

# GRACE NEWS

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Grace Members and Friends,

God's grace is extraordinary in so many ways. We look at some of those ways in worship throughout January. This Sunday, we explore The Wisdom of Grace.

We live in a world where politicians are corrupt, business is cut-throat, and magazines measure beauty by what's on the outside. Are you ready for something different? We live in a world where families don't speak to each other, teens are bullied to the point of suicide, and crime is something that is almost expected. Are we desperate to find a solution? In a world that learns almost weekly of shooters at schools and shopping malls, in which money is the deciding factor for doing almost anything, are we searching for a different way to live?

Jesus offers a different way. There is a way of wisdom, God's wisdom, that brings blessings into our lives if we will just listen and follow. Join us this Sunday at 9am or 11:05am as we explore what has come to be known as The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and worship God enthusiastically.

Your pastor and friend,

*Tracey*



# Get Involved at Grace!

## Annual Congregational Meeting

We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 11:00am. We will worship with one service at 10am that morning. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports about the last year at Grace PC, receive the budget and an update on finances, including the Sanctuary repairs, and to elect officers.

## Testimony HQ Informational Meeting

The stories we tell each other inside the church about our experience of God can and should spill out into our wider communities—our friends, our schools & jobs, and where we live. Especially in these days, when people are longing to connect and reconnect, we want to be able to “speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). That’s why Testimony HQ started. SMU Perkins launched Testimony HQ to become a headquarters for churches to learn and practice testimony as a way to engage our church community and the community beyond us.

We’re excited about Testimony HQ and already have a core team formed. We would love for you to join us to learn more about it and determine if you’d like to be part of this new journey. On Saturday, January 28, 12:30-4 (lunch included), we will have an interactive and informative time hearing directly from Perkins leaders. Anyone interested or with questions is invited to attend.

So, why hesitate? After all, there’s a world of people waiting to hear your story! Check your Connection Card, click the link in your newsletter email and sign up online, or talk with Kelly Raaum directly.

## Grace Live - Save the Date

Mark your calendars Grace Live 2023 to take place on Saturday, March 25th right here at GPC. More information will be coming in the next few weeks!



## **Exultation Fundraiser Begins Sunday!**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Exultation Choir by buying pies and coffee in the past. We still do not have a pie distributor, but our COFFEE SALE is ready to go! Don't like coffee? Teas are also available with this fundraiser and even gourmet popcorn and honey.

The coffee we are selling is from DRIVEN... a Minnesota coffee roastery with flavors ranging from French Roast to Chocolate Turtle to Highlander Grogg and everywhere in-between. Ground, whole-bean, and K-cups are all available. Driven Coffee Roasters is providing us with sustainably-sourced, small-batch roasted, 100% Arabica, roasted-to-order coffee. In-person sales from individual members is preferred, but online options are also available.

This is Exultation's first project to help support their June 2023 Mission Tour to Philadelphia and New York City. Please contact an Exultation member today to order some delicious coffee! Also, mark your calendar now for GRACE LIVE, which will take place on March 25.

To be connected with an Exultation member to help support, call the church office and ask to speak with Michael or Paul, or send an email: [michael@gracepc.org](mailto:michael@gracepc.org) or [paul@gracepc.org](mailto:paul@gracepc.org).

The sale will begin January 22 and end on February 5! Thank you in advance for your support!

## **Grace Live Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Grace Live 2023 committee. We are responsible for soliciting donations, organizing donations, following up on details, and helping with the auction the day of the show (Saturday, March 25th). If you are interested in finding out more or joining our committee, please email Teri Waite at [teriwaite85@gmail.com](mailto:teriwaite85@gmail.com), click on the link in the newsletter email, or check the box on your connection card and someone will be in touch. It's a great way to get involved and to help a fabulous group of students.



## Blue Angels Bible Study Group

**Blue Angels (Monday noon study group) begins our new study Monday, January 23, 12:00–1:30pm.** We are using *Companions in Christ*, a small group transforming experience in spiritual formation. This series explores spiritual practices and invites participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another. This study includes some reading and exercises throughout the week. Anyone is welcome to join us. Talk to Pastor Tracey for more information.

## GPC Trip to Branson, MO

GPC is offering a trip to Branson, Missouri in May to see the production **QUEEN ESTHER** at the Sight & Sound Theatre, which produces epic biblical dramas year after year. The dates are May 17 – 20, 2023. The cost will be \$675 per person (double occupancy), which includes all transportation from Plano, comfortable hotel for 3 nights, 6 meals, and two shows, including *Queen Esther* and the Showboat Branson Belle. There will also be time for fellowship, shopping, and an extra show or attraction if you like. To receive more information, please check your connection card this Sunday or call the church office.

## Young Adult Updates

Thanks to all who attended our January gathering. The fellowship and thought-provoking discussion were so enjoyable. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming February gatherings. Our next fellowship event will be February 5 at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at The Moreland's, 1805 Belgium Drive, Plano, Texas.

On February 19, we will meet for lunch at 12:30pm at Kenny's East Coast Pizza at 4701 W. Park Blvd #101.

If you are interested in more information regarding participating in or serving as a member of the Young Adult Ministry, please contact Bonnie Moreland at 972-523-1266 for more information regarding the opportunity.



# Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to Bryan Haworth for securing a donation by Pepsico of chairs, monitors, and office supplies. In addition, Bryan, Bill Urech, Thomas Urech, and James Urech spent last Saturday morning cleaning, repairing, and re-distributing our old and new chairs in our adult education classrooms. We are blessed to have faithful servants.

Thank you to Laurie Shaw, Julie Haworth, and their team for providing creative and delicious snacks for our combined adult Sunday school class!

## Everything Else

### Building Use

As a reminder, if you would like to use our building, you are required to contact Kris Turner at [kris@gracepc.org](mailto:kris@gracepc.org) or at 469-429-6804 to verify availability, and to have the event added to the church calendar.

### 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](http://gracepc.org), and click on the Sanctuary flower box.

### Services for a Former Charter Member

Clark Kibler, a former charter member of Grace, and the father of former member Amy Thomas, passed away on January 10. Services for Clark will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 2PM at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg. (607 N Milam St, Fredericksburg, Tx, 78624) Please keep the Kibler and Thomas families in your prayers.

### Support for West Plano Presbyterian Church

West Plano Presbyterian Church invites the members of Grace to the Installation Service of their new pastor Rev. Dae Jung on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 4:00pm. Let's heartily welcome him to Plano and celebrate with West Plano. Pastor Tracey is on the commission to install Rev. Jung.

# Children's Ministry Updates

## Text for Children's Information

If you would like to receive our weekly children's communications, text @gpc-kids to the number 81010 and get connected and informed about upcoming children's events.

# Youth Ministry Updates

## Youth Live

- 5:15-5:30 Snacks
- 5:30-6:30PM Youth group

## Text for Youth Information

If you would like to receive our weekly youth communications, text @gpcym to the number 81010 and get connected and informed about upcoming youth events.





# Want to Learn?

## Children's Sunday School & Godly Play Schedule

All Sunday School classes meet at 10AM. Godly Play will be dismissed from worship during the 11:05AM service.

Nursery	CE102
Preschool - K SS	CE211*
1st - 3rd grade SS	CE214
4th - 5th grade SS	CE216
Godly Play	CE213
<i>(Godly Play Worship Center)</i>	

## Adult Sunday School

Grace currently has 5 adult Sunday classes meeting onsite. Classes begin at 10AM in the following rooms:

Trinity	MB2
Word of Life	MB4
Visions of Faith	MB3
Bible Boomers	Wheelus Hall
Koinonia	CE204/205

**The first 4 classes above are multi-generational. Koinonia is a class for young adults and families.**

## Youth Sunday School Schedule

MS/HS SS	CE203*
Confirmation Class	CE200

For questions contact Pastor Cara at [cara@gracepc.org](mailto:cara@gracepc.org).

## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

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

Mon. Blue Angels, 12PM MB4

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 Generations of Grace 7-9PM MB2

Fri. AM Men's, 7-8AM MB4

Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study 8-10AM MB4



# Want to Sing or Ring?

The GPC Music Ministry rehearsal schedule is below.

Please consider joining us!

## Choirs

Sanctuary Adult Choir  
Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15pm  
Sanctuary  
Michael King, Director

Exultation Choir  
Youth choir for grades 6 – 12  
Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm  
Sanctuary  
Michael King, Director

Voices in Praise (VIPs)  
Children's choir for grades 2 – 5  
Sundays, 5:15 – 6pm  
Room CE215  
Hannah Allen, Director

Cherub Choir  
Children's choir for PK thru 1st gd.  
Sundays, 4:30 – 5pm,  
Room CE215  
Hannah Allen, Director

## Handbells

Grace Notes  
Advanced adult handbells  
Sundays, 6:00 – 7:15pm  
Room: Sanctuary  
Michael King, Director

Tintinnabulators  
Middle school handbells  
Sundays, 3:00 – 4:00pm  
Room CE204-205  
Hannah Allen, Director

Credo  
High school handbells  
Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm  
Room: Sanctuary  
Katie Schnittker, Director

Carillon Ringers  
Children (Grades 3-5) handbells  
Sundays, 4:30 – 5:15pm  
Room CE 204/205  
Michelle Rutherford, Director

Feel free to contact any of the ensemble directors for more info we would love to have you!

Hannah Allen – Children's Choirs, Tintinnabulators (MS handbells)  
hannah@gracepc.org

Michael King – Exultation, Grace Notes, Sanctuary Choir  
michael@gracepc.org

Katie Schnittker – Credo Director (HS handbells)  
katie.schnittker@gmail.com

Michelle Rutherford – Carillon Ringers Director (Children handbells)  
mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net





# Calendar

## JANUARY

- 21 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 21 Minnie's Food Pantry Workday, 8AM
- 21 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)
- 22 Contemporary Worship, 9AM
- 22 Children's & Youth SS, 10AM (2nd floor of CE bldg.)
- 22 Confirmation Class, 10AM (CE200)
- 22 Trinity SS, 10AM (MB2)
- 22 Visions of Faith SS, 10AM (MB3)
- 22 Bible Boomers SS, 10AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 22 Word of Life SS, 10AM (MB4)
- 22 Koinonia SS, 10AM (CE204/205)
- 22 Traditional Worship, 11:05AM
- 22 Godly Play, 11:15AM (Godly Play Worship Center, (CE213))
- 22 Credo Rehearsal, 2:35PM (Sanctuary)
- 22 Tintinnabulators Rehearsal, 2:45PM (CE204/205)
- 22 Exultation Rehearsal, 4PM (Sanctuary)
- 22 Prayer Team Meeting, 4PM (MB2)
- 22 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal, 4:30PM (CE204/205)
- 22 Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 4:30PM (CE210)
- 22 Voices in Praise Choir Rehearsal, 5:15PM (CE210)
- 22 Youth Live, 5:15PM (Youth Room)
- 22 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 6PM (Sanctuary)
- 23 Blue Angels Bible Study, 12PM (MB2)
- 23 The Journey, 6:30PM (MB3)
- 23 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 24 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 25 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB25)
- 25 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM (Sanctuary)
- 26 Generations of Grace Women's Bible Study, 7PM (MB3)
- 26 Men's Pilgrimage Renewal, 7PM (Grace Place)
- 27 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 7AM (MB2)
- 28 Testimony HQ Informational Meeting, 12:30PM (Youth Room)

