



GPC NEWS

August 1, 2021

Grace Members and Friends,

Change is coming! I'm so excited about next week's schedule change. It will allow those with style preferences to worship God in a way in which they find joy. It will allow us to all learn together, as one congregation. Learning is so important because knowledge is power in the Christian life, as in everything else. And there is ice cream! So, join us August 8th for our Fall Launch.

FDR said, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but the assessment that something else is more important than fear." What is more important to you than fear? Your family? Your faith? Your integrity or values? On what do you stand that will not be compromised, even with the threat of disapproval or danger?

We continue our sermon series Time to Heal this week with *The Healing Power of Courage* (Daniel 3:1, 4-9, 12-14, 16-30; Mark 3:1-6). Join us at 9:30am and 11am, in person in the Youth Room for both services or online.

Here are my praises for this week:

Praise God for those who speak up.

Praise God for those who stand up.

Praise God for those who show true courage in our world. It heals us all!

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey



Get Involved at Grace!



Fall Launch Sunday, Aug. 8

9:00AM Contemporary Worship

A family friendly service with a contemporary style and weekly communion. Nursery is provided.

10:00AM Christian Formation for all ages

Join us this special Sunday for Henry's Homemade ice cream (outside Wheelus Hall), information about new and ongoing Christian Formation opportunities, opportunity to visit any and all adult classes, children and youth classes, and sign up for music ministries.

11:05AM Traditional Worship

A service full of reformed liturgy and hymns with communion monthly and on special days. Nursery and Godly Play provided for children.



Homebound Communion

"After a long 16 month pause, Homebound Communion is available again! If you (or another member you are aware of) are unable to attend worship, and would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact:

Pastor Tracey (tracey@gracepc.org or 972/596-6233)

Clark Carradine (cwcarradine@gmail.com or 214/232-4748)

Carol Hogan (carol.hogan17@gmail.com or 214/551-6177)

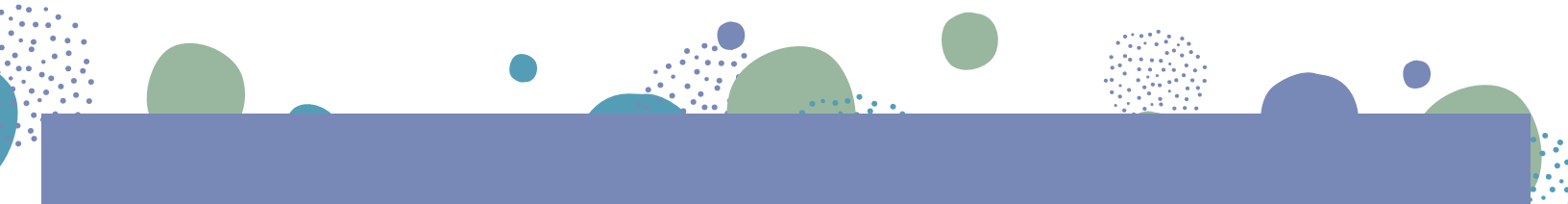
You can also request this service through your Deacon.

Deacon Meal Provider List

Do you love to cook? Are you looking for a way to serve others? Our Deacons are forming a list of people willing to provide meals for members in need. If you are feeling called, please add your name to this list. The Deacon Meal link can be found in the newsletter email, or you can click on the Sign Up tab at the top of the website. You can also let your Deacon know and they will add you to the list.

Dayschool Needs Some Muscle

The dayschool playground is required to maintain a certain depth of gravel, and each year we must add to it. Our boycott troop, 999, has always volunteered to help move and spread the gravel. Our problem is that due to the weight of the dump truck, the gravel is dumped in our south parking lot and we move it to the playground in wheelbarrows. This is a big job, and isn't always completed by the scouts, leaving Kami Connell, our Dayschool Director, and her husband to finish the job themselves. On Monday, August 2, we are looking for 5-10 able bodied volunteers who can help load and move wheelbarrows of gravel from the parking lot to the playground. Then, all of the gravel needs to be evenly raked to attain the minimum required depth of gravel under the play equipment. If you are willing to help, please click on the link, playground gravel, in the newsletter email. Also, please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes too, if you have them.



Back to School, Back to Church, and Back to Service with Numana



Thanks to all those who have responded to this call to service.

We only need ~20 more volunteers to package our 20,000+ meals during the time allotted, so please stop by the Mission

Table before or after each service to sign up. Remember, this event is being held off-site in the ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn at 1001 President George Bush Turnpike in Richardson, on the east-bound frontage road between Independence and Custer. There is ample parking behind the hotel and the rear entrance offers the easiest access to the ballroom.

Questions? Stop by the Mission Table or contact Dwight Nichols at dwight@gracepc.org.

Back to School - School Supply Drive

Our missions committee is sponsoring a School Supply Drive to support Carpenter Middle School students. Carpenter is a Title 1 school, which is a school with a significant number of low income students. In addition, Carpenter is where two of our members, Ann Boles and Eunice Pribadi, teach. Since we are space challenged at the moment, we are asking that you bring the supplies to Grace on Launch Sunday (also Blessing of the Backpack Sunday), August 8, when we will begin our new Sunday schedule. Drop your supplies off at the mission table which will be set up at the back of the youth room.

List of School Supplies requested

Pencils
Colored Pencils
Kleenex
Single Subject notebooks
2-3" binders
Glue sticks
Adult-sized scissors
notebook paper

Grief Group

The Grief Group at Grace has now been helping people for 10 years and we will be starting our next group on September 14. We meet in person from 7PM to 9PM. We have expanded it to 8 weeks and we utilize curriculum from a local organization, Faith & Grief Ministries. This is an extension of Stephen Ministry at Grace. There is a link in the newsletter email, or you may contact Mike Shaw at bruncorsbest@verizon.net (469-223-6813) or Carol Hogan at carol.hogan17@gmail.com (214-551-6177) for more information. Module topics are shown on the webpage and by selecting the link.

<https://www.faithandgrief.org/griefworkshop/>

Youth Service Project

Attention all **15 year olds and older!** We have a special service opportunity just for you! Here are the details:

Who: All youth 15 years and older

What: Turf Time! This is a program for individuals of all ages and abilities to get together, play games, have fun, and make friends. You will be paired with a buddy for the morning as you play games together. You do not have to be an amazing athlete to play. All abilities are welcome to participate.

When: **Saturday, August 7th, 10-11am**

Location: City of Carrollton Recreational Fields, Adaptive baseball field #6 located at 1440 Keller Springs Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006

Please RSVP to Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org by July 29th if you would like to take part in this special opportunity! The link, Turf Time, can be found on the newsletter email.

Property Workday - Asset Inventory

GracePC has never had a comprehensive asset inventory on file. As such, we would not be able to claim the full replacement value for items we own if a catastrophic event occurred to our buildings. Therefore, we need a lot of help to document our holdings. On Saturday, August 21, beginning at 9AM, we will have a property workday to complete an asset inventory. We will have teams of 2, who will photograph each room and office in our main building, CE building, sheds, and Grace Place. This will include all closets and cabinets, hallway closets, storage under stairs, etc... This is a large job, but not a physically challenging one. If you are willing to join in the fun, click on the Property Workday link in the newsletter email, or email Kris Turner at [gracepc.org](mailto:kris@gracepc.org) to get put on the list.

Save the Date - September 12 - Music Rehearsals Begin!

On Sunday, September 12, all music ensemble rehearsals, including Exultation, youth handbells, children's choirs and handbells, and adult handbells will begin. Stay tuned for more information on times and locations for each rehearsal.



Youth & Children

Upcoming Youth Activities (6th-12th grades)

- Aug 8th – Boles House
 - 7:30-10:30PM
 - Dinner, Pool, Movie
- Aug 15th – Valenta House
 - 5:30-7:30PM
 - Dinner, Pool Table, Park
- Aug 22nd – Miller House
 - 5:30-7:30PM
 - Dinner, Pool Party
- Aug 29th – Goodwin House
 - 5:30-7:30PM
 - Dinner, Pool Party
- Sept 5th – NO AFTERNOON YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- Sept. 12th – Youth Music and Youth Live Begins!
 - 5:15-5:30 Snacks
 - 5:30-6:30PM Youth Live

Art with Miss Courtney

Each summer, Courtney Hitt plans an art day for our children. This summer they tie-dyed items they brought from home. The children had a great time, and look for them at church to see if they show off their creations.



Want to Learn?

Youth Fall Sunday School Schedule

Middle School SS Grace Place

High School SS Grace Place

Confirmation will begin in Jan.

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

Parenting Workshop

A 3 week parenting workshop, led by
JoAnn Schauf MS, LLC, founder and CEO
of Your Tween and You will be held at
10AM in Wheelus Hall on Aug. 15-29.

Aug. 15 - Parents of K-5 students

Aug. 22 Parents of age 7-12 students

Aug. 29 All parents

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

M/W mixed, 2-3:30PM Zoom
meeting id: 858 0155 4559,
password: 775494

Mon. PM Men's, 7-9PM MB4

Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM MB2

Wed. AM Women of Wonder,
10:30AM-12PM MB4

Thurs. PM Women's, 7-9PM MB2

1st & 3rd Sat. Men's, 8-10AM MB4

Children's Fall Sunday School & Godly Play Schedule

All Sunday School classes meet at 10AM.

Godly Play meets at 11AM

Preschool SS CE106

Kindergarten - 2nd grade SS CE213

3rd - 5th grade SS CE214

Godly Play CE213
(Godly Play Worship Center)

Adult Sunday School

Grace currently has 4 adult Sunday classes
meeting onsite: Beginning on Aug. 8, all
classes will meet at 10AM. From August
8th until we re-open the Sanctuary, adult
classes can be found in the following
rooms:

Trinity - MB2

Word of Life - MB4

Visions of Faith - CE213

Bible Boomers - Wheelus Hall (Aug. 1)
CE204/205 (Aug. 15-29)
Wheelus Hall (Sept.)

Koinonia - CE204/205

A new class starting on Sept. 12

All the classes are multi-generational, all
are welcome.



Everything Else

Medical/Liability/Photo Release Form

It is that time of year again. If you have a child or youth that wants to participate in any Grace activity, including choirs, Sunday school, fellowship events..., you must have a signed medical/liability and publicity release form on file with Grace. To print off a form, click on the Liability form link in the newsletter email, fill out the form (one for each child), and either email it to stefanie@gracepc.org or drop it in Stefanie's mailbox in the staff hallway. A link to the form can also be found on the website at [gracepc.org>about>forms](http://gracepc.org/about/forms). Thanks for your help.

Youth Food

Parents, we know your students like to eat, so we are planning on having food at many of our youth events. This year we would like to have breakfast items (bagels, kolaches, donuts, etc) at Sunday School, youth dinners, and snacks at Youth Live. We are asking that you help us cover the cost of these special foods by paying \$25 per student per semester. To pay for your child/children, click on the Youth Food link in the newsletter email, or access the form on the Signup section of the website.

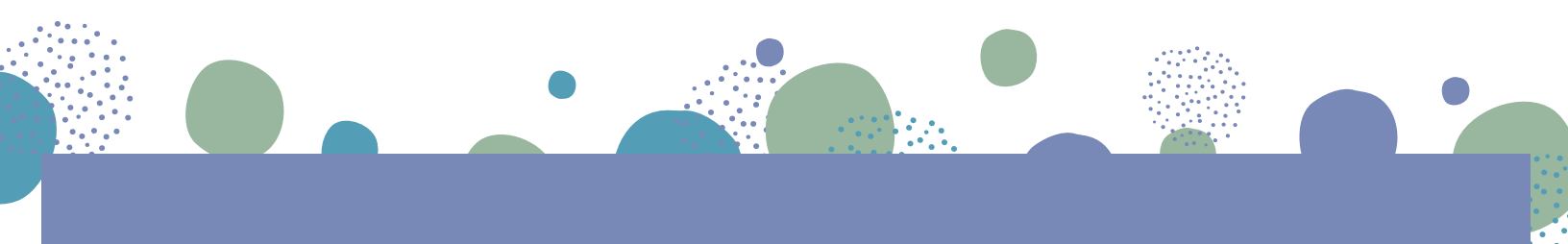
Property Updates

Our framers have completed the new decking on the east side and east back corner, and are continuing to work on the new sound board in the balcony,

They are continuing with the ductwork installation on the two outside HVAC units.

Our electrical contractor is continuing to work on replacing damaged wiring and completing all necessary code upgrades.

Our plumbing contractor is continuing work on repairing the broken pipe to the Sacristy sink.





Session Minutes

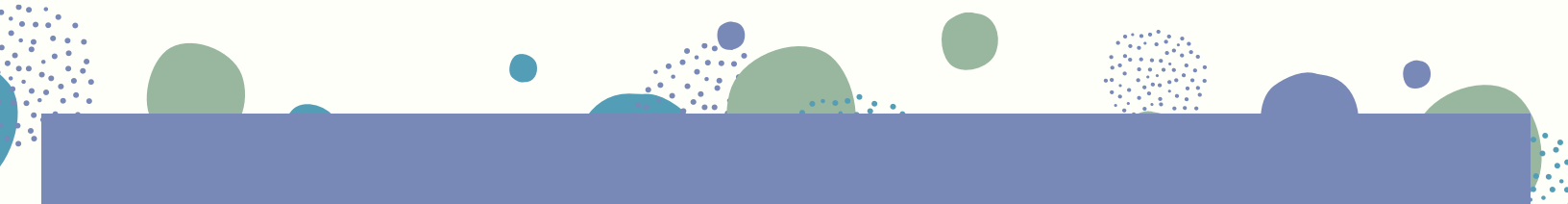
If you would like an electronic copy of the monthly session minutes, you will find them on the files tab in the Weekly Email Recipients Group. When you login to CCB, you will find your groups on the right side of the screen. Click on the group, and click on "files" at the top.

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.

Name Tags

Pastor Tracey would like us to wear our nametags to worship. She, as well as any new members we receive will be able to put names with faces much faster and easier if we are all wearing our name tags. If you need a new name tag, the cost is \$9. Email Kris Turner at kris@gracepc.org and she will order one for you.



Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 1 Word of Life Sunday School, 9AM (MB4)
- 1 Bible Boomers Sunday School, 9:30AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 1 Worship, 9:30AM (Youth Room)
- 1 Worship, 11AM (Youth Room)
- 1 Visions of Faith Sunday School, 11AM (Grace Place)
- 1 Trinity Sunday School, 11AM (MB2)
- 1 Godly Play (Godly Play Worship Center)
- 1 Session Meeting, 12:15PM (CE204/205)
- 1 Prayer Team, 4PM (Parlor)
- 2 Cancer Support Group, 3PM (MB4)
- 2 Playground gravel spread, 7PM
- 3 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 3 Nurture Council Meeting, 1:30PM (MB2)
- 4 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB)
- 4 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 5 Pastor Tracey's Forgiveness Class, 10AM (MB4)
- 5 Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 5 Pastor Tracey's Forgiveness Class, 7PM (CE204/205)
- 7 Men's Bible Study, 8AM (MB4)
- 7 Gotta Have Fun game night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)
- 8 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8 Fall Launch Henry's Ice Cream, 10AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 8 Contemporary Worship, 9AM (Youth Room)
- 8 Fall Launch, 10AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 8 Traditional Worship, 11:05AM (Youth Room)
- 8 Godly Play, dismissal during worship, (Godly Play Worship Center)
- 8 Youth Dinner & Pool Party, 7:30-10:30PM (Boles' home)
- 8 Prayer Team, 4PM (Parlor)
- 9 Men's Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 10 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 11 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 11 Spice of Life Luncheon, 12PM (Wheelus Hall)

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:

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

M/W Bible Study, 2PM (Zoom) **meeting id: 858 0155 4559, password: 775494**

Cancer Support Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3PM (MB4 & Zoom)

meeting id: 811 3242 9314, password: 574820

Word of Life SS, Sundays 9-10:45AM in MB4, focus on books, people and themes of the Bible, (Zoom) meeting id: 898 4610 3748, password: 952401

