



**Pulling Together for Growth and Support**

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# September

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## Mark Your Calendar:

### November 15:

Annual Tree Lighting  
and  
Kiddie King and Queen

### November 18:

Annual Christmas  
Parade  
"Twinkling Lights on a  
Heavenly Night"

## Fliers Attached:

- Flaunt Salon  
and Spa

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### *The City of Blossoms*

#### **President's Corner:**

The Willard Area has made some tremendous changes in the last couple years. Many businesses have taken on a new look with the hope that many will come visit them this Christmas Season. Please remember to tell everyone to shop locally because they can save on gas and time. We can work together to keep Willard alive and thriving. As I have said in the past, Willard has many positive things going for it. In many other communities, businesses have closed their doors and have lost their Chamber of Commerce. We need to work together to prevent this from happening in our community.

The Chamber has some important community celebrations coming up, and we hope you can make it:

To kick off the Christmas season we will be having the annual tree lighting downtown on Tuesday, November 15, with the help of Chamber Member the Grace United Methodist Church. There will be music and other activities including the Kiddie King and Queen Pageant.

Our annual Christmas parade will be held on November 18. The theme this year is "Twinkling Lights on a Heavenly Night." Applications will be available soon so start planning on how to decorate your float or what costume to wear. It is a great family and community night that everyone can participate in. There will also be stone soup available. Hope to see you there.

**Smile, Linda Walton, Willard Area Chamber of Commerce, President**

### **From the Director:**

As the Chamber Director, one of my goals is to make sure the Chamber runs efficiently. In order to keep moving forward, there will be two changes taking place immediately:

- 1) The treasurer and I will be making sure that incoming checks will be deposited within three weeks of receiving them. I apologize on behalf of the Chamber for the length of time it took for checks to be deposited in the past.
- 2) The Chamber Newsletter will start coming out at the end of the month (starting with October) instead of at the beginning of the next month. Therefore, please have all fliers to be put in with the newsletter in by the second Friday of every month.

### **Willard and the Surrounding Area:**

I will continue to work hard so that the Chamber runs as smooth as possible. I want Willard and surrounding area to be an environment where businesses want to call home, and I will continue to work hard until this becomes a reality.

Please contact me so that we can work together to have a positive impact on your business and our great community.

**Please check out the  
Business Spotlight on the back:**

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# Business Spotlight

Issue # 4



## Grace Christian Preschool

1) *What is the name of your business?*

**Grace Christian Preschool**

2) *When was your business founded/established?*

**11 years ago by the Grace United Methodist Church**

3) *How long have you been a Chamber Member?*

**3 years**

4) *What made you choose the Willard Area for your business location?*

**Grace United Methodist Church decided to open up a Preschool as a community service. At the time the only other Preschool available in Willard was the Public Preschool.**

5) *What product/service do you offer?*

**A Christian and Biblical foundation for young children ages:**

**3 yr. old class: Tues. and Thurs. from 9-11:30am**

**4 & 5 yr. old class: Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 9-11:30am or 12:30-3pm**

**4 & 5 yr. old class: Mon. thru Fri. from 9-11:30am**

**- We provide them with a general education and prepare them for kindergarten.**

**- We provide a fun beginning for their school experiences so they LOVE school!**

**- We provide a class to catch those children who could benefit from one more year to grow academically and socially before entering school.**

6) *What is it that you want Willard Area residents to know about your business?*

**After 11 years in the community, almost 500 children in the Willard area have started their education journey at Grace Christian Preschool. Our mission is to open the eyes, hearts, and minds of children to Christ's teachings and love through an encouraging and loving atmosphere. While at the same time learning their shapes, colors, numbers, alphabet and their sounds, music, art, science, story time, chapel time, snacks, play time, field trips, special visitors- the list goes on and on! Our teachers are fully trained and our Preschool is State Licensed. They provide your children with love and support and help them to build their social skills. At Grace Christian Preschool- Learning is Fun! "We are raising young hearts for God!" 108 W. Maple St. Willard, Ohio 44890 419-933-4414**

### Business Spotlight Information:

If you are interested in having your business featured, please send in information about your business that you would like featured in 400 words or less. Also, pictures would be great. You can email or mail the information.

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