

## PASTOR CANDIDATE INFORMATION



Nathan was raised in a Christian home where biblical inerrancy was a priority. At a young age he was enrolled in the AWANA program and was enthusiastic about Scripture memory. After seeing his older sister baptized at a young age, he began to ask his parents questions about their faith. Understanding the Gospel for the first time, Nathan repented and put his faith in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. In high school Nathan was involved in sports each season and poured his heart into his activities. It was in college however that

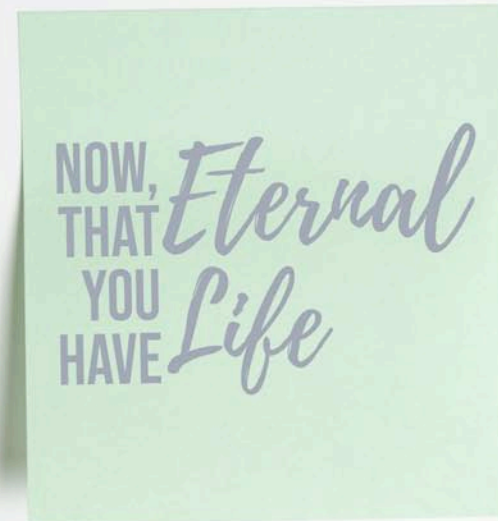
the Lord convicted Nathan that He wanted His kingdom to be where he invested his heart. After graduating from Pittsburg State University (in Pittsburg, KS), Nathan enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. There he received his Master of Divinity and started his Master of Theology in Systematic Studies. In Texas, Nathan has had the opportunity to travel on many mission trips, engage in and train others in evangelism, serve in various churches, and fellowship with believers of many different cultures. It is meeting Jessica, the love of his life, that is by far his favorite Texas experience. Nathan loves sports and outdoor activities, especially with friends. In college he spent a lot of time camping, hiking, and playing racquetball. Now his hobbies include, duck hunting, reading, evangelism, weightlifting and most recently, diaper changing.

Jessica hails from Chapel Hill, North Carolina where she grew up in a Christian home with her parents, older brother, and younger sister. She loved music from a young age and spent seven years in Chicago studying violin performance at Northwestern and DePaul University. After graduating, she returned home to teach violin and chamber music and perform locally. Consistently active in her church in the worship team, youth ministry, women's discipleship, and VBS, she decided to pursue a seminary degree to further equip her ministry and music. She moved to Texas and began a Masters of Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2018. It was there that God brought her to meet and marry Nathan who just so happened to be on duty as a school security guard when her tire was flat and in need of changing. The chemistry was immediate and after a few run ins on campus, Nathan finally asked her out. The rest, they say, is history.

Nathan and Jessica welcomed their son David Asher on June 16, 2020. He is a beautiful gift from God and they are learning how to be good stewards of this incredible bundle of joy.



Pastor Ron Rhodus

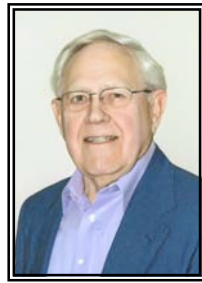


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The office will be available by phone only on Wednesdays

# WELCOME TO GRACE SBC

Welcome to you today, I am looking forward to being able to connect with you. I am available to you, please feel free to contact me at (217) 556-5462 or by email at [ron@thecrossmatters.org](mailto:ron@thecrossmatters.org).

- Pastor Ron Rhodus



## CONNECT CARD AND WAYS TO GIVE

Please visit website <http://www.gracesbc.com> for digital versions of our Connect Card and Giving. The mission and vision of Grace SBC is funded 100% by your generosity! If you are new to Grace please take a moment to fill out the connect card and let us know about you! Members and regular attenders can also use the Connect Card to update information, request prayer, or let the church know of any decisions that have been made.

## MISSION ILLINOIS OFFERING AND WEEK OF PRAYER

Mission Illinois Offering for 2020 will be collected during the month of September, with the week of prayer being September 13-20, 2020. Prayer guides are available in this week's bulletin. The Mission Illinois Offering and Week of Prayer is our annual focus on state missions. All funds collected for the Mission Illinois Offering go toward missions in Illinois. The gifts support the work of IBSA, including church planting, church health and growth, and a variety of missions works. Envelopes are available on the back table; please prayerfully consider donating by September 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like any additional information please contact Janet Elliott at 217-899-0000.

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request or update, call the church office at 217-965-5692 or Pat Tackett at 217-971-7174. You can also email the church office at [office@gracesbc.com](mailto:office@gracesbc.com). To submit your request online visit our website at <http://www.gracesbc.com>.

Each week our congregation will be praying for a specific prayer need. This week we will be praying for the North Mac School District including the Administrators, Teachers, Students, and Workers.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

Grace SBC will be holding two special business meetings in the coming weeks. Please mark these important dates in your calendar:

**September 20<sup>th</sup> - Meeting to discuss flooring**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> - Meeting to vote on Nathan Williams for Pastor**

## SENIOR ADULT DINNER

All Senior Adults are invited to dinner on Saturday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Grace Too. They will be serving Sandwiches and Homemade Ice Cream. Please contact Pat Tackett at 217-971-7174 or the office at 217-965-5692.

## WOMEN AND TEEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Starting on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. a group of women and teen girls will meet to read through and complete a study on Rachel and Leah: What two sisters teach us about combatting comparison. The group will meet for 8 weeks on Tuesday evenings. Everyone will begin the evening together and then we will split to watch our videos and have discussion separately. If you would like to join this study please register here: <https://gracesbc.churchcenter.com/registrations>. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Gilbreth at 217-891-6182 for the women's study or Marie Swegle at 217-414-5219 for the teen girls study.

## KIDZONE AND KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING 10/4

Beginning Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> all ages will be available for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. On the same date, Grace will also start back KidZone during our worship service! If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Plunkett at 217-652-7704 or the church office.

## MOVIE NIGHT! SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

Plan on join us on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> for an outdoor movie night beginning at dusk! Movie will be announced soon! If you need more information please contact the office.

## CRAYON RECYCLING

Please place any used crayons from this mornings service, that you do not wish to keep, in the black collection box location in the back table. They will be sanitized and reused in future services. The cardboard boxes can be thrown away. Thank you!