

Grace First Presbyterian Church

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

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We will celebrate

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Sept. 3

Sunday, Oct. 1



HAPPY LABOR DAY!

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH IS BACK!

Sunday, September 17, after worship in the Great Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share and stay for good food and good fellowship.

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.

The congregation is invited to join us for dinner each Wednesday.

The cost of meals for adults is \$4.00.

Watch the bulletins for the weekly menu.



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

Parent handbooks and registration forms are located on the table in the Narthex.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

What do you see in your clouds?

“Behold, He cometh with clouds.” Rev. 1:7

In the Bible, clouds are always connected with God. Clouds are those sorrows or sufferings or providences, within or without our personal lives, which seem to dispute the rule of God. It is by those very clouds that the Spirit of God is teaching us how to walk by faith. If there were no clouds, we should have no faith. “The clouds are the dust of our Father’s feet.” The clouds are a sign that He is there. What a revelation it is to know that sorrow and bereavement and suffering are the clouds that come along with God! God cannot come near without clouds; He does not come in clear shining.

It is not true to say that God wants to teach us something in our trials; through every cloud He brings, He wants us to *unlearn* something. His purpose in the cloud is to simplify our belief until our relationship to Him is exactly that of a child – God and my own soul. Is the relationship between myself and God getting simpler than it has ever been?

There is a connection between the strange providences of God and what we know of Him, and we have to learn to interpret the mysteries of life in the light of our knowledge of God. Unless we can look the darkest, blackest fact full in the face without damaging God’s character, we do not yet know Him.

“They feared as they entered the cloud...” Is there anyone “save Jesus only” in your cloud? If so, it will get darker; you must get to the place where there is “no one any more save Jesus only.”

My Utmost for His Highest
Oswald Chambers

David



MARIALICE'S MUSIC NOTES

It is time for all of our music ensembles to get back into the routine of rehearsals. The **Sanctuary Choir** has already begun its fall schedule, and we still welcome new members who enjoy singing.

Sanctuary Handbells will begin on Tuesday, September 5, rehearsing from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

The children's program will begin on Wednesday, September 6, with **Cherub** (K-2nd grade) and **Carol** (3rd-6th grade) **Choirs** rehearsing from 4:00 p.m.—4:45 p.m. The children will have snack time beginning at 3:30 p.m.

We are calling for a **volunteer** to sit in the rehearsals of the Carol Choir to help with any discipline problem that may arise. We prefer this volunteer not have a child in the choir. Please see Marialice if you can help with this.

Again, we are looking forward to a wonderful season of making music to enhance our worship services as we offer our thanks and praises to God. Please come and be a part of this vibrant ministry.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 18, 2017

- Approved the LOGOS staff and Sunday School Teachers.
- Approved the book *You Are What You Love* by James K A Smith for the Women's Sunday Morning class.
- Approved communion dates for 2017/2018:
September 3, October 1 (World Communion Sunday),
November 5 (All Saints' Sunday), Dec. 3 (First Sunday of Advent)
December 24 (Christmas Eve), Jan. 7, Feb 18 (First Sunday of Lent)
Mar. 4, March 29 (Maundy Thursday), April 8, May 6, June 3, July 1,
August 5
- Worship & Music Ministry has been assigned the task to come up with written guidelines for including items in bulletin and other church publications.
- Ministry moderators were reminded to work on budget requests for 2018 and have them turned in by October 1.
- Council members signed up to help with LOGOS cooking and clean-up.

To help stay updated with important church business, Council minutes from the August 18 meeting are available to pick up on the narthex table.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 3 – NO YOUTH

Sunday, Sept. 10 – Youth Group—Dinner to Fire Station 4, 3:45 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 17—Youth Group Movie Night, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27—Youth Group Game Night, 5 p.m.





Presbyterian Women

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

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

Circle 4 will meet on **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.



FALL HABITAT BUILD

Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming Habitat Fall Build for the Lynch family (a mother & her 8-year-old daughter) at 814 W. Water.

BUILD DATES: OCTOBER 5-7, 12-14, 19-21

If you would like to help with the build or provide lunch, please contact the church office or sign up on the Stewardship Covenant insert on Sunday.

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 the country 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 hold the non-perishable foods. 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,

ONCE UPON A TEEN

Once Upon a Teen is an event benefitting the students at the Presbyterian Pan American School. PPAS is a Christian College School that educates and empowers young adults for leadership in the global community.

Mission and Outreach has decided that this is a project that is perfect for Grace First Presbyterian Church. As you prepare for the school year and find some gently used clothing items or sporting equipment, please bring them to the church by **Sunday, September 17.**

Mission and Outreach will gather them up and deliver them to West Plano Presbyterian Church by the 30th.

Khakis, Jeans and Dress Pants

Sportswear: Shorts, Shoes, Warm-Up Suits

Jackets, Hoodies, Sweaters, Coats

Umbrellas, Backpacks, Rain Ponchos, Shoes

Prom or Bridesmaid-Style Dresses, Purses

Suits, Sport Coats, Dress Shirts, Belts, Ties

Baseball Equipment: Bats, Balls, Helmets, Cleats, Mitts

Collection tub is located in the Coffee area by the kitchen.



MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

MINISTRY MEETINGS

In Touch

Tues., Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m.

First Connection

Thurs., Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m.

Mission & Outreach

Thurs., Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Life

Thurs., Sept. 7, 6:45 p.m.

Property

Sat., Sept. 9, 9:00 a.m.

Trustees

Sun., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.

Christian Education

Sun., Sept. 10, 12:00 p.m.

Board of Deacons

Sun., Sept. 10, 12:00 p.m.

Personnel

Tues., Sept. 12, 6:15 p.m.

Worship & Music

Tues., Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl

Wed., Sept. 13, 4:00 p.m.

Council

Thurs., Sept. 21, 6:45 p.m.



PW Coordinating Team, Thursday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m.
Circle 2, Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m.
Evening Circle, Monday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

M A N N A U P D A T E

E M P H A S I S F O R S E P T E M B E R

**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.



MEETING OF GRACE PRESBYTERY

Saturday, Sept. 30
First Presbyterian Church, Tyler, TX

The Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study group meet every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor. This fall we will be reading and discussing "You Are What You Love" by James K.A. Smith.

For those who are able to defray the cost of the book, the fee is \$15.00. We will plan our calendar and reading schedule with those who are able to be with us **Sunday, September 3.** See you then!



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:

Sept. 3, Exodus 3:1-15

Holy Encounter, New Response

Sept. 10, Matthew 18:15-20

The Rule of Christ

Sept. 17, Matthew 18:21-35

Is Forgiveness and Option?

Sept. 24, Matthew 20:1-16

God, the Lousy Bookkeeper

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

WELCOME
Enter as a Guest • Leave as Friends



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following GFPC members:



SEPTEMBER

Grace First welcomed the following guests
during the month of
AUGUST

Patti Allen
Lucky & Janet Drew
Chris & Virginia Welsh
Katlin Welsh
Greg Jolly
Amy Kramer
Sue Coody
Justin Collins
Gail Greenfield
Glen Jones
Brian & Shelly Aman

Debbie Hopkins	1	Jim Coleman	16
Margaret Martin	4	Dorothy Doss	19
Bill Grissom	5	Jordan Thiem	19
Abigail Furst	6	Tom Martin	25
Charolette Furst	6	Dianna Dixon	26
Everly Gonzales	6	Grace Goeldner	27
Kennedy Gerber	7	Randy Riall	28
Terry Nelson	10	Robyn Coffey	29
Paul Martino	12	John Moulder	29
Erika Trevino	12		



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

We have been blessed with the
following new members who
recently joined our church.

Ashley Furst
840 Squaw Creek Rd.
Willow Park, TX 76087

Shanteé Siebuhr
1726 Martin Dr., Apr. 7106
Weatherford, TX 76086

Please welcome them to our church family.



*Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
Terry & Jan Nelson!
September 2*

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
Numbers 6:24-25*



**Sunday
September 10**

CHAIR YOGA 2017 FALL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY AT 2 P.M., GREAT HALL

Chair Yoga—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**, and every Tuesday from then on, Chair Yoga will be offered at 2 p.m. in the Great Hall. Please bring a yoga mat to keep the chair from slipping. Contact Suzanne Rothrock at s_rothrock@sbcglobal.net or Linda Crownover at email ln-crown@sbcglobal.net for further questions or concerns.

Chair Yoga is available for GFPC members only.

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Ashley, Cass, Charlotte, Abigail
and Michael Furst



Shanteé, Ayla and Lilly Siebuhr

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7

Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast late Friday, bringing lashing rain and sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Even as its force has waned, Harvey has brought historic flooding, forcing rivers and streams from their banks, submerging homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. Your gifts are urgently needed now to support the communities devastated by this historic storm and those throughout the Gulf region who are still in the path of Harvey's torrential rains.

You may learn more at www.pcusa.org/pda.

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**WAY BACK WHEN...INTERESTING GFPC FACTS
SESSION 1955**

Ever wonder why, except for the summer, the Minister at GFPC wears a robe?

The Session addressed various procedural matters in 1955, including the matter of the minister of the church wearing a robe. This may have been prompted by an incident the previous summer when Mark Littleton was assisting a visiting minister in the pulpit.

As an elder tells it:

To Mark's great consternation, he looked down and saw that the minister had failed to zip up his fly. Mark, as he squirmed, exercised all the mental telepathy he possessed to alert the minister. He finally got his attention while the congregation was standing singing the last hymn before the sermon. The preacher eased behind the pulpit and, hidden from the view of the congregation, made the proper adjustment. This many have had nothing to do with ministers wearing robes in the pulpit, but the custom of wearing robes in our church was approved by the Session.

From: *On Or Way Rejoicing*, page 63

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Family of Karen Hannah, a friend of Jerre Dale's, who passed away; Gary and Linda Snow's friend, Brandon Garrett, who is fighting a bacterial infection; Carla Trevino, who is having some health issues; Lauren Barnhart Reed, who is scheduled for surgery on her spine; Margaret Martin's aunt, Dot Reynolds, who has been placed on Hospice; Bel Wise, who is in rehab following back surgery; Kaye Martino, who is in rehab following hip surgery; Edna Escobedo's son in-law, Thomas Gonzales, who is recuperating from surgery; Jerre Dale's friend, Becky Cain, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery, and Jo Ann Muir, who had a light stroke and is home recovering.

Continued Prayers for Patti Allen's friend, Donny, who has terminal cancer and has 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 is not doing well; our homebound and nursing home members; 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; a death in the church family, or someone is in the hospital,. 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, *Clerk*
Jackie Case
Linda Crownover, *Trustee*
Nancy Deison, *Trustee*
Cathy Devlin, *Treasurer*
Dr. Mark Eidson

Jeff Kahlden
Karen Lail
Betty Mills
David Rothrock, *Trustee*
Janice Smith
Ed Zellers

Deacons

Sally Arnold
Janet Duncan
Myrna Fields
Roberta Furman
Dawn Kahlden, *Secretary*
Dave Kaiser

Randy Riall
Linda Snow, *Moderator*
Jordan Thiem
Jean Thomason
Erika Trevino
Mac Smith
Eryn Williams, *Youth Deacon*

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Lay Leader:

September 3—Stephanie Eidson

September 10—Dave Douglass

September 17—Gary Snow

September 24—Janelle Currin

Deacon Assignments:

Jean Thomason & Roberta Furman

Nursery Help:

September 17 —Jamie Mittendorf

Children's Moment:

September 3—No Children's Moment

September 10—Bettie Riall

September 17—Stephanie Eidson

September 24—Leslie Goeldner

Greeters:

September 3—Stephanie Eidson &

Bonnie Evans

September 10—Wendy Bates & Janelle Currin

September 17—Dave & Janet Douglass

September 24—Sarah Eidson & Karen Lail

Guest Station:

September 3—Janet Douglass

September 10—Leslie Goeldner

September 17—Melissa O'Hern

September 24—Wendy Bates

Communion Set and Clean Up:

Set-up: Christie Tull & Leslie Goeldner

Clean-up: Linda Snow & Sally Arnold

Communion Servers:

Jackie Case, Nancy Deison, Betty Mills, and

David Rothrock

Childcare for LOGOS**(Wednesday, 4 p.m.—5 p.m.)**

September 6—Sarah Eidson

September 13—Erin Thiem

September 20—Marti Rosché

September 24—Susan Barnes

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



Fact: On September 13, 1541, Reformation leader John Calvin returned to Geneva, after being recalled by the local officials. He would stay there the rest of his life. He brought back with him a revised Order of Worship and the Strasbourg Psalm book.



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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

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