

GRACE NEWS

November 2 | 2025

Grace Family,

November 2 is All Saints' Sunday, the day we remember those who have died. One gets the strongest sense in the gospels that Jesus does not accept death as the natural order of things. Jesus is against death. Every time Jesus came upon death, he was angered, moved, and saddened. Every time Jesus came upon death, he told the mourners to go away, the loved ones not to weep. Every time Jesus came upon death, he did something to interrupt it. Twice, Jesus reversed the death of someone's child by bringing them back to life.

In our text for this Sunday, Jesus runs into a funeral procession for a widow's only son (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, he stops the procession, touches the stretcher on which the dead man is laying, and commands him to get up, which he does. Of course, the crowd is filled with awe, praising God for this good news which spreads throughout the surrounding area.

I wonder what this tells us about life and death, and Jesus, and his care for those who mourn? Join us this Sunday at 10:30am as we worship God enthusiastically and remember that Every Single Person Matters to Jesus!

Philippians 1:3,

Tracey

Get Involved

Upcoming Sermon Texts Every Single Person Matters to Jesus

November 9	Luke 5:17-26	Friends
November 16	Luke 9:10-17	A Hungry Crowd
November 23	Luke 23:32-43	The Thief on the Cross

Minnie's Thanksgiving Collection October 27 thru November 9

Minnie's Food Pantry has over 3000 families signed up to receive a Thanksgiving meal box and have asked Grace to help provide boxes of macaroni and cheese. Beginning Monday, Oct. 27, we will be collecting boxes of macaroni & cheese. Please leave your donation on the table in the narthex. The drive ends on Nov. 9.

Property Workday - November 8

The property committee is holding a church wide outdoor workday on Saturday, November 8 starting at 9AM. We need all of our gardeners to come out to help in our clean up efforts of the beds before winter arrives. In addition, we will be planting winter pansies. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support beautifying our grounds, please donate towards our pansy fund. Each flat of pansies is \$20. There will be a red wagon in the narthex this Sunday for you to drop off any donation. If you are able to attend, please either check your connection card or use the email link in your newsletter email and let Kris know.

Blood Drive - November 9

Our final blood drive of the year is just four Sundays away! On Sunday, November 9 from 9:30a - 12:30p, the Carter BloodCare Bus will be in our west parking lot. We are beginning signups now. If you would like to donate the gift of life, please use the signup link in your newsletter, or check your connection card and it will be emailed to you.

Spice of Life Lunch - November 12

Seniors (50+), you are invited to join us in Wheelus Hall on Wednesday, November 12, for a Mexican lunch of chicken enchiladas with rice and beans. Please bring either vegetables, salad, fruit or a dessert to share.

Week Night Women's Dinner - November 13

Ladies, join us for the last Weeknight Women's dinner of 2025 on Thursday, November 13 at 6pm. We are meeting at Campisis's on Parker & Preston. To help with reservations, please RSVP via the connection card or use the email link in your newsletter email.

Free Puzzle Giveaway - November 16

Back By Popular Demand

The Grace Jigsaw Puzzlers are having another FREE puzzle give-away Sunday, November 16, in the narthex before and after the service. Pick up a puzzle or two for those holiday gatherings! If you have puzzles you would like to donate, you can leave them on one of the tables in the narthex.

Also, we meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays in Grace Place (garage) from 7p-9p for a couple of hours of puzzle fun and would love for you to join us!

Advent Decorating - November 29

The worship and music committee is asking for help on Saturday, November 29 at 9AM, in decorating our sanctuary and narthex for the Advent season. If you are able to help, please check your connection card on Sunday, or click on the email link in your newsletter email.

Advent Wreathmaking - November 30

All children, youth and their parents are invited to come to the youth rooms on Sunday, November 30, at 9:15AM to make your Advent Wreath. All supplies will be provided. We look forward to sharing this special Advent tradition with all of our families.

Save the Date for Sounds of Christmas - December 7

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend our Music Ministries annual Sounds of Christmas concert on Sunday, December 7, from 6-8pm.

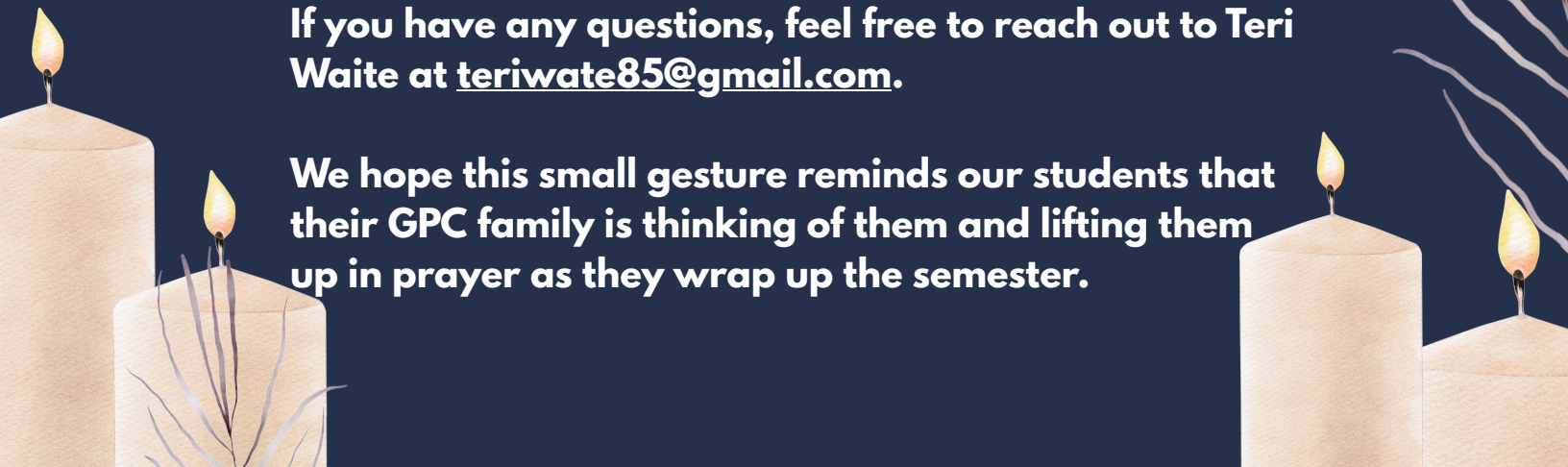
College Care Packages

The Young Adult Ministry is preparing to send out College Care Packages to our GPC students soon! If you'd like your college student to receive a special package from their GPC family, please send their name and mailing address to Tanya Valenta at tanya@gracepc.org.



If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Teri Waite at teriwate85@gmail.com.

We hope this small gesture reminds our students that their GPC family is thinking of them and lifting them up in prayer as they wrap up the semester.



Join Visions of Faith Sunday School

Much of our Christmas music, from Handel's "Messiah" to Amy Grant's "Emmanuel", comes from scripture in the Book of Isaiah as it foretold Christ's coming. Even Jesus began his ministry in Nazareth by quoting the prophet Isaiah (see Luke 4:16-19). Join us this Sunday at 9:15am in MB3 as we begin a study of the Book of Isaiah and unpack these prophetic messages.

Youth Ministry

Youth Christmas Service Project - December 20

Mark your calendars and save the date for our service project at Family Gateway. On Saturday, December 20, we will be serving at Family Gateway while parents shop at their 1st annual Christmas store. Our youth have been given a 1-4pm time slot. Stay tuned for more details.

Christmas Party - December 21

Save the date for the annual youth Christmas party. We will be meeting on Sunday, December 21 from 5-8pm. More details soon.

Christmas
PARTY

Affirmations

Fall Festival Recap

I just wanted to send a huge note of thanks to all of you who participated in our 2025 GPC Fall Festival! It was an amazing success! The trunks were so creative and fun, we had plenty of candy/cookies/prizes, and our volunteer helpers were absolutely the BEST.

We had about 300 kids come through, and there was high participation in all activities - trunks, games, bounce houses and cookie walk! Even the fire department gave away a good amount of stickers before they had to speed off to an emergency.

I heard from several attendees (non-members) that they loved how welcoming and kind every member of our church was to them and their children. Almost all of our Christmas schedule flyers were picked up as well, so hopefully we'll see more of these families at our holiday services and activities.

Please let Cara or I know if you have any feedback about the event. If there's anything we can do to streamline the festival next year or improve it any other way for our congregation and our community, we want to know your thoughts! (We already have a request for a dunk tank ;)

I'm so forever grateful to be part of this church community. **THANK YOU!**

Erin Booke





**Mission Grace:
Streetside Showers
was a great success.
Thank you to everyone
who came out to serve.
We had a great team of
10!**



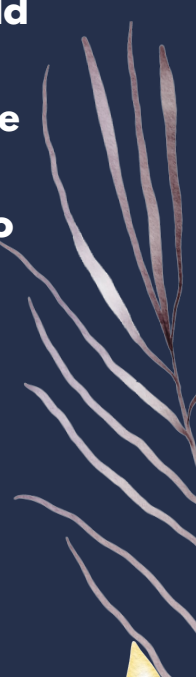


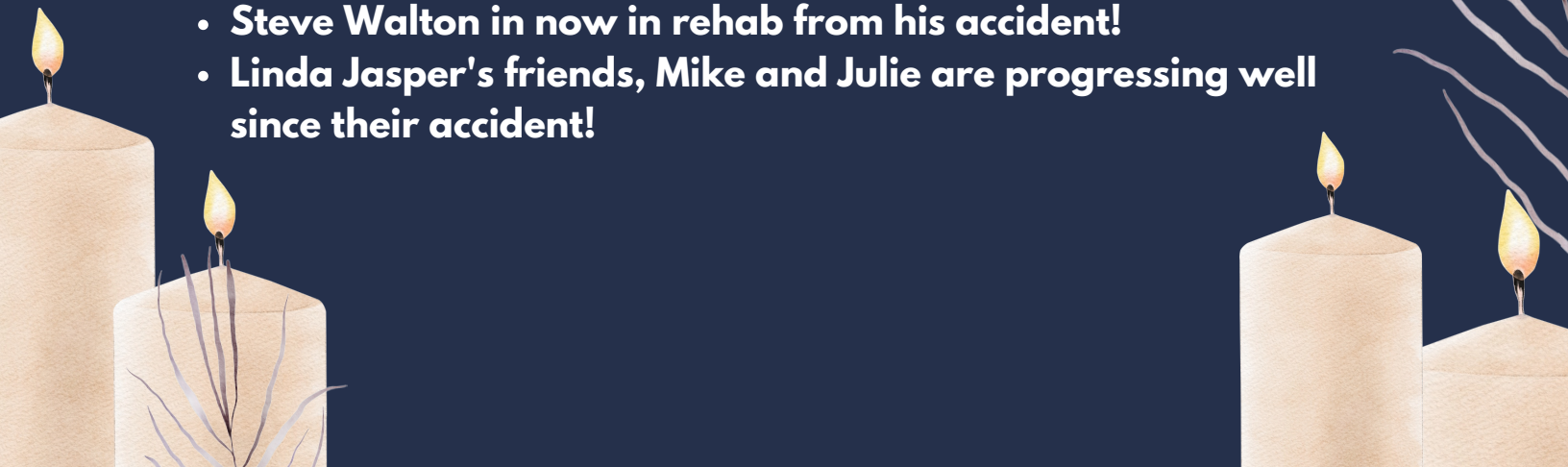
Dear Grace PC Family,

The Quilt Ministry would like to thank you for your support during our biennial fund raiser. Your purchases and donations make it possible for us to continue our quilt ministry at Grace and to support other non-profit groups in Plano who provide assistance to those in need and to donate to Texas Hill Country flood relief. The Grace PC Quilt Ministry is truly blessed by your generosity and support. Thank you very much.

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.

- Diana Sparacin is back driving again!**
 - Steve Walton is now in rehab from his accident!**
 - Linda Jasper's friends, Mike and Julie are progressing well since their accident!**
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Want to Learn?

Education for All on Sundays - 9:15am

Adult Sunday School

Bible Boomers, @9:15am - studying the Gospel of John	MB4
Koinonia, @9:15am, studying a survey of the Hebrew Bible Prophets with parallels to more modern prophetic voices.	CE204/205
Trinity @9:15am - studying writings from the time of the Babylonian Exile, including selections from Ezekiel, Kings, Jeremiah, and Isaiah.	MB2
Visions of Faith, @9:15am - beginning a study of the Book of Isaiah.	MB3
Word of Life, @11:30am - Currently studying 1 Samuel	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

Voices in Praise (VIPs)

Children's choir for grades 2 – 5

Sundays, 4 – 4:45pm

Room: CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Exultation Choir

Youth choir for grades 6 – 12

Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, 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

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 - 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

NOVEMBER

- 1 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8:30AM
- 1 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM
- 2 All Saints' Sunday
- 2 Bible Boomer's SS, 9:15AM (MB4)
- 2 Trinity SS, 9:15AM (MB2)
- 2 Visions of Faith SS, 9:15AM (MB3)
- 2 Worship, 10:30AM
- 2 Godly Play, 10:45AM (Godly Play Worship Center, CE213)
- 2 Word of Life SS, 11:30AM (MB4)
- 2 Credo Rehearsal, 2:45PM (Sanctuary)
- 2 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal, 3PM (CE204/205)
- 2 Voices in Praise Rehearsal, 4PM (CE215)
- 2 Agape Bells Rehearsal, 4:15PM (CE204/205)
- 2 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2)
- 2 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 5:45PM (Sanctuary)
- 3 Blue Angels Study Group, 12PM (MB2)
- 3 Cancer Support Group, 12PM (Zoom)
- 3 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 4 Mini VBS, 9AM
- 4 Tuesday Women's AM Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 4 Nurture Council Meeting, 1:30PM (MB2)
- 4 Grief Group, 7PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 4 Tuesday Evening Prayer Group, 7PM (Parlor)
- 5 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
- 5 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 5 ESL, 5:30PM
- 5 Citizenship Class, 6:45PM
- 5 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 6 PCHAS Luncheon, 12PM
- 6 Generations of Grace Women's Bible Study, 7PM (MB2)
- 7 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 8 Waves of Grace Youth Retreat
- 8 Property Workday, 9AM
- 8 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)