

GRACEPC NEWS

JANUARY 24, 2021

Grace Members and Friends,

Some of our youth and young adults head back to school this week, in-person for the first time since March of 2020. They are heavy on my heart and mind, so will you join me in prayer for them?

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray for our youth and young adult students. We place them in your care as some head back to school, as many are already in school again, as all seek to continue their education in both safe and productive environments. Protect them from harm. Open their minds to store valuable knowledge. Open their hearts to new, healthy relationships. Open their spirits to your presence in their lives. Open opportunities to bring them into the good future you have for them as they follow Jesus. Amen.

Here is my blessing for you this week:

May you grab the invitation Jesus offers you.

May you follow him with a clear and bold purpose.

May you never waste the opportunity to share what he has meant to you, both in word and in deed.

Your pastor and friend,

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Want to Learn?

Youth Live

All youth are invited to Youth Live on Sunday afternoons.

5th-8th grades - 4-5PM

9th-12th grades - 5-6PM

Masks are required to attend.

For questions contact Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org.

Daily Bible Study

If you are looking for a dedicated time to spend with God's word each workday, we have a group for you. Our daily bible study group meets Monday through Friday at 2PM via zoom. All are welcome. They have a new zoom id and password. meeting id: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494

Children's SS Schedule

Preschool-4th, will meet this Sunday at 11AM at Grace Place

Watch your text or email for additional information.

Adult Sunday School

We have a number of Sunday School classes that have been meeting virtually through the pandemic. If you are looking for a way to connect with other members, or are just looking for another opportunity to study, check out one of our online classes.

Visions of Faith - Sundays @9AM

Trinity - Wednesdays @7PM

Word of Life - Saturdays @10:15AM

The ids and passwords can be found on the back page of this newsletter. If you have any questions on Adult SS, contact Julie Haworth at jhaworth@flash.net

Church-wide Book Study

Join us in an 8 week study on the book, *The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation* by Miles McPherson. We have both virtual opportunities and in person opportunities.

Wednesdays at 10AM (Zoom) - led by Bryan Haworth

Wednesdays at 7PM (Zoom) - led by Bryan Haworth

Thursdays at 7PM (narthex) - led by Clark Carradine

The books can be found on Amazon, and the church currently has 2 you may purchase for \$15/book. Register using the QR code below or type in the link.



Registration for *The Third Option* book study
or: <https://qr.go.page.link/tjxN5>

Stewardship 2021



Our annual stewardship focus, "United in Grace" continues this Sunday and will culminate on February 7, Dedication Sunday. Pledge cards were mailed this week. If you are able, please consider an additional gift to our capital campaign.

Capital Campaign Update

We are less than \$3,000 away from fully matching the \$25,000 matching funds gift for repairing and upgrading the audio/visual capabilities in the Sanctuary!

John Moody has created a separate restricted funds account for this purpose: **1-810901**. We can give via check, noting in the memo the account or the purpose of the capital campaign, or give online via the website at www.gracepc.org. If you would like to give a gift with double the impact, this is your chance.

May God bless your generosity to Grace Presbyterian Church!

If you would like more information on our 2021 Stewardship campaign, including links to our stewardship testimonies and a pledge card, go to the United in Grace page on our website, gracepc.org.

Session Minutes

If you would like an electronic copy of the monthly session minutes, you will find them on the files tab in the Weekly Email Recipients Group. When you login to CCB, you will find your groups on the right side of the screen. Click on the group, and click on Files at the top.

Get Involved

January 31 - Annual Meeting, Zoom Webinar, 12:30PM



Annual Meeting
Registration Link

The annual meeting is a called congregational meeting to conduct the business of the church. All members are encouraged to attend. You must register for the webinar by using the QR code to receive the link for the webinar.

Or type in this URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ed-Wm4bBTCWG-0i0Hpy7xQ

The webinar link will also be re-sent to all registered participants the day of the meeting.

We will be hearing a summary of 2020 from Session, electing the slate of new officers proposed by our nominating committee, voting to elect Pastor Cara, and looking at our budget, among other business. Look for the agenda and committee reports in your email this week.

Sanctuary Choir Virtual Rehearsals

Our Sanctuary Choir is resuming their virtual rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, and we look forward to making music together in 2021.

We always welcome guests, so please join us anytime you like. Just contact Michael King (michael@gracepc.org), and he would be glad to get you connected.

Provide Youth Snacks

Our GPC youth are active at church on Sunday afternoons in Youth Live and Music Rehearsals: Exultation & Bells. We like to have a snack for the students and the adult volunteers, and could use your help with the snack food. For more information or to sign-up copy this link or use the QR code: <https://qr.go.page.link/DzEqf>



youth snacks

Prayer Team

If you have a heart for prayer, join our prayer team on Sunday afternoons. They meet each week, and pray for the needs of the congregation, the staff, and our church. Zoom code on back page.

The Journey Alumni Virtual Reunion

Did you know that 50 friends from Grace and our community have completed The Journey? Michelle Rutherford and John Blacklock are hosting a virtual reunion for all past participants on Sunday, January 24, from 4:15-5:15PM on Zoom. This is your chance to check-in with others, hear from Lisa Ong as she shares her testimony of how The Journey has impacted her life, and get a refresher on some of the concepts. Michelle has sent an email to all past participants with the Zoom id and password. If you did not get it, reach out to Michelle. #Letsreconnect

Sunday Afternoon Programming

All of our Sunday programming continues this Sunday, which includes:

1. Youth bell rehearsals
2. Grace Notes bell rehearsal
3. Exultation Choir rehearsal
4. Youth Live (youth group)

We are grateful Michael King has found a safe way to resume rehearsals. If you have any questions about music programming at Grace contact Michael King at michael@gracepc.org. If you have any questions about youth programming, contact Pastor Cara Ellis at cara@gracepc.org.

Giving Thanks

Thank you to our college students who shared their time and talents during their break to serve Grace as worship leaders. We are blessed to have such talented vocalists and instrumentalists, and it is always a treat when they use those gifts praising our Lord.

Family Ministries thanks Denise Langenhop for providing the snacks to our youth last Sunday for their Youth Live kickoff event. If you would like to provide snacks in the future, see the previous page for the signup link.

...giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20

Everything Else

Day School Registration

If you are looking for a great school for your child, please consider Grace. We have full time and part time preschool options. You can check us out at graceds.org. If you have any questions about our program please give us a call at 972-867-9719 or email me at kami@gracepc.org. Registration for current students and church members for the 21/22 school year starting in August begins January 27th through February 7th. Public registration begins on February 10th. Thank you for considering Grace Christian Day School!

Kami Connell, Director

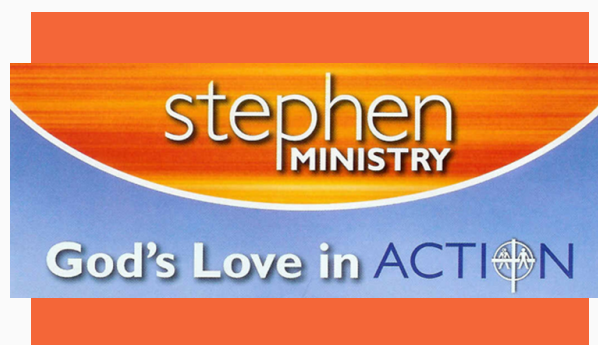
Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to order Sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special event, go to our website, gracepc.org, and click on the Sanctuary flower box.

Are You Experiencing Pandemic Fatigue?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- Isolation and loneliness;
- Anxiety over health;
- Grief due to many different kinds of losses;
- Tension from juggling work, childcare, and schooling;
- Financial strain or job loss;
- Uncertainty about the future;
- Other unexpected life challenges?



If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call Mike Shaw 469-223-6813 or Carol Hogan 214-551-6177.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 24 Visions of Faith SS, 9AM (Zoom)
- 24 Worship Service, 9:30AM (live-streaming online).
- 24 Worship Service, 11AM (Sanctuary (TBD), live-streaming online)
- 24 Children's Sunday school, 11AM
- 24 Confirmation Class, 11AM
- 24 Credo & Tintinnabulator Rehearsals, 3PM
- 24 Youth Live, Pre-teen/Jr. high, 4PM
- 24 Exultation - High School, 4PM
- 24 The Journey Alumni Reunion, 4:15PM, (Zoom)
- 24 Youth Live, High School, 5PM
- 24 Exultation - Pre-teen/Jr. High, 5PM
- 24 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 6PM
- 26 Deacon Meeting, 7PM, (Zoom)
- 27 The Third Option Book Study, 10AM (Zoom)
- 27 The Third Option Book Study, 7PM (Zoom)
- 27 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM, (Zoom)
- 28 The Third Option Book Study, 7PM, (narthex)
- 30 Visions of Faith SS, 9AM (Zoom)
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- 31 Children's Sunday school, 11AM
- 31 Confirmation Class, 11AM
- 31 Annual Meeting, 12:30PM, (Zoom Webinar, registration required)
- 31 Credo & Tintinnabulator Rehearsals, 3PM
- 31 Youth Live, Pre-teen/Jr. high, 4PM
- 31 Exultation - High School, 4PM
- 31 Youth Live - High School, 5PM
- 31 Exultation - Pre-teen/Middle School, 5PM
- 31 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 6PM



For security purposes, our weekly newsletter will only share zoom codes for worship events. We will post zoom codes for all other events below.

Online Web Information/Codes:

Visions of Faith SS, 9-10AM , began a new study of the Belhar Confession on Sunday, January 3rd. The study will be led by Julie Haworth. (Zoom) meeting id: 896 1970 3148; Password: 743463

Monday Men's Group, 7:15-9PM, (Webex) Contact Gary Hivnor or Mike Venter to join.

Trinity SS, Wednesdays, working through the Old Testament 7PM (Zoom) meeting id 833 1086 7480 password: 068929.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study, 7-8AM (Zoom),
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/7367348174> or
Zoom meeting id: 832 051 1362; no password

Daily Bible Study, 2PM (Zoom) **NEW* meeting id: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494**

Cancer Support Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3PM Narthex and Zoom meeting id: 811 3242 9314, password: 574820

Sanctuary Choir Gatherings, Wednesdays, 7PM, (Zoom) meeting id: 840 2980 0350

Word of Life SS, Saturdays, focus on books, people and themes of the Bible, 10:15AM (Zoom) meeting id: 898 4610 3748, password: 952401

Career Transitions Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9:00AM Meeting id: 883 7732 2718, password: 139584

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study, 7PM Meeting id: 819 6817 4210, password: 213304

Prayer Team, Sunday, 4:00PM, Meeting id: 852 0303 1618, password 171528