

Grace First Presbyterian Church

Grace First Presbyterian together ... worshipping God,
witnessing for Jesus, and working to meet human needs.

AUGUST
2017

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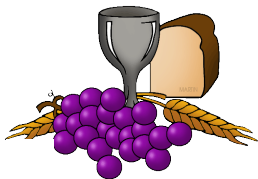
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We will celebrate
HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday, Aug. 6



Am I blessed like this?

"Blessed are..." Matthew 5:3-10

When we first read the statements of Jesus they seem wonderfully simple and unstartling, and they sink unobserved into our unconscious minds. For instance, the Beatitudes seem merely mild and beautiful precepts for all unworldly and useless people, but of very little practical use in the stern workaday world in which we live. We soon find, however, that the Beatitudes contain the dynamite of the Holy Spirit. They explode, as it were, when the circumstances of our lives cause them to do so. When the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance one of these Beatitudes we say, "What a startling statement that is!" and we have to decide whether we will accept the tremendous spiritual upheaval that will be produced in our circumstances if we obey His words. That is the way the Spirit of God works. We do not need to be born again to apply the Sermon on the Mount literally. The literal interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount is child's play; the interpretation by the Spirit of God as He applies our Lord's statements to our circumstances is the stern work of a saint.

The teaching of Jesus is out of all proportion to our natural way of looking at things and it comes with astonishing discomfort to begin with. We have slowly to form our walk and conversation on the line of the precepts of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit applies them to our circumstances. The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of rules and regulations; it is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting its way with us.

My Utmost for His Highest

Oswald Chambers

David



M A R I A L I C E ' S M U S I C N O T E S

The Sanctuary Choir will be returning to their duties on August 27, with their first rehearsal on Wednesday, August 23. This will be an excellent time for those singers hiding out in the congregation to come and join this active group in this most important part of our Music Ministry in Grace First. Wednesday rehearsals are from 7:00 to 8:15 most weeks. We are most grateful for the dedication of talent and time exhibited in our Sanctuary Choir. Come and join us!

The Children's music program will begin in September as Logos begins. This is an excellent training program for children, not only in learning music, but also learning to memorize and to present themselves in front of an audience on a regular basis. We always have great fun preparing for the Christmas musical, complete with marvelous costumes designed and made by Linda Young. Please encourage your children to participate in this program.

Sanctuary Handbells will begin their rehearsals on Tuesday, September 5, at 5:00 in the Choir Room. We have an excellent group of ringers, and we are grateful for their time and talents in this ministry. Grace First is blessed with superb sets of instruments. Our Schulmerich bells have been in use for many years and are still going strong. We have additional bells and Malmark handchimes that are the results of very generous gifts throughout the years. We are thankful!



MISSION & OUTREACH BACKPACK PROGRAM



Across the country, teachers and school nurses have found that in some instances, Monday morning comes and they are forced to compete against hunger for the attention of their students. More than 18 million children qualify for free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program, the fuel that they need to get them through the week. What happens to these children when they go home over the weekend?

Churches all around have adopted this Backpack Program to meet the needs of the children.

Here is how it works:

A school is chosen to serve and the school determines how many children are in need. We have partnered with Wright Elementary and will provide packs for several children. Last year we provided 22 packs per week.

Disposable backpacks are purchased for the children to put the non-perishable foods in. Each week the packs are filled with 3 daily servings for 2 days (the weekend)
The packs are dropped off at the school on Thursday or Friday, at which time the school Counselor gives backpacks to the children.

The Mission & Outreach Ministry is collecting the following items to fill backpacks (*individual packets only*):

Applesauce, Beans & Franks, Beef & Cheese Sticks,
Beef Stew, Cereal Bars, Crackers, Fruit Cups,
Graham Crackers, Granola Bars, Cereal Boxes,
and Snack Items

Fruit Juice, Mac-n-Cheese, Oatmeal, Canned Vegetables,
Peanut Butter & Jelly , Pudding Cups, Raisins, Trail Mix,
Vienna Sausage, Cocoa Mix, Popcorn



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

P R E S B Y T E R I A N W O M E N

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of more than 300,000 women. PW offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community of women. At Grace First, if you are a woman and a member of our church you are considered a Presbyterian Woman and invited to participate in any and all of our activities (of course friends are welcome too). PW does not receive any budgeted monetary support from Grace First, but operates independently with funds coming only from donations/pledges of those women who participate. If you have attended Book Talk, a Sole Hope Party, a Thank Offering Luncheon, packing cookies for homebound, a Birthday Offering Salad Supper, a Ladies Tea, packing college care boxes, an all women led worship service, or a Circle Bible Study, then you have been to a Presbyterian Women planned event. Additionally, PW gives quarterly to mission support at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly level. In order for PW to continue offering the varied activities and mission opportunities, you are encouraged to make a contribution toward our budget. Checks can be made out to Presbyterian Women with “pledge” noted on the memo line, or checks issued from your bank (bill pay) is a convenient way to pledge and keeps funds coming in during the summer months. Any donation would be greatly appreciated, but monthly ones especially so. Please help us continue to fulfill the PW Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- *to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,*
- *to support the mission of the church worldwide,*
- *to work for justice and peace,*
- *to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL KICK-OFF

Presbyterian Women will be having their annual Fall Kick-Off Luncheon on **Sunday, August 27** following worship. We will gather for a light lunch and then afterwards, Janice Smith will present the Introduction and Lesson 1 of our new *Horizons* Bible Study book, *Cloud of Witnesses*, written by Melissa Bane Sevier. This promises to be an interesting study that approaches *Hebrews* through the lenses of peace, peacemaking, and hope. Each lesson stories feature women who have been witnesses to faith.

If you have never attended one of our PW Bible Study Circles, you are invited to join us for fellowship with some of the “regular” circle ladies, and learn what we are all about. Lunch will be provided.

CIRCLE MEETINGS TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Circle 2 will meet on **September 12 at 2 p.m.** and thereafter on the second Tuesday of each month. They participate in Bible study followed by a time of fellowship and dessert. Janice Smith is the moderator.

Circle 4's first meeting will be **September 18 at 6 p.m.** in the parlor. Regular meetings are the third Monday of each month. A potluck dinner is enjoyed, followed by the bible study lesson discussion. Childcare is provided upon request. Jill Bray and Robyn Coffey are co-moderators.

PW FIELD TRIP

Each year, First Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth hosts an event to introduce the new *Horizons* Bible Study. Guest speaker this year will be the Melissa Bane Sevier, author of *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. On Tuesday, August 29, coffee, juice and snacks will be served at 10 a.m., the program will begin at 10:30 a.m., and lunch (\$7) at noon.

Reservations & payment (\$7) for the lunch are needed by Thursday, August 17. Please contact Casey Schmidt in the church office if you would like to attend (cschmidt@gracefirstpc.org).

Carpooling will be arranged.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JULY 20, 2017

Security System Report: Rusty Crownover presented a proposal to replace the existing security system with one provided by Way Security Services to include the following:

- 9 interior 3MP dome-style IP cameras
- 5 exterior 4MP bullet-style IP cameras
- 1 16-channel network video recorder (NVR)
- 1 battery back-up power supply for NVR and cameras
- 1 22" 1080P monitor
- 13 wireless door sensors
- 7 wireless motion detectors
- 3 wireless keypads for doors
- 1 cellular communicator to the monitoring service
- Mandatory 36-month monitoring contract for \$35.99/month
- Total project cost - \$6,850

Mark Eidson moved and Betty Mills seconded to accept the proposal with the addition of one more monitor (if needed). After discussion, the motion passed. It was agreed that the cost would be covered by the Technology Fund and the Property budget.

Rusty also reported that the cost of re-keying all the doors would be \$10/door and keys would be \$4 each, but we would be given a \$4 credit for every old key turned in. The Trustee/Property team who will be writing the key guidelines were asked to also consider this issue.

GRACE FIRST FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	YTD
Income	\$ 114,797.81	\$ 118,656.47	\$ 233,454.28
Expenses	\$ 105,491.87	\$ 117,141.75	\$ 222,633.62
2017 Budget	\$ 457,532.00		
Income needed monthly	\$ 38,127.67		
Income needed quarterly	\$ 114,383.00		
Income needed YTD	\$ 228,766.00		

FALL HABITAT BUILD

Project build dates: October 5-7, 12-14, 19-21

Location: 814 Waters Street

Weatherford, TX 76086

Mark your calendars now if you plan to volunteer to help build or will provide lunch.

Volunteer sign up's coming soon.

The BuildStrong lunch is September 28 at the Doss Museum. If you are interested in being a table Captain, please contact Linda Tingle at 817-614-1061 or at cltingle@gmail.com.



OUT-GOING OFFICERS

Be sure to express your appreciation to the following out-going officers for their dedication in serving the last three years:

Elders – Tommy Thomason and Dave Young

Deacons – Christiana Bruner, Deb Kaiser, K.C. Overturff, Kate Robinson, Patsy Vawter

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Sunday, Aug. 6 – Youth Group Dinner & Putt-Putt, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 13 – Youth Group Planning Mtg. for Sunday Events

Sunday, Aug. 20—Youth Group Swim Party at Stephanie Eidson's, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27—Youth Group, 5 p.m.



MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

MINISTRY MEETINGS

In Touch

Tues., Aug. 1, 9:30 a.m.

Mission & Outreach

Thurs., Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Property

Sat., Aug. 5, 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education

Sun., Aug. 6, 12:00 p.m.

Trustees

Tues., Aug. 8, 10:00 a.m.

Personnel

Tues., Aug. 8, 6:15 p.m.

Prayer Shawl

Wed., Aug. 9, 4:00 p.m.

Council

Thurs., Aug. 17, 6:45 p.m.



PW Coordinating Team, Thursday, August 3 at 9 a.m.
Circle 2, and Evening Circle will start back up in September.

MANNA UPDATE

EMPHASIS FOR AUGUST

**Any and all canned goods, including canned fruits,
vegetables, soups, and 1lb bags of rice
and pinto beans, 1 lb. boxes of spaghetti**

Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex
each Sunday or bring by the church office during the week.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship Leaders for August are:

August 6—Rev. David Slyter

August 13—Cathy Zellers

August 20—Rev. Randy Coney

August 27—Rev. David Slyter

The Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will start back Wednesday, August 23.
The Sanctuary Handbells rehearsal will start back Tuesday, September 5.



The *Feasting on the Word* adult Sunday School class meets in Room 14 each week at 9:15 a.m. You are invited to join us as we discuss and share ideas on the following topics:

Aug. 6, Matthew 14:13-21

You Give Them Something to Eat

Aug. 20, Genesis 45:1-15

Reconciliation in Places of Exile

Aug. 13, Matthew 14:22-33

Stepping out on Faith

Aug. 27, Exodus 1:8-2:10

Unlikely Saviors, Creative Response

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

WELCOME
Enter as a Guest • Leave as Friends



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following GFPC members:

**AUGUST**

Grace First welcomed the following guests
during the month of **JULY**

Patti Allen	Linda Skov	1	Christie Tull	16
Lucky & Janet Drew	Stephanie Eidson	4	Parker Allen	17
Chris & Virginia Welsh	Enda Escobedo	5	Sally Arnold	17
Katlin Welsh	Kyle Mittendorf	7	Daniel Trevino	17
Greg Jolly	Dave Young	8	Destiny Spence	18
Amy Kramer	Blair Currin	14	Arda Morgan	21
Sue Coody	Rebecca Williams	14	Cathy Devlin	31
Dawn Ryle	Mac Smith	16		
Natalie Carzares				
Justin Collins				
Madison Snow				
Hannah Snow				
Gail Greenfield				
John, Shantee, Ayla, Lily Siebuhr				
Cass & Ashley Furst				
Katy Smith				
Randy and Beth Smith				

Dear Grace First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the Kate Rieves Scholarship. As I attend Oklahoma State in the fall, this scholarship will help make college more affordable to me. Thank you for starting me off on my path to becoming a college graduate and a professional pilot.

Sincerely,

Ethan Williams

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

The Weatherford Independent School District's new school year starts
Monday, August 28!

We're Going Back To School



AUGUST EVENTS

27 GENESIS SUNDAY

Sunday, August 27. You are invited to breakfast in the Great Hall to celebrate the beginning of a new year of Christian Education. Breakfast will be served at 9:15 am.
SEE BELOW

PW KICK-OFF LUNCH

Sunday, August 27, following worship. See Page 5

Genesis Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Genesis Sunday celebrates the beginning of a new year of Christian Education



You are invited to a **free breakfast** in the Great Hall. The menu includes Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Donut Holes, Tater Tots, and Juice. During this time you will hear about, and will be able to sign-up for, educational opportunities for the new year (Sunday School, LOGOS, Bible Studies, etc.). Breakfast will be served at 9:15 am. Don't miss out on the fun—see you there!

CHAIR YOGA 2017 FALL SCHEDULE TUESDAY AT 2 P.M., GREAT HALL

Have you tried yoga and given up because you couldn't get down to the floor and back up? Have you had knee or hip replacement and find yoga painful or uncomfortable? Have you suffered recent illness which has left your stamina at a low point? If any of these apply, come and try chair yoga. Starting **Tuesday, September 5**. Please bring a yoga mat to keep the chair from slipping. Contact Suzanne Rothrock at 817-597-6180, email s_rothrock@sbcglobal.net or Linda Crownover at 817-901-9986, email ln-crown@sbcglobal.net for further questions or concerns.

Chair Yoga is available for GFPC members only.

LOGOS

LOGOS is our Mid-week afterschool program for children ages 4 to Senior High. The activities includes snack, choir, recreation, Bible study, and a family style meal.

The fall term begins Wednesday, September 6 and runs through Wednesday, November 15.

All church and family members are encouraged to enjoy the meal with the group.

The cost of meals for adults is \$4.00.



LOGOS is free to all kids who participate in the program and table parents.

Come to Genesis Sunday for more information or contact Leslie Goeldner goeldner@aledobb.com; 817-675-6622.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Patti Allen's friend, Donny, who has terminal cancer and been given only 3 to 6 months to live; Liz Clark's co-worker's 13 year old niece, Paige Davis, who has been diagnosed with an inoperable cancerous brain tumor; Kathy Roberts who is suffering from Macular Degeneration and who is not doing well, and Jerre Dale's friend, Karen Hannah, who has been moved to Willow Park Rehab.

Continued prayers for Emily Gonzales friend, Daniel Thompson, who had a tumor removed from his cheek, and his wife, Rikki and daughter Ellie; K.C. Overturff's friend, Joanne Rust's father; Kakie Williams; Edna Garza-Escobedo's cousin, Coquis, in the death of her husband, Bill Huston; our homebound and nursing home members, and all those serving in the military and their families.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. - Psalm 118:24



Please help keep the office informed when there is a sickness, someone is in the hospital, or a death in the family. The office will then let the rest of the church family know to lift up in prayer those in need. Also, let us know when it is okay to remove a name from our concerns list. Joys, accomplishments and achievements are important to us too and can be shared through Church Matters. Call us or email us. THANKS, The Office

CHURCH OFFICERS JUNE 2017–MAY 2018

Elders

Jill Bray Jackie Case Linda Crownover, <i>Trustee</i> Nancy Deison, <i>Trustee</i> Cathy Devlin Dr. Mark Eidson	Jeff Kahlden Karen Lail Betty Mills David Rothrock, <i>Trustee</i> Janice Smith Ed Zellers
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Deacons

Sally Arnold Janet Duncan Myrna Fields Roberta Furman Dawn Kahlden, <i>Secretary</i> Dave Kaiser	Randy Riall Linda Snow, <i>Moderator</i> Jordan Thiem Jean Thomason Erika Trevino Mac Smith Eryn Williams, <i>Youth Deacon</i>
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AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Lay Leader:

August 6—Stephanie Eidson

August 13—Rusty Crownover

August 20—Ron Hanson

August 27—Jeff Kahlden

August Deacon Assignments:

Dawn Kahlden & Eryn Williams

Nursery Help:

August 20—Claire Varnon

Children's Moment:

August 6—No Children's Moment

August 13—Bettie Riall

August 20—Stephanie Eidson

August 27—Linda Snow

Greeters:

August 6—Kevin & Leslie Goeldner

August 13—Kevin & Leslie Goeldner

August 20—Karen Lail & V.A. Littleton

August 27—Sue Masterson & Linda Snow

Guest Station:

August 6—Leslie Goeldner

August 13—Wendy Bates

August 20—Dave & Janet Douglass

August 27—Sarah Eidson

Communion Set and Clean Up:

Set-up: Melissa O'Hern & Janet Duncan

Clean-up: Karen Lail and Janet Duncan

Communion Servers:

Jill Bray

Dave Young

Betty Mills

Linda Crownover

*** Fellowship Snack Schedule is located in the kitchen on the board next to the microwave.**



Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58



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**SUNDAY MORNING
SCHEDULE**

Sunday School Classes—9:15 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship—10:25 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship—10:40 a.m.



STAFF

Associate Pastor, *The Rev. David A. Slyter*
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