

GRACE NEWS



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Grace members and friends,

As most of you know, we are taking the summer to talk about topics or passages we rarely discuss. Because our church values bold faith, lifelong learning, and inviting everyone (even those who disagree with us), there should be no topic off limits. We should be able to discuss hard questions in mutual love and respect. So far, we have tackled the call to service, singing in worship, tithing, predestination, and the end times. Sunday's topic is no less controversial and just as important as the others. Let's Talk About Sin (Luke 18:9-14; Romans 6:1-14).


A sin is anything that goes against the good will of our good God. But sin is a downer to talk about and God is a God of grace. Should we even talk about sin anymore? Or should we get serious about sin and point out every sin in everyone else? Neither of those solutions leads to the healing, peace, and salvation found in Jesus for which we and our world so desperately long.

Join us this Sunday at 10am as we worship God enthusiastically

Your pastor and friend,

Tracey

Summer Preaching Schedule



July 21	Let's Talk About Caring for the Environment
July 28	Let's Talk About Unity
August 4	Sarah Rutherford preaching
August 11	Let's Talk About Children
August 18	Let's Talk About Judgment
August 25	Let's Talk About Suffering

Get Involved at Grace

Spice of Life July Lunch - July 17

Seniors (50+), our July Spice of Life luncheon has moved from the 2nd Wednesday to the third Wednesday for this month only. So, make plans to join us on Wed., July 17th at noon. Our team is serving sloppy joes with baked beans and cole slaw. Please bring either chips, veggies, fruits or a dessert to share.

Grief Group - Sept. 24

The Grief Group at Grace has now been helping people for over 10 years and we will be starting our next group on Sept. 24. 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) for more information. Module topics are shown on the webpage by selecting the link.

Fantasy Football is Back! - Aug. 17

Cowboys fans, ready for another year of early exit playoffs? What better way to take your mind off the Cowboys than to sign up for GPC Fantasy Football! It is indeed that time already. We're kicking off the 2nd annual Grace PC Fantasy Football league. Any age is welcome.

- Cost will be \$10 a team, and we will use the ESPN fantasy app (will be collected at signup)
- Draft will be Saturday 8/17 in Wheelus Hall at 1pm. It will last roughly 2 hours
- We will gather at 12pm for a potluck lunch in Wheelus- what better way to have a tailgate!
- A laptop, tablet, or phone will be needed to draft, and, to manage your team during the season

Who's gonna be the Grace PC super bowl champ? It could be you- but you gotta sign up! Worried that you have no experience, are a total novice, and have never done this before? Don't be- Mary Erwin was in that EXACT boat last year, and just went for it anyway...and ended up winning one of the 4 leagues! This is a very friendly environment to give a shot. If nothing else- you'll have fun. See the sign-up link in the newsletter. If you have questions, or want your fears allayed, see David Hurwich, or send me an email at fun@gracepc.org

Thank You

Thank you to Teri Waite, Bryan Raalum, Laura Jones, and Connie Mussett for being our Youth Lock-In Chaperones. Special thank you to Ann and Brad Boles for hosting the youth's midnight pool party!



A good time was had by all!



Mission Updates

Summer Blood Drive - July 21

We are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, July 21st, from 9am-1pm! To sign up please use the link in your newsletter email, check the box on your connection card or contact Janice McQuary at janice.mcquary@gmail.com. Please consider giving the gift of life this summer.

School Supply Drive - Ends Aug. 11

GPC will once again be collecting school supplies for Carpenter Middle School in Plano ISD. Carpenter is a Title One school, with about 2/3 of their students qualifying for free or reduced lunch. We will be only be collecting three items:

spiral notebooks (any size or color)
boxes of tissue
pencils

Please bring all donations to GPC by Sunday, August 11 so that they may be delivered by the first day of school. Please contact Ann Boles at ann.boles@yahoo.com or 972-898-3405 with any questions.

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 interesting thoughts. You can access the blog using the link in your newsletter email or by going to the home page of our website at gracepc.org and click on the yellow box labeled Grace Blog. Be sure and check out the new blog post this week by Pastor Wilson!

Your Grace Mission team is running monthly events through the Fall. Be on the lookout for details in the newsletter, connection card and Moment for Mission. Upcoming events are:

- **Blood drive** on Sunday July 21st. The Carter Blood mobile will be at Grace
- A **school supplies drive** for Carpenter Middle school from Mid-July until the early August - see above
- A **Minnie's food pantry food drive** through August. Ending in our Minnie's workday on Saturday September 7th
- The **Family Promise Golf tournament** on Monday September 30th.
- The **Outreach Program (formerly Numana)** meal packing event on Saturday October 5th
- Both the **Family Promise Dinner of Hope** and the **PCHAS Fall Luncheon** on Thursday November 7th.

Membership Engagement

Take me out to the balllllgame...and indeed we did! 20 people got their money's worth in the all-you-can-eat section with hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, peanuts, nachos, and soda. And- we were 10 ft away from catching Semien's go ahead home run in the bottom of the 7th! Just something magical about a baseball game, and glad we could all say- "hello win column".





We Celebrate

It's a Girl!

Welcome to the world baby Joy! Joy Susanna Crumbaugh was born on July 5 at 2:40pm, 6lb 8oz, 19.25 inches long, to parents Dan and Tracy Crumbaugh and siblings Eleanor and Wendell .

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

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:

- Dan and Tracy Crumbaugh welcome a new member to their family - Joy Susanna!
- Stephen Glover had successful kidney stone surgery!
- Stephen's brother Danny is now home from the hospital!

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

Credo

High school handbells

Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm

Room: Sanctuary

Katie Schnittker, Director

Tintinnabulators

Middle school handbells

Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm

Room CE204-205

Hannah Allen, 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**

Adult Sunday School Summer Schedule - 11AM

Word of Life

MB4

School Year Adult Sunday School - 10am

Visions of Faith

MB3

Bible Boomers

Wheelus Hall

Koinonia

CE204/205

Trinity

MB2

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Mon. PM Men's Bible Study, 7-9PM

MB4

Will return on Aug. 5)

Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM

MB2

Wed. AM Women of Wonder, 10:30AM

MB4

Will return on Aug. 7

MB2

Thurs. PM Generations of Grace Women's, 7PM

(Will return on Sept. 4)

MB2

Fri. AM Men's Bible Study, 7-9AM

MB2

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



Calendar

JULY

- 12 SMACK Showcase - "Esther", 5:30PM
- 12 Jigsaw Puzzle Group Meeting, 7PM (Grace Place)
- 13 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)
- 14 Combined Worship, 10AM
- 14 Word Of Life Adult Sunday School, 11AM
- 14 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2 & Zoom)
- 15 Cancer Support Group Meeting, 12PM (Zoom)
- 16 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 16 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB4)
- 17 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2 & Zoom)
- 17 Spice of Life Luncheon, 12PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 18 Children & Youth Committee Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
- 18 Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7PM (CE204/205)
- 19 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 20 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8:30AM (MB2)
- 20 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)
- 21 Blood Drive
- 21 Combined Worship, 10AM
- 21 Word Of Life Adult Sunday School, 11AM
- 21 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2 & Zoom)
- 23 Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 23 Finance Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB2)
- 25 Children & Youth Committee Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
- 25 Men's Pilgrimage Renewal, 7PM (Grace Place)
- 26 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 26 Jigsaw Puzzle Group Meeting, 7PM (Grace Place)