need in our congregation and community.
- Meals are provided by the Meals Team in the event of a family death, birth of a child or surgery.
- The Transportation Angels drive homebound folks to doctors appointments.
- The Stephen Ministry team counsels numerous people in need.
- We have a Visitation Team that visits the homebound or hospitalized on a weekly basis. These visits establish lifelong friendships and bonds.



...uniting in hope