



GRACE NEWS

September 14 | 2025

Grace Family,

As we continue in Luke's gospel, we find Jesus in Luke 15 being criticized by the Pharisees for the company he keeps. People like prostitutes and tax collectors, people we would call "lost," are listening to Jesus. "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them," they charge.

It is in response that Jesus tells three parables. They are about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. Wait. I have that wrong. In the parables, the main character is always God, so these are really stories about a searching shepherd, a diligent woman, and a generous father, longing for reunion, never giving up, even leaving the 99 to go after just one. Why such a diligent search? Is it really worth all the time and energy to go after just one? It is if the sheep, the coin, and the son are valuable and precious to the searcher. These parables confirm the title of this sermon series: **Every Single Person matters to Jesus.**

But Jesus is not telling this parable to the "lost" prostitutes and tax collectors. Jesus is telling this parable to the "found" Pharisees. "Suppose you had a hundred sheep and lost one," he queries them. "What would you do?" What is Jesus calling the "found" to do? What are they missing about who God is and for whom God longs? Are we sure we know who is lost and who is found?

Join us this Sunday at 10:30am as we worship God enthusiastically.

Philippians 1:3,

Tracey

Get Involved

Sermon Series Coming This Fall: Every Single Person

The Gospel of Luke is this year's lectionary gospel. Luke, the investigative writer of this "orderly account" of the life of Jesus was a physician. Both Luke's and Jesus' love for people shine through these words. Luke highlights Jesus as a compassionate healer – particularly for those his culture considered outcasts: persons who are demon-possessed, lepers, paralytics, tax collectors, those with physical challenges, the sinful, the ill, the blind, the oppressed, the mourning, the lost, the least, and the uninvited. The Good News of the gospel is that **EVERY SINGLE PERSON MATTERS TO JESUS!** Join us weekly this fall!

September 21	A Dying Girl and A Bleeding Woman	Luke 8:40-56
September 28	A Centurian's Slave	Luke 7:1-10

New Members - Sept. 14

We are receiving new members following worship this Sunday. If you are interested in joining our Grace family, or have any questions about Grace, please talk with any of our pastors after the service, or email them at tracey@gracepc.org, wilson@gracepc.org or cara@gracepc.org.

Weeknight Women Dinner - Sept. 15

Weeknight Women is group of women who meet during the week for dinner and fellowship. There is no set week or day as it will change each month, so look for communication from the church. On Monday, September 15, we will be meeting at 6pm at Kenny's Burger Joint in Plano. We would love for you to join us.

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Women of Grace Fall Retreat - Oct. 4

Ladies, the Women of Grace Fall Retreat tickets are on sale! The WOG committee has planned a wonderful day of fellowship, food, and fun at the Oak Point Nature Preserve Pavilion. Tickets are \$25 per person. Use the WOG retreat link in your newsletter, or stop by their table in the narthex before or after worship to sign up. **The deadline to register is Sunday, Sept. 21.** If you have any questions, contact Laurie Kneeland at 214-498-6364.

Pilgrimage #54 - Oct. 17-19

A Pilgrimage weekend is three days long, but lasts a lifetime!

The three-day weekend is a purposefully-designed method for renewing the faith of individuals. Activities throughout the weekend provide opportunities for participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ.

Enjoy discipleship, fellowship, music, small group discussions and joyful experiences shared with Christian brothers and sisters.

The purpose of Pilgrimage is for the participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ and to encourage them to take this new-found relationship back to their home. It challenges and equips each local church member for Christian action in their local church, in their home, in their place of work and in their community.

If you feel called to enrich your faith, or to take the next step in your relationship with Christ, sign up to attend a Pilgrimage weekend!

NTPP #54, held at Camp Gilmont, is right around the corner, and many Grace friends will be staffing the weekend. The weekend has been shortened, and begins at noon on Friday, October 17, and concludes around 3PM on Sunday, October 19.

If you would like more information click on the ntpp.org website link in your newsletter email.

Affirmations

A big thank you goes out to Ann & Brad Boles and the entire fellowship ministry team for the ice cream sundaes we enjoyed on Promotion Sunday.

They Escaped!



Our middle school and high school students kicked off the new year at the Breakout Escape rooms. A big thank you to Erik Habel for driving, and Melvyn Turner for the double duty of driving and being locked in a room with 6 of our high school students solving riddles and puzzles. Each group successfully escaped with plenty of time to spare.

A final thank you goes out to our memorial service team for the time and effort they provided for Brittany Weslocky's memorial service last Saturday. Their dedication and commitment to helping the bereaved families in our congregation is inspiring. If you would like to be a part of this team, contact either Gail Balbinot or Kelly Raaum.



Family Ministry Upcoming Events

Children's Movie Night - Sept. 27

All children, Preschool - 5th grade, are invited to a GPC Movie Night! It will be held at Grace in the youth room on Saturday, September 27, from 6-8PM. We will have popcorn and snow cones! Friends are invited! Sign up on your connection card or e-mail Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org to attend.

Youth Field Trip - Sept. 28

This fall, in youth Sunday School, Pastor Cara will be comparing and contrasting Protestant, Catholic, and Baptist beliefs and traditions. In support of this, the youth (6th-12th grades) are invited on a special field trip to worship at Salem Institute Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. Sign up on your connection card or e-mail Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org to attend.

Waves of Grace Youth Retreat - Nov. 8-9

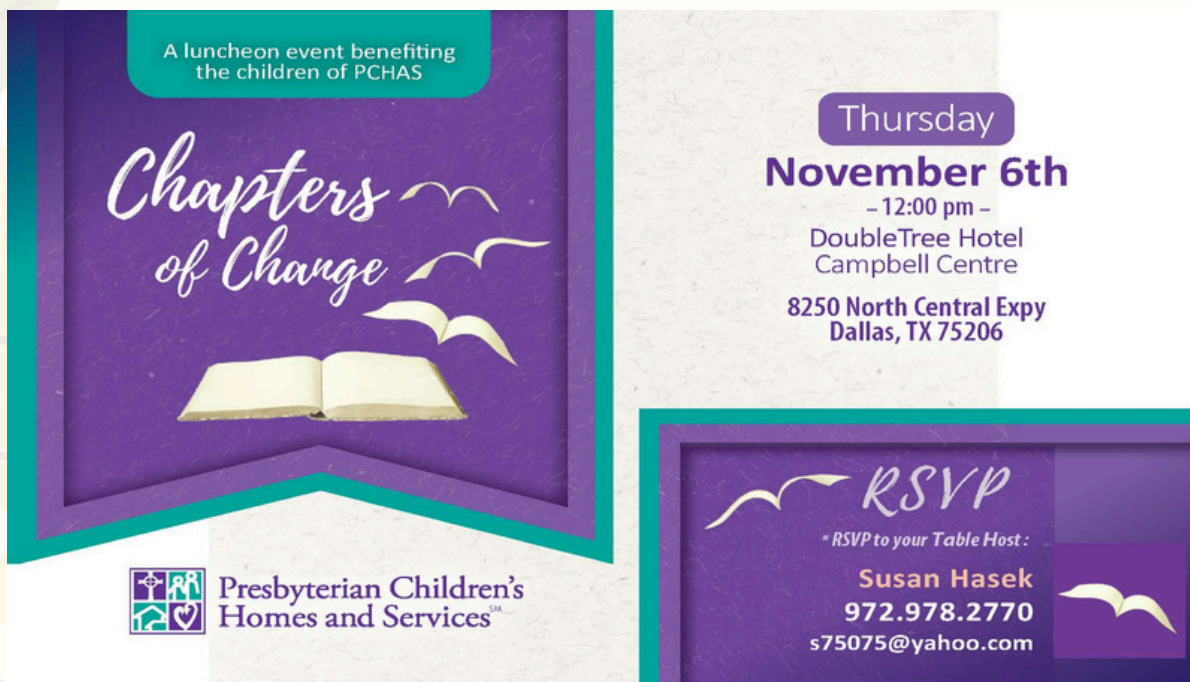
Waves of Grace is a weekend retreat at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas, for 6th-12th grade students. Dates are Nov 8-9, 2025. Cost is \$120 per youth. The youth will participate in games, arts and crafts, hiking, crate stacking, and more! They will enjoy fellowship with friends and leaders. Chaperones are needed. Registration deadline is October 15th. Contact Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org or Tanya Valenta at tanya@gracepc.org if you would like to chaperone or for more information. The youth registration form can be found in your newsletter email.

Mission Opportunities

PCHAS Luncheon - Nov. 6

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services will be having their Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, November 6th at the DoubleTree Hotel Campbell Centre in Dallas. The 2025 theme is "Chapters of Change". GPC will be hosting a table again this year.

The complimentary lunch and program will be held from 12:00-1:00 pm. Attendees will learn more about this wonderful ministry and be asked to consider making a monetary gift. For more information, or questions, please check your connection card or reach out to our PCHAS Ambassador and table host, Susan Hasek at hasek1@verizon.net





As seen above, North Texas Giving Day is on Thursday, September 18. Three organizations that Grace supports, Family Promise of Collin County, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, and Minnie's Food Pantry are participating in the event. Please consider a tax free donation to any one or all of these organizations.

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.

- Huge turnout to celebrate the life and legacy of Brittany Weslocky!
- Marc, Clark Carradine's relative, who had triple bypass is now healing at home.

Want to Learn?

Education for All on Sundays - 9:15am

Adult Sunday School

Bible Boomers , @9:15am - Continuing studying the Gospel of John	MB4
Koinonia , @9:15am, Beginning a study of Judith	CE204/205
Trinity @9:15am - Beginning a study of Lamentations	MB2
Visions of Faith , @9:15am - Beginning a study from the book, <u>The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality</u>	MB3
Word of Life , @11:30am - Continuing a study of Hebrews	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

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Exultation Choir

Youth choir for grades 6 – 12

Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Voices in Praise (VIPs)

Children's choir for grades 2 – 5

Sundays, 4 – 4:45pm

Room: CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Cherub Choir

Children's choir for PK thru 1st gd.

Sundays, 9:15AM

Room: CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Handbell Choirs

Grace Notes

Advanced adult handbells

Sundays, 5:45 – 7:15pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Credo

Youth handbells

Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm

Room: Sanctuary

Katie Schnittker, Director

Agape Bells

Beginner adult handbells

Sundays, 4:15 – 5pm

Room: CE204-205

Katie Schnittker, Director

Carillon Ringers

Children (Grades 3-5) Handbells

Sundays, 3 - 3:45pm

Room: CE204/205

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, 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

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Jigsaw Puzzler's Group Meeting, 7PM (narthex)
- 13 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)
- 14 Bible Boomer's SS, 9:15AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 14 Koinonia SS, 9:15AM (CE204/205)
- 14 Trinity SS, 9:15AM (MB2)
- 14 Visions of Faith SS, 9:15AM (MB3)
- 14 Children & Youth SS, 9:15AM
- 14 Worship, 10:30AM
- 14 Word of Life SS, 11:30AM (MB4)
- 14 Session Meeting, 11:45AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 14 Credo Rehearsal, 2:45PM (Sanctuary)
- 14 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal, 3PM (CE204/205)
- 14 Voices in Praise Rehearsal, 4PM (CE215)
- 14 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2)
- 14 Agape Bells, 4:15PM (CE204/205)
- 14 Youth Mystery Event, 4PM
- 14 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 5:45PM (Sanctuary)
- 15 Cancer Support Group Meeting, 12PM (Zoom)
- 15 Blue Angels Study Group, 12PM (MB2)
- 15 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 16 Tuesday Women's AM Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 16 Grief Group, 7PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 16 Property Committee Meeting, 7PM (Workroom)
- 16 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB4)
- 16 Finance Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB2)
- 16 Tuesday Evening Prayer Group, 7PM (Parlor)
- 17 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
- 17 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 17 ESL, 5:30PM
- 17 Citizenship Class, 6:45PM (MB3)
- 17 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 18 North Texas Giving Day
- 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)