



GRACE NEWS

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Grace members and friends,

Did you know that in the 18th century, there was a huge controversy in the church about music? Up to that point, most churches did not have hymnals. Those who did had only the words, no notes. A new idea came along. Why don't we put the words and the music in a book? People can learn how to read music, how to sing notes and even harmonies. To some it seemed like a great idea. To others it was scandalous. The controversy became heated. Rev. Thomas Symmes of Bradford, Massachusetts published the objections of those who did not want the new way. Here were some of the objections, as reported by James W. Moore in his book Attitude Is Your Paintbrush:

1. This is new.
2. These songs are not as melodious as the old ones.
3. The practice of reading music creates disturbances and causes people to behave indecently and disorderly.
4. The names given to the notes (do, re, mi, etc.) are bawdy and blasphemous.
5. It is needless; our fathers got to heaven without it.
6. It is a contrivance to get money.
7. Those who want this kind of music in the church are a company of upstarts; some of them are lewd, loose persons.

Of course, their fears did not materialize. Our choir is not too indecent or disorderly. Can we imagine not having our hymnal or all the great music that has come after these hymns with which to praise God? I can't! Music has so many superpowers in worship.

Join us this Sunday at 10am as we answer the question, "Why is music such an important part of worship?" and receive the blessings of Exultation singing and Credo ringing in praise to God.

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey





Summer Preaching Schedule

June 16 Let's Talk About the Power of Singing
June 23 Let's Talk About Tithing
June 30 Sarah Rutherford preaching

July 7 Let's Talk About the End Times
July 14 Let's Talk About Sin
July 21 Let's Talk About Caring for the Environment
July 28 Let's Talk About Unity

Coming in August: Raising Children, Judgment, Predestination

Get Involved at Grace

Grace Blog




Grace has begun a blog, spearheaded by our mission ministry. Missions has agreed to share information via the blog every month. Who knows who else may jump in with some interested thoughts. You can access the blog via the home page of our website at gracepc.org and click on the yellow box labeled Grace Blog.

Exultation Home Concert

Our Exultation Choir will present their final concert on their tour for their Grace Family this Sunday, June 16, during our 10AM worship. Keep them in your prayers as they make their way back to Texas and make sure you attend this Sunday and welcome them home.

VBS Celebration - June 28

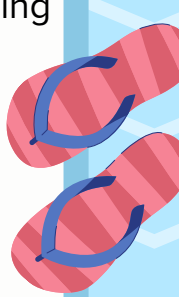
Mark your calendars to attend the VBS Friday Celebration on June 28 at 5:30pm. Come and support our children's ministry and hear about the wonderful things they learned at Camp Firelight. Immediately following the show, head outside to enjoy popsicles.






SMACK Needs

Our summer music and arts camp for kids meets July 8-12. We are at record numbers in registrations, but we need some help. We are looking for 1 1/2 more group leaders. Group leaders stay with the kids as they move from activity to activity. No prep work is required. The half position would be just on Thursday and Friday. Finally, there will be a volunteer break room, similar to VBS, and we are looking for donations. If you are willing to volunteer during the week, or are willing to provide a treat for the break room, please check your connection card on Sunday, or reach out to Hannah Allen at hannah@gracepc.org.




Engagement Corner

“Take me out to the balllllgame...” - well...ok! And- I’ll even buy you some peanuts and cracker jacks! We wanted a group outing to a Rangers game, but- had to pre-buy group tickets. We have 20 tickets for our group outing- Saturday July 6th, 3pm vs Tampa Rays. They are \$49 a piece, but...they are in the “all you can eat” section- so bring an appetite cause dinner is covered with your \$49.



If you are interested, send a note to fun@gracepc.org, and the 1st 20 that express interest will get a ticket. Just make a payment to the church for \$49 a ticket and put in “rangers game” for the memo. If interested, we’ll also be coordinating a car pool from Grace.



More details to come when you send a note to say you want to go.



Prayers are being Answered!

Your Prayer Team meets every Sunday in MB2 to pray over the prayers that have been shared with us. We meet at 4 PM, if you would like to have personal hands-on prayer, or wish to join us. If you would like to receive a list of the prayers weekly, send a message to Mike Shaw at broncosrbest@verizon.net to be added to our efforts to connect to the Lord and the community. Every week, God responds and answers. Here is a God answered this past week:

- Loiuse Nicol had successful valve surgery on Monday!
- Clark Carradine and Mike Shaw were blessed by the Men in White at REC!

We Celebrate

Happy Anniversary Pastor Wilson! This week marks the 2nd anniversary of Pastor Wilson joining in ministry with us at Grace. We are blessed with his leadership and servant hearted spirit.

Four women from Grace attended the annual Presbyterian women's conference at MO Ranch last weekend. They had a fabulous weekend at beautiful MO Ranch, and ran into an old friend!



We'd like to celebrate with you too! Please send us anything you are willing to share that will give us a reason to praise God with you and for you! Promotions, awards, accomplishments, personal victories, milestones, or "you name it" are welcome. Send them to Pastor Tracey at tracey@gracepc.org







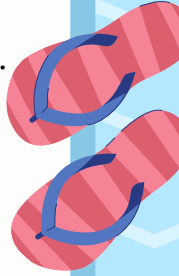


FEMA Disaster Declaration

Collin and Denton counties have been added to FEMA's Presidential Disaster Declaration. If you sustained damage to your home, vehicle, or personal property during the latest storms, you may apply for disaster assistance. FEMA's Individual Assistance program funding assists with expenses such as temporary housing, emergency home repairs, uninsured and underinsured personal property losses, disaster legal services, disaster unemployment assistance, and medical, dental, and funeral expenses caused by the disaster. There are three ways to apply:

1. online at: [disaster assistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov)
2. Download the FEMA app
3. Call 1-800-621-3362

The deadline to fill out an application is July 16th. We were told that whether or not you've begun the insurance process, fill out the application. They are there to help get repairs started as there may be an insurance lag, and if there are gaps between what insurance pays, and your costs, they may be able to fill that gap.

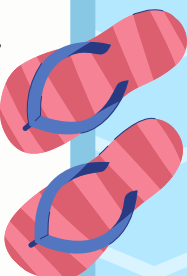




Children's Ministry Update

VBS & SMACK Registration Is Closing Soon!

There are only a few spots left for SMACK registration. VBS is full and all signups will go to a waitlist. If you would like to volunteer for either event please check your connection card or reach out to Pastor Cara (cara@gracepc.org) for VBS or Hannah Allen (hannah@gracepc.org) for SMACK!








Children's Ministry Pool Party - June 22

All of our children's ministry families are invited to get together this summer for a pool party at Pastor Tracey's home on Saturday, June 22 from 12-2pm. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to catching up with everyone.

VBS Needs

VBS begins in just 2 weeks. Registration is closed and we have waitlists in most of our classes. It is not too late to help. Children's ministry is **still** accepting gift cards from Walmart, Michaels, and Amazon. In addition, they are looking for volunteers to help turn our building into Camp Firelight on Sunday, June 23. We especially need people willing to climb ladders to hang decorations. If you are available to help, fill out your connection card on Sunday, or click on the email link in your newsletter email and let Pastor Cara know you are willing to help.



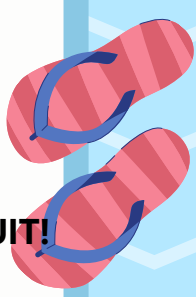


Youth Updates

Youth Lock-in - June 29

Registration Closed June 13

All youth are invited to a summer lock-in beginning Friday, June 28th at 7pm, and ending on Saturday morning, June 29th at 7am.


- 7:00PM-midnight - Group Dynamix in Carrollton (1100 Venture Ct. #120, Carrollton, TX 75006). **CLOSED TOE SHOES ARE REQUIRED!!!**
 - Midnight-2:00AM - Pool party at Boles home. **BRING TOWEL AND SWIMSUIT!**
 - 2:00AM-3:00AM - Whataburger. **\$10 OF FEE COVERS FOOD. PLEASE BRING EXTRA IF THAT WILL NOT COVER YOUTH'S MEAL.**
 - 3:00AM-7:00AM- Grace PC
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Pick up at 7:00AM in youth room.

The cost is \$30.00/youth. Friends are welcome!!

To sign up, click on the Youth Lock-In link in your newsletter email. If you have questions, you can email Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org or Tanya Valenta at tanya@gracepc.org





Want to Sing or Ring?

All children's choirs are on a summer hiatus and will resume in the fall.

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, 4:15 – 5pm
Room CE215
Hannah Allen, Director

Handbell Choirs

Grace Notes

Advanced adult handbells
Sundays, 6:00 – 7:30pm
Room: Sanctuary
Michael King, Director

Tintinnabulators

Middle school handbells
Sundays, 2:45 – 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





Want to Learn?

**Children's School Year
Sunday School
10AM**

**Youth School Year
Sunday School Schedule
10AM**

Children's & Youth Sunday School will return on Sunday, August 18.

**Godly Play- 11:15am
Godly Play will return on Sunday, August 18.**

Adult Sunday School Summer Schedule - 11AM

Word of Life
Trinity

MB4
MB2




**School Year Adult Sunday School - 10am
Will return on Sunday, August 18**

Visions of Faith
Bible Boomers
Koinonia

MB3
Wheelus Hall
CE204/205

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities






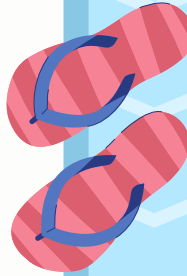

Mon. PM Men's Bible Study, 7-9PM	MB4
Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM	MB2
Wed. AM Women of Wonder, 10:30AM	MB4
Thurs. PM Generations of Grace Women's, 7PM	Will return in Sept.
Fri. AM Men's Bible Study, 7-9AM	MB2
Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study, 8-10AM	MB2





Calendar

JUNE



14 Jigsaw Puzzler's Meeting, 7PM (Grace Place)
15 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8:30AM (MB2)
15 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)
16 Happy Father's Day
16 Combined Worship, 10AM (Exultation Home Concert)
16 Word Of Life Adult Sunday School, 11AM
16 Trinity Sunday School, 11AM
16 VBS Volunteer Training, 11:15AM (CE205/205)
16 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2 & Zoom)
17 Cancer Support Group, 12PM (Zoom)
17 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
18 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
18 Property Committee Meeting, 7PM (Workroom)
18 Finance Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB2)
18 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB4)
19 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
19 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
20 Children & Youth Committee Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
20 Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7PM (CE204/205)
21 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
23 Combined Worship, 10AM (Exultation Home Concert)
23 Word Of Life Adult Sunday School, 11AM
23 Trinity Sunday School, 11AM
23 VBS Volunteer Training, 11:15AM (CE205/205)
23 VBS Decorating
23 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2 & Zoom)
24-28 VBS