



New Sermon Series - Living in the Garden: Wisdom from Proverbs

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The Bible starts in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1-2) and ends in the heavenly garden (Revelation 22). Three times in the book of Proverbs we hear about the "tree of life," which is the center of Eden and the heavenly garden (3:18; 11:30; and 13:12). Where the tree of life is, God's people experience a state of blessing and peace.

As we travel this summer along with Solomon we will be reminded that if we dwell in the ways of wisdom, we are greatly blessed and experience His shalom peace.

Pastor Doug Widger



Church History

We are looking for pictures/articles and things from major church events from the last 10 years. We will use some of these materials in our 70th anniversary celebration. Along with any pictures and materials, please provide as many details you know about them! Direct materials/information to Serena in the church office.



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Altar Guild

Have you ever wondered how the Sanctuary is always so beautifully decorated for every liturgical season? Our Altar Guild is a group of dedicated volunteers responsible for this. They also keep the candles filled, flowers fresh, and Sanctuary prepared for worship! They are in need of more help - join them on Saturdays at 9 am or [contact us](#) to learn more!



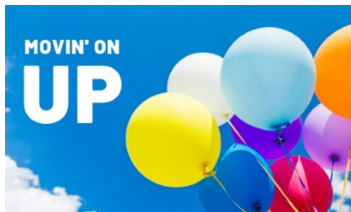
FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:45 am (between early and late services)

Grace Kids (Grades 1-3 and Preteens Grades 4-6) Meet in classrooms in the preschool hall.

Youth Bible Study (Grades 7-12)

Beginning June 5, incoming Middle and High School students will all meet in the Youth Shed.



New Biblical Parenting Study *Christ-Centered Parenting:*

Gospel Conversations on Complex Cultural Issues

By Russell Moore and Phillip Bethancourt. For parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors; meeting in the Library.



Before All Things North Texas Gathering

June 18th, 3 pm @ Crown of Life Lutheran Meeting at 2:15 pm @ Grace, returning by 7:45 pm

RSVP by JUNE 2!

\$12 includes dinner, games, hang out, and worship time with a few hundred of your new DFW friends headed for the LCMS Youth Gathering!

Contact Anthony Lee at 817-798-1629 or alee@grace.lc for more information.

Vacation Bible Camp 2022



JUNE 27-30, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Sign up NOW @ vbs.grace.lc to participate & VOLUNTEER!

VBC is for Preschool children (3 y/o & potty-trained), Pre-K, Kindergarten through Grade 6 (in the fall of 2022)! Volunteers are entering 7th grade through adult.

Nursery childcare is available for babies & toddlers OF VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers & Staff are safety trained & background checked.

June 11 @ 9 am - 12 pm DECORATION CONSTRUCTION DAY

June 25th @ 9 am TRAINING & DECORATING
Donuts, Coffee, and lunch provided!

June 27th @ 12:30 pm STAGE SET UP & REMAINING TOUCHES

ITEMS NEEDED: Paper products, chip boxes, water bottles, Caprisuns, Graham Crackers, Vanilla Wafers, Chex Mix, Welch's Gummies, Pretzels, tape, and more! Please chat with Serena to donate, she will sign you up and sign you off when you bring your item in. This list will also be in the Narthex on Sundays!

PRAYER ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

June 12, 11AM
Graduate Milestone



Congratulations and God's blessings on this special celebration:

**Christian Burgdorf (Martin HS),
Lynzie Chavez (Martin HS),
Garrett Darden (Baylor),
Christopher Estelle (Dubiski CHS),
Ryan Hoar (Martin HS),
Seth Sessums (Watson HS)
Michael Baumann (Texas Tech)
Gracie Topel (Texas A&M), and
Marcus Wagoner (US Naval Academy)**

Groups Updates

Life Groups have come to a close, and will return in the Fall with all groups studying the same material together. Through the summer we hope you'll participate in The Chosen & Chat (pg1)! Information on all the groups can always be found online at grace.lc/get-connected

Several Ongoing Groups are taking breaks for the Summer!

Book Club

On break until September, when we will discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me*, a mystery by Laura Dave.

Grace Seniors

Taking a summer break until September, when we will resume meeting for Potluck Fellowship on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Bible Journaling

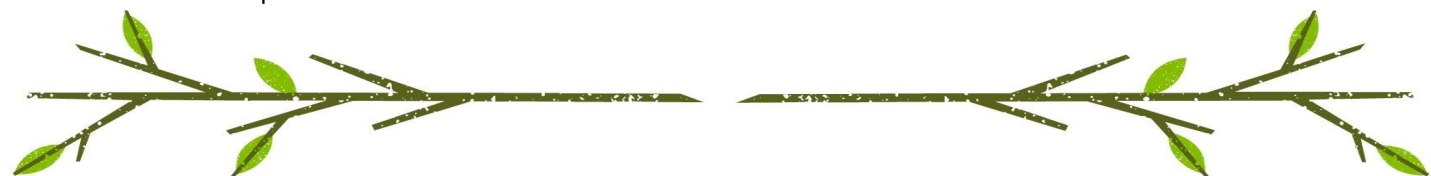
Bible Journaling will continue through June and take a break from July-August, resuming on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in September.

Choir & Joybells

We're playing for one more Sunday before taking a break until September. Contact Richie at rdelcristo@grace.lc if you would be interested in joining a Joybell quartet during the summer!

Piecemakers

We will be off for the first 2 months of summer, and back in August. Reminder: we take any material, sheets, and draperies to make quilts. We also collect bath size towels and large bars of soap for health kits. These items can be left in the basket in the narthex or downstairs on the table. Contact Donita Spawr at 817-243-5716 for more information.



New Members in Our Family of Faith

Chris Christopher travels to us from Addison, TX, and is a retired educator. He was a career and technology counselor that assisted at risk youth to graduate. He is a fan of hunting, and actually has been a long-time hunting buddy of our own Pastor Doug Widger!

Alexandria Mireles-Banda is 23 years old, and a mom of 2 adorable little boys. She is currently working as a personal assistant for AM Hardware Decor (Dallas). Her hobbies are watching her kids, working, and she's trying to go back to school, so she can get a degree as a social worker. Alexandria met us through Explore Grace last year!

- **Baby Noel** is 1 1/2 years old. He loves his mama and dad very much. He loves to eat everything and is super energetic as well.

- **Baby Leo** is 5 months old. He loves his daddy, sometimes prefers him instead of mama but that's okay. A smiley little boy who giggles and cries often. He loves tummy time and rolling over.

Noel Salazar is 22 years old, Dad of Noel and Leonardo. He is currently working in the Warehouse industry and his hobbies are playing soccer with little Noel, helping around the house and watching the kids.

Martha Malec was born in Dallas, TX, and a member of Scofield Memorial Church since 1960. She moved to Arlington in 1975 and taught in AISD. She earned a Ph. D from Texas Woman's University, and got married to Dick Malec. Between the two of them, they have 7 children, 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Loving Liberia Update

The Loving Liberia Board sent Perry Geevon Smith, founder of two Lutheran schools over to Liberia in early May to accomplish the following: build a wall around the Monrovia school campus, have the 40 acres of land purchased in Gayes Zahn Town, River Cess (Perry's village where he grew up in the middle of Liberia) surveyed and deeded, and thirdly, to apply for government subsidy for both schools.

As you can see, Perry is willing to get his hands dirty helping with the fence project. We want to say thank you for your prayers and financial support for the children in both schools. We are blessed to be a blessing to the children who come from one of the poorest neighborhoods to receive a Christian education. Once again, with your prayers and support the gospel of Jesus Christ is being proclaimed to children and their families.



Coffee time - Coffee drive

A big thank you to everyone who has already made a difference at breakfast for 90-100 Arlington Life Shelter residents by donating coffee and breakfast items, along with donating cash. You've been SO impressively generous!



The COFFEE TIME - COFFEE DRIVE will continue through June. You can help by:

1. Bringing ground coffee (no instant, no whole coffee beans), powdered creamer, sugar in packets, cereals, breakfast bars, and related breakfast items to the coffee counter in the narthex.
 2. Enjoying a cup of coffee and donut Sunday mornings and contributing to the cause.
- All items must be in original packaging, unopened, and not expired.

One member so brilliantly said to me, "We all need to be bringing food every week, whether it's for the Life Shelter or Arlington Charities or something else." Wow! How's that for a challenge?! Let's LIVE GENEROUSLY and make a difference in someone's life.

Chris Owens

The Chosen & Chat

We're continuing to gather to fellowship and watch through Season 1 of The Chosen together! Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm in MR2, we'll be on Episode 4 on June 1st. There's water and fresh popcorn provided; feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks as well, and invite a friend or family member! You can always watch from home to catch up on weeks you've missed. Contact Jenna for more information at jdclcristo@grace.lc

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

The Holy Smokers are Smoking Again

The Holy Smokers are smoking St. Louis Style Spareribs and sausage (mild 14 ounce or spice 12 ounce) on Saturday, June 18th.

Signup sheet will be in the Narthex, or call Ernie Owens at 817 -247-0747. Orders need to be pre-paid; ribs are \$35.00 per slab and sausage (mild or spicy) is \$8.00 per ring or 2 for \$15.00. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church - memo to Holy Smokers.

Deadline to place your orders for ribs and sausage will be NOON, Sunday, June 12th.

Pickup time for your ribs and sausage is between 1:00 and 2:00 pm Saturday, June 18th. We will call when ready.

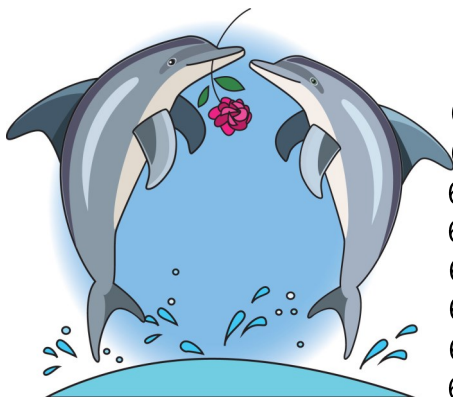




JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Michael Chavez	6/20 Richard Crossman
6/3 Katy Schmidt	6/21 Andrew Swille
6/3 Nancy Helm	6/21 David Joeckel
6/3 Shelley Savant	6/21 James Schmidt
6/4 Devon Scoggins	6/24 Macy Parker
6/4 Gladys Moran	6/25 Hannah Westbrook
6/4 Maryann Jacobs	6/27 Eileen Watkins
6/4 Rachel Harlass	6/27 Patrick Curtis
6/6 Santa George	6/28 Chelyn Richmond-Huzarevich
6/7 Brent Reynolds	6/28 Michael Baumann
6/7 Faye Panzer	6/29 Jake Reynolds
6/7 Mark Joeckel	6/29 Linda Johnson

Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE at grace.lc? [CLICK HERE](#) to access it. Any calendar changes and/or additions made in the church office are updated online in real time!



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/2 Shahid & Lindsay Ali
6/6 Joe & Nancy Masterson
6/13 Howard & Dawn Stacy
6/15 Brian & Ann Bassett
6/20 David & Cathy Taylor
6/20 Eric & Bette Rathjen
6/22 Arnold & Santa George
6/22 Scott & Chelsie Schlesinger
6/24 Glenn & Mary Moretz
6/25 David & Reecanne Joeckel
6/25 James & Jan Runzheimer
6/27 Red & Susan Hoar
6/29 Miguel & Jessica Nieves

Your Elders

If there is any way we can assist you with any spiritual needs or physical concerns do not hesitate to contact your elder. If you need their contact information, please request it by calling the church at 817-274-1626 or email: jdelcristo@grace.lc.

New to Grace? Reference list below. If your last name begins with "F" for example, David Swille would be your assigned elder.

Ernie Owens	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
David Swille	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Joe Masterson	S
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson

Joseph C. Masterson

Call the church office or
email jdelcristo@grace.lc to:

- ◇ Receive a copy of *Portals of Prayer* mailed to your home.
- ◇ Be added to the group email list that receives prayer requests.
- ◇ Submit updated address and contact information.
- ◇ Receive a current Church Directory as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit and/or update a prayer request.

Special Dates

Pentecost
June 5, 2022

Trinity Sunday
June 12, 2022

Flag Day
June 14, 2022

Father's Day
June 19, 2022

First Day of Summer
June 21, 2022



A powerful CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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☎	S	P	W
🔥	O	A	I
🌐	T	N	E



“But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth