

## Mike and Kris Reed Awana

**Our Mission:** The vision and driving passion of Awana are that all children and youth will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Awana missionaries carry out this vision through relationships with local churches. They assist local church leaders in developing and leading ministries related to children and youth in a way that works in their particular setting.

**Our Story:** In May of this year, we celebrated 32 years of marriage. Both of us were born in Ohio and lived here until God called us to serve as Awana missionaries. We have four children: Ben (29), Emily (28), Megan (25), and Katie (22). Ben is married to Lisa, and they have given us four wonderful grandsons. Emily is married to Andy, and they have our precious fifth grandson, Hudson. Megan and her husband, Josh, were married last July and live in Columbus. Katie lives and works in Kansas.

Before Awana, Mike worked at Nationwide Insurance for 23 years. Kris had been a stay-at-home mom and worked as a part-time attorney. Kris has served in local Awana clubs for 30 years as a Sparks leader, a Sparks director, a club secretary, or a Cubbies leader. Currently, Kris is a Cubbies leader at our church. Mike has served in local Awana clubs for 15 years as either an AMD (commander) or a T&T director. Neither of us grew up going to Awana and did not even hear the name "Awana" until after we were married.

In early 2002, I (Mike) began to sense that God was calling me to do something more for Him. During that time, there had been a re-organization at Nationwide, resulting in the elimination of my mid-level management position. Fortunately, God provided another job that allowed me to continue employment at the same salary, but I knew that there was something else God wanted me to do. However, being in full-time ministry was not one of them! He began to lay some things on my heart about how I had spent the first 40 years of my life on this earth and how I was going to spend the remaining time I had for His service. All that we could do was pray for direction from God. Mike and Kris Reed Missionaries to Ohio and Kentucky.

Around this same time, we were asked by Steve and Pam Schenk, our Awana missionaries in southern Ohio, if we would be willing to help out with training during the 2002 Fall Training Conference in Columbus. We agreed, and we had the opportunity to share our knowledge about Awana and train others to be used effectively by God in their Awana ministries. Soon after, the Schenks invited us to join their ministry team to help them serve the churches in southern Ohio.

In early 2003, we brought a group of our clubbers to participate in a Bible Quiz event in Columbus. While there, we heard about the need for another Awana missionary couple to join Steve and Pam to serve churches in southern Ohio. Upon hearing these words, God stirred in us His calling to serve as missionaries with Awana. The stirring in both of us was an excellent confirmation that this was something God was calling us to do. It was the first time we had ever discussed being full-time missionaries with Awana (or any organization for that matter).

We began serving as Awana missionaries in August 2004. We served in Kansas for 7 ½ years before moving to western Kentucky in December 2011. In October 2016, we relocated back to central Ohio. Mike also is a Sr. Field Director for the US Ministries. We are humbled by how God is working through us to equip and encourage churches in their mission to reach and disciple children and youth through the Awana ministry.

See the Welcome Center bulletin board for the full missionary prayer letters.

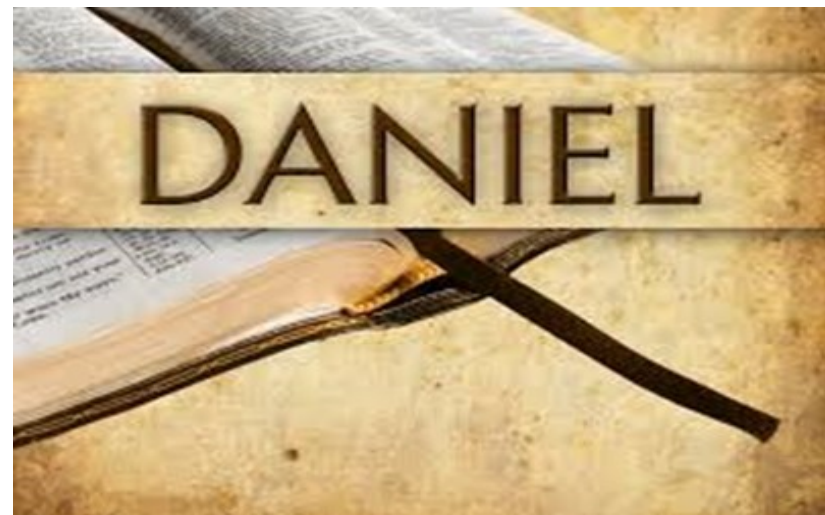


Today's Message: *Dare To Be Loyal*

Today's Text: *Daniel 1*

Today's Speaker: *GCC Elder Ron Sheranko*

*Great to have you at Grace!*



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## Week of Sept 20

### Sunday

10:15 am Worship Service  
6:00pm Improv

### Wednesday

6:30pm Young Church

### Sensible singing? Holy humming? Gospel greetings?

Public worship will be different for a while, but seeking God and encouraging people are always worth the effort!

Check emails, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/228200600551840/>), and [www.hhgcc.org](http://www.hhgcc.org) for online studies and more information.

Keep praying as God has his hands on all of us. Let us know how we can help you help your neighbors.

## Stewardship Report

### Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$6,090  
Missions: \$779

### Received Sept 13

Local Budget: \$3,556  
Missions: \$561  
Love Bag: \$35  
Care: \$50

### Flooring construction and painting:

The nursery flooring has been finished as well as the painting! We have some wonderful help that will be doing some painting over the next couple weeks in both buildings, pardon our mess! We thank you for your patience!



**Pray** for our children and teachers as school is changing, and is a day to day process. Patience required! Pray, too, for church ministries as we seek effective ways to serve when our old routines are no longer available.

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### Y-T-D Financial Update

GCC's budget status on Aug. 31, 2020:

**Local:** -\$2,484 (behind)

**Missions:** \$2,040 (ahead)

### Child Evangelism Fellowship of the Miami Valley:

We are having a Yard Sale at the training center (3626 North Main Street, Dayton 45405) 17th-19th of Sept. This is to replace our normal Banquet / Quarter Auction as well as the planned Open House, which would be difficult to keep COVID compliant. The sale will be outdoors 10:30-3:30 each day.

### Next Week:

Text: Daniel 2



### Multiplication Teams

*Making disciples is a team sport!*

#### Sun 3:00 pm Family Matters

Contact: Ron Sheranko 937-901-2231

#### Tue 7:00 pm The Innsdale Group

Contact: David & Pam McMeans  
937-235-0931

#### Wed 6:30 pm AWANA

*(serving kids, 3 years-6th grade)*

Contact: Tim Weimer

#### Wed 6:30 pm YoungChurch

*(serving teens, 7th-12th grades)*

Contact: Diane Greschl

#### Thu 11:00 am O.W.L.S.

*(Older, Wiser, Loving Saints)*

Contact: Jerry Root 937-949-3830

#### Thu 7:00 pm Young Adult Group

Contact: Nate Kline 937-766-1000

#### Fri 7:00 pm UD: United in Diversity

Contact: John Miller 937-667-3642

#### Fri 7:00 pm Re-Purpose Crew

Contact: Barry Wideman 937-823-3075

**Multiplication Teams:** Life is better with friends! Laugh together; pray together; probe questions and read scripture together. Do life with a group a friends who meet face-to-face or electronically. Contact a group leader (above) to learn more and get started.

**Love in a Bag:** School has started back COVID prevention has caused them to be changed for the first quarter. We still have hungry kids in the Heights. *Love in a Bag* provides a weekend's food and toiletry items to 30 needy kids at Monticello Elementary. Monetary donations are welcomed.

## About Us

### Purpose

Grace Community Church exists for God—for His praise and purpose and to display His character and compassion.

We are to worship Him, grow to be like Him, and encourage others to believe in and follow Him

(See: Eph. 3:20; John 15:8, 16; Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20)

### Pattern

- Cultivating people with a growing love for God and His truth.
- Rejoicing in our worship.
- Strengthening our families.
- Encouraging each other with words, prayer, and actions.
- Actively reaching our world near and far.



## College of Elders

Bob Dawson  
Bob Foote  
John Miller  
Mark Mohler  
Steve Oder  
Jerry Root  
Ron Sheranko  
Barry Wideman

## Staff

**Senior Pastor:** Bob Foote  
**Children's Ministry:** Terri Campbell  
**Communications:** Tiffany Richter  
**Facilities Care:** Kearsen Wideman  
**Facilities Maintenance:** Mike Sims Sr.