

GRACE NEWS

MAY 11, 2025
Happy Mother's Day

Grace Family,

Have you ever thought about fighting against God? Not physically fighting, but wanting something different than God wants for you or for someone else? Can we protest what God is up to or challenge God's will? What would that look like? And who would win? Here's a sermon spoiler: God always wins – Resurrection teaches us that. Not even the darkest evil or the finality of death can defeat God and God's plans.

Jacob fought with God and ended up with a hip out of joint (Genesis 32:25-32). He became Israel after the fight and fathered a nation. Saul fought against God and ended up blind for three days, stopped in his tracks. (Acts 9:1-22). Known as Paul after the fight, he became the most passionate and prolific evangelist, spreading Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. So, even though both these men fought against God and lost, they won something better than they could have ever imagined.

I wonder if that has happened to anyone else? Job? Jonah? Me?

Join us this Sunday at 9am and 11:05am as we worship God enthusiastically and proclaim that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Philippians 1:3,
Tracey

Upcoming Sermon Texts

May 18 John 21:20-25

May 25 John 14:23-29

June 1 Senior Sunday

Get Involved at Grace

Weeknight Women's May Dinner - May 12

Ladies, join us for Weeknight Women's dinner on May 12 at 6pm for burgers at Chips Hamburgers on the Boardwalk at Granite Park. Let's "hopefully" take advantage of some patio weather while we can! Please help us with planning by checking your connection card to RSVP, or using the link in your newsletter email.

Spice of Life lunch - May 14

Seniors (50+), join us on Wednesday, May 14 at noon in Wheelus Hall for "Taco Wednesday". The team will be providing tacos with rice, black beans, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream and salsa. Please bring either tortilla chips, salad, fruit, or dessert to share.

New Members - May 18

Grace will be receiving new members into our church family on Sunday, May 18. If you are looking for a church home, please contact any of our pastors, and they will walk you through the short process. You may also use the "Interested in Joining GracePC" email link in your newsletter email to reach out to Pastor Tracey with questions.

Youth End of Year SS Party - May 18

All youth (6th - 12th grades) are invited to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with a pancake party on Sunday, May 18th at 10AM in the youth rooms. Your leaders will be making fresh hot pancakes, and we encourage you to come for food, fun, and fellowship.

Children's End of Year SS Party - May 18

Our children will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with an ice cream party held on Sunday, May 18, in their classrooms. Parents, drop off and pick up your students in their classrooms.

Grace Summer Worship Schedule - May 25

Grace will move to our summer worship schedule beginning Memorial Day Sunday, May 25. We will have 1 combined worship at 10:30am.

Family Promise Hosting - May 25-30

The Family Promise of Collin County hosting program is back, with two (2) families participating and staying at First United Methodist Church in Sachse.

GPC will provide meals and other items during the week of May 25th on M/W/F. All items will be picked up from the GPC kitchen and delivered to the FMUC Sachse Parsonage, located at 1520 Blackburn Rd, Sachse, TX 75408

If you would like to receive the sign up genius link to provide meals or other needed supplies, check your connection card and leave it in the offering plate.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of this vital community program.

Church Offices Closed - May 26

As a reminder, the church offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Senior Sunday - June 1

Graduation is coming up and we want to celebrate all our graduating seniors (HS, College, and graduate school) on June 1st, Senior Recognition Sunday. To help us honor your senior, please fill out the graduating senior information form online, found in the links section of your newsletter email, or you can find the link in the signup tab of the website. In addition, please send a photo of your graduate to Kris Turner at kris@gracepc.org by May 25th.

VBS Volunteer Meeting - June 8

All VBS volunteers are encouraged to attend a VBS volunteer meeting on Sunday, June 8 at 11:45am in CE204.205.

Environmental Stewardship Spring Fun Fact

Baby birds need to eat every 10-20 minutes after they hatch, and their diet primarily consists of insects and spiders. We can all help baby birds receive the nutrition they need by reducing or eliminating the use of insecticides in our yards.

Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!"

Playground PSA

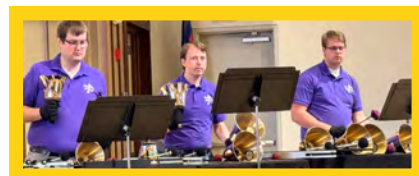
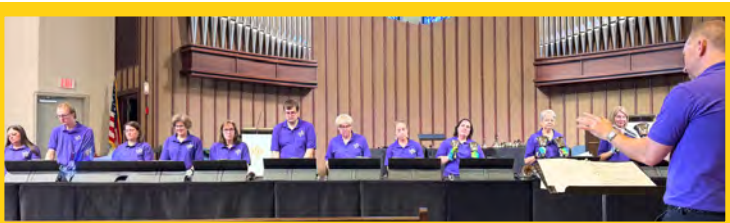
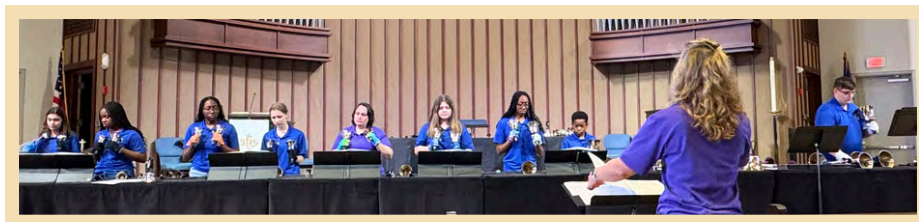
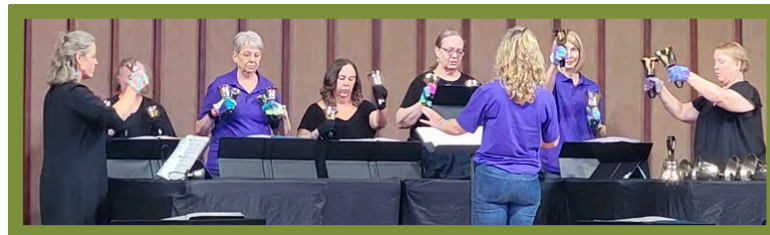
We are blessed with a wonderful playground for our children, and you are welcome to use it during church events. If your children use the playground, please put the bikes back against the building, the toys back in the storage bins, and any trash in trash cans. Thank you!

Affirmations & Thank You's

Volunteer Appreciation

We celebrated our Family Ministry, Music, & Adult SS leaders last week with some sweet Tiff Treats! Thank you to all who give so selflessly of your time and talents to our congregation.

Thank you to our Music Ministry for showcasing our four fabulous handbell choirs at the end of year concert last Sunday. We have so many talented musicians, and are blessed by outstanding directors and volunteers. Thank you to Michael King, Katie Schnittker, & Michelle Rutherford for your leadership and direction of our handbell ensembles, and for all of the ringers and volunteers who participate in making beautiful music to glorify God.



Beaty Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to everyone who donated bagels, cream cheese, ice cream toppings, and time, whether it was writing a note of appreciation, or serving at the school. The teachers and staff appreciate all we do for them as their “defacto PTA”.



Prayers are being Answered!

Your Prayer Team meets every Sunday in MB2 at 4PM and a 2nd prayer team meets every Tuesday evening at 7PM in the parlor to pray over the prayers that have been shared with us. If you would like to have personal hands-on prayer, or wish to join us you are welcome at either meeting. 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.

- Becca, Anne Bowman's sister-in-law is now cured from her cancer!
- The residents of the Luapala Province see Alia Davenport as an answer to their prayers!

Family Ministries Upcoming Events

Youth Pizza & Movie Night - May 23

Students (6th-12th grades), come and unwind after the last day of school for a pizza and movie night. We will meet in the youth room at 7pm, and wrap up at 11pm. To help with planning, please RSVP on your connection card, or text Pastor Cara if you plan to participate.

VBS Roadtrip - June 23-27

VBS is going on a roadtrip from June 23 through the 27th. It will be held from 9am-12pm, and if your child has finished K-5, they have the opportunity to extend through 2PM. Registration is now open! Registration will be found on the front page of the website. We are currently looking for volunteers. If you are being called to serve our children this summer, please check your connection card and we will reach out.

Sign up now for the Youth Lock-In - Friday, June 27
Use the link in your newsletter email.

SMACK - July 14-18

SMACK Registration is open! Our Summer Music and Arts Camp for Kids will take place from July 14-18 with a performance on Friday, the 18th.

SMACK is for children who have completed 2nd - 6th grade. SMACK Jr. is designed for Kindergarteners and 1st graders. To register, please use the links found in the email message above. Space is limited! Register today!

Family Ministries Sunday AM Schedule

The 2024/25 SS year ends on May 18th.

Children's Sunday School - 10AM

	Room	Leaders
Class Preschool	CE 211	Helen Blacklock & Lorna Little
Kindergarten - 1st	CE 212	Mark Ellis & Xenia Gross Brad
2nd - 3rd grades	CE 214	Boles & David Hurwich
4th - 5th grades	CE 216	Liz Urech & Eme Thomas

Youth Sunday School - 10AM

Class	Room CE	Leaders
Middle School & High School	200- CE203	Jack Davenport, Austin Nichols, Bryan Raaum, Teri Waite

Godly Play - 11:15AM

Class Godly Play Room CE 213 (Godly Play Worship Center)

Want to Learn?

Children's School Year
Sunday School
10AM

Youth School Year
Sunday School
10AM

School Year Adult Sunday School - 10am

Bible Boomers

Koinonia

Trinity

Visions of Faith

Word of Life

Wheelus Hall

CE204/205

MB2

MB3

MB4

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Mon. PM Men's Bible Study, 7-9PM	MB4
Mon. Blue Angels, 12-1:30PM	MB2
Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM	MB2
Wed. AM Women of Wonder, 10:30AM	MB4
Thurs. PM Generations of Grace Women's, 7PM	MB2
Fri. AM Men's Bible Study, 8-10AM	MB2
Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study, 8:30-10:30AM	MB2

Want to Sing or Ring?

Choirs

Sanctuary Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Voices in Praise (VIPs)

Children's choir for grades 2 – 5

Sundays, 4 – 5pm Room CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Exultation Choir Youth choir for grades 6 – 12

Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm

Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Cherub Choir

Children's choir for PK thru 1st gd.

Sundays, 4 – 5pm

Room CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Handbell Choirs

Grace Notes

Advanced adult handbells

Sundays, 5:45 – 7:15pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Agape Bells

Beginner adult handbells

Sundays, 4:15 – 5pm

Room: CE204-205

Katie Schnittker, Director

Credo

Youth handbells

Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm

Room: Sanctuary

Katie Schnittker, Director

Carillon Ringers

Children (Grades 3-5) Handbells

Sundays, 3 – 4pm

Room: CE204/205

Michelle Rutherford & Hannah
Allen, Directors

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

Hannah Allen – Children's Choirs, hannah@gracepc.org

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

Katie Schnittker – Credo Director, Agape Bells Director
katie.schnittker@gmail.com

Michelle Rutherford – Carillon Ringers Director,
mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net

Calendar

MAY

- 9 Day School Spring Program, 5:30PM (Sanctuary)
- 9 Jigsaw Puzzler's Group Meeting, 7PM (CE204/205)
- 10 Minnie's Food Pantry Workday, 8AM
- 10 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)
- 10 Troop 999 Carwash, 10AM
- 11 Happy Mother's Day
- 11 Contemporary Worship, 9AM
- 11 Sunday School for All, 10AM
- 11 Traditional Worship, 11:05AM
- 11 Godly Play, 11:15AM (Godly Play Worship Center, CE213)
- 11 Prayer Group Meeting, 4PM (MB2)
- 12 Blue Angels Bible Study, 12PM (MB2)
- 12 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 12 Weeknight Women's Dinner, 6PM Chip's13
- 13 Tuesday Women's AM Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 13 Pilgrimage Women's Renewal, 6PM (Parlor)
- 13 Weeknight Prayer Group, 7PM (Parlor)
- 14 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 14 Spice of Life Luncheon, 12PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 14 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 15 Generations of Grace Women's Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 16 Men's Fri. AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 17 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8:30AM (MB2)
- 17 Kay Stahler's Memorial Service, 2PM
- 17 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (CE204/205)
- 18 Contemporary Worship, 9AM
- 18 End of Year SS Parties for Children & Youth, 10AM
- 18 Traditional Worship, 11:05AM
- 18 Godly Play, 11:15AM (Godly Play Worship Center, CE213)
- 18 Session Meeting, 12:30PM (Wheelus Hall)