



# Grace Christian Counseling Center

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Mayor and Aldermen  
City of Vicksburg  
P.O. Box 150  
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Re: Approval for Grace Christian Counseling Center "Chillin' in the Hills" 5K Run, 5K Walk, and 1-Mile Fun Run

The Grace Christian Counseling Center respectfully asks for your consideration and approval for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Chillin' in the Hills" 5K Run, 5K Walk, and 1 Mile Fun Run through Vicksburg to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024. I look forward to another successful race and fundraiser for the Grace Christian Counseling Center. With the help of the City of Vicksburg, the Vicksburg Police Department, and the Vicksburg Fire Department, I expect another safe and enjoyable event for the visitors and citizens of Vicksburg.

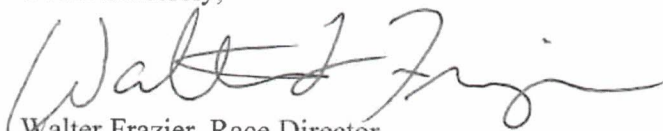
May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and the race committee wishes to promote the mentally healthy lifestyle of physical activity and community involvement in commemoration of the month. Additionally, this year the Grace Christian Counseling Center is marking 25 years of operation, so we plan to celebrate with numerous activities:

- Race – Again this year, we will conduct a 5K run and 5K walk starting and finishing on Belmont Street between Drummond and Cherry Streets and traversing areas around the Glenwood Circle. Additionally, we will hold a 1-mile Fun Run. Please see the accompanying map for race route details.
- Market Place – We will have a market where vendors selling food, jewelry, and craft items will be set up in the Martin's at Midtown parking lot throughout and following the race until 3:00 p.m.
- Birthday Celebrations – We will have several activities including a karaoke competition, Zumba class, and Magic Show to celebrate Grace Christian Counseling Center's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. We plan to include cake and ice cream, too!

We plan to conduct the race day festivities and race start/finish in the same location as previous years, Martin's at Midtown on Belmont Street between Cherry and Drummond Streets. As in the past several years, we would like to request that this block of Belmont Street be closed to traffic during the race and marketplace times (6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Also, please know that the Grace Christian Counseling Center will assume all liability with proper insurance for the event and will add the City of Vicksburg as Additional Insured (we will provide a copy of the policy).

Mayor and Aldermen, thank you very much for your consideration. Grace Christian Counseling Center stands ready to discuss this matter for official approval. I welcome the opportunity to speak about this event at an upcoming meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen, and I request that this topic be added to the agenda for an upcoming meeting. Please let me know if there is any additional information that you need, or if I can answer any further questions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Frazier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

Walter Frazier, Race Director

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Executive Director, Grace Christian Counseling Center

