



Grayson Barrington Bridgers

Grayson is the son of Brian and Tammy Bridgers. He is the grandson of Joe and Debbie Arico, Lou and Faye Ferrando, and John and Terri Lindsay. Grayson has graduated from North Augusta High School and will attend the University of South Carolina to pursue a degree in Business. His interests include playing basketball, disc golf, and spending time with his friends. Grayson was involved with NAHS Varsity Football and Baseball, Junior Varsity Basketball, Beta Club, and Student Council. Grayson's favorite church memory is his time spent with the youth on their trip to Columbia to play in the UMC basketball tournament.

The advice Grayson leaves to the underclassmen is to "focus on serving others and show God's love through your actions." Grayson said the thing that he loves most about Grace UMC is that it "is a big church that feels like a small church because of the closeness and love everyone shows one another."

Cara Gabrielle Chiswell

Cara is the daughter of Steve and Michele Chiswell. She is the granddaughter of Geri Boucher, Paul and Claudine Boucher, and Emily Chiswell. Cara has graduated from Westminster Schools of Augusta and plans to attend George Mason University to study Forensic Science

and Film before seeking a career in law enforcement. Her interests include drama, speech and debate, dance, and writing. Cara was involved with Westminster Theater and One Act, Westminster Speech Team, Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and International Thespian Society. Cara's favorite church memory is going to Salkehatchie where she grew closer to God and made friends while serving.

The advice Cara leaves the underclassmen is "Be exactly who you want to be, and don't let anyone take that away from you. At the same time, know that it is always ok to ask for help. You are so loved." Cara said the thing she loves most about Grace UMC is "the community and how I am welcomed into any setting — from youth group to choir."

Joseph Stevens DeLaughter

Joseph is the son of Scott and Haly DeLaughter. He is the grandson of Wilson and Jean Thomas as well as Glenn and Mary DeLaughter. Joseph has graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Clemson University to pursue a degree in Packaging Science. His interests include golf, basketball, playing video games, and fitness. Joseph was involved with NAHS Varsity Football and Grace UMC basketball. Joseph's favorite church memory is the Fall Retreat trip to Ridge Haven.

The advice Joseph leaves the underclassmen is to "go on church retreats because they are fun". Joseph states that the one thing he loves the most about Grace UMC is "the community".

Jackson Robert Ginn

Jackson is the son of Tony and Martha Ginn. He is the grandson of Bob and Joyce Humphries as well as Tommie and Peggy Ginn. Jackson has graduated from Aquinas High School and plans to attend University of South Carolina to pursue a degree in Computer Science. His interests include exercising, watching sports, spending time with his friends, listening to music, programming, spending time in the outdoors, and reading. Jackson was involved with Aquinas Varsity Cross Country,

Social Justice Club, Drama, National Honors Society, Math Team, Quiz Bowl, and Model UN. Jackson's favorite church memory is going on many Salkehatchie trips.

The advice Jackson leaves for the underclassmen is to "always start your day with prayer." Jackson states that the one thing he loves most about Grace UMC is "the music program in VBS... both as a participant and as a youth leader."

Alexander James McCabe

Alex is the son of Brian and Yolanda McCabe. He is the grandson of Arturo and Alecia Oyervides as well as Donna and the late Bob McCabe. Alex has graduated from North Augusta High School and is currently deciding whether to attend Coastal Carolina University or the University of South Carolina Aiken. His interests include music and computers. Alex was involved with the NAHS Marching and Concert Band. Alex's favorite youth church memory is an overnight lock-in at HiWire trampoline park.

The advice Alex leaves the underclassmen is to "Do what YOU want even if you are doing it alone, because all that matters is that YOU enjoy it." Alex states that the one thing he loves about Grace UMC is "the people are accepting of you with open arms and are always kind to each other."

John "Trey" Lewis Stallings III

Trey is the son of Jay and Ashley Stallings. He is the grandson of Kathy Payne. Trey has graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend North Greenville University to pursue a degree in Math and Engineering. He also plans to play golf for North Greenville University. His interests include golf and fishing. Trey was involved with NAHS Varsity Cross Country and Golf. Trey's favorite church memory is the many Salkehatchie trips he participated in.

The advice Trey leaves for the underclassmen is to "be involved and do as much with the youth group as you can." He continues with "you will

have lots of fun and make great memories that will last a lifetime.” Trey states that the one thing he loves most about Grace UMC is “how tight the group of kids we have are.” He goes on to say, “We all know each other very well and have fun around each other and we all love Andy, and how good he is to all of us.”

Peyton “Grace” Stone

Grace is the daughter of Jeff and Lindsay Gilliam and Casey Stone. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Linda Broome as well as the Linda Stone and the late Terry Stone. Grace has graduated from Fox Creek High School and plans to attend Lander University and pursue a degree in Nursing. Her interests include music, swimming, hanging out with friends, and traveling. Grace was involved with Fox Creek Marching Band, Fox Creek Jazz Band, Beta Club, National Honors Society, Student Council, Fox Creek Varsity Swim Team, and Honors Chorus. One of Grace’s favorite memories was hearing a youth speaker that opened her eyes to how great God is and how blessed she is.

The advice Grace leaves for the underclassmen is to “trust that God has your best interest and to keep your faith.” She states that the one thing she loves most about Grace UMC is “the passion this church has given me for music throughout the years performing for the youth band and the praise team during Life Song.”

Isabella Alston Waters

Isabella is the daughter of Buff and Crissy Waters. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Carla Ellis as well as Haynes and Ille Waters. Isabella has graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Augusta University and receive my doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Her interests include volunteering and golf. She was involved with Student Council, NAHS Varsity Girls Golf, Buddy Club, National Honors Society, Yearbook, and Teacher Cadet. Her favorite church memory is the many Salkehatchie trips she went on because of the relationships and atmosphere.

The advice Isabella leaves the underclassmen is “don’t take anything for granted and be as involved as possible. one day you will wake up and it’ll all be over, and you will wonder where the time went. be accepting and loving to all and be the hands and feet.” Isabella states that the one thing she loves most about Grace UMC is “the family atmosphere and how I have grown up here and feel loved every time I walk in the door. Everybody at Grace UMC cares so much about each other.”

Paris Leianne Michelle Whitlock

Paris is the daughter of Richard and Danielle Whitlock. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Richard and the late Kay Whitlock and granddaughter of step-grandmother DeeDee Whitlock as well as W. Dweillie and the last Joy Flakes. Paris has graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend University of South Carolina to pursue a degree in Business. Her interests include volleyball, enjoying coffee, drawing, skateboarding, and shopping. Paris was involved with NAHS Varsity Volleyball, Beta Club, Junior Marshal, FBLA, Sidewalk Art, Powderpuff, and Student Council. Paris’s favorite church memory is the many Salkehatchie youth trips she participated in.

The advice Paris leaves the under classmen is “Cherish the moments you have right now with your friends and family because time flies by before you know it. Take your academics seriously because it’ll pay off.” Paris said the thing she loved most about Grace UMC is “I love the family I’ve made with the community at Grace UMC. I’m thankful for the youth pastor, Andy Morris, and the impact he’s made in my life and with Christ. I know I always have someone’s shoulder to lean on when I need it at Grace UMC.”

Payne Richard Rolston Whitlock

Payne is the son of Richard and Danielle Whitlock. He is the grandson of Dr. Richard and the late Kay Whitlock and grandson of step-grandmother DeeDee Whitlock as well as W. Dweillie and the last Joy Flakes. Payne has graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend the University of South Carolina to pursue a degree in

Business. His interests include playing and watching sports especially basketball. He also enjoys creating content on his podcast and working out. Payne was involved in the NAHS Golf and Soccer teams, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Beta Club. Payne states his favorite Grace UMC memory is attending Revolution in 2019, where he says he was brought closer to God than ever before.

The advice Payne leaves the under classmen is “stay invested in the relationships you formed at Grace because those are the people that will bring you closer to God and remind you what’s the important priorities when you slip up in life.” The one thing Payne says he loves about Grace UMC is “The respect everyone has for one another. No one that I’ve met at Grace has ever come across as if they were above the person who was beside them. Everyone has this mindset to put another before them, and I would say that’s helped to mold some of the characteristics in my personality.”