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## Women's Conference

Join us for this amazing two-day streamed video event, where we will meet in person at Grace with live worship and discussion. Our goal is to encounter God through speakers, conversation, and worship, and develop purpose and lasting community throughout our time together.

We begin Friday, April 21st with check-in at 6 pm, and sessions from 6:30 - 9 pm. Then we meet the next morning (Saturday, April 22nd) from 9 am - 4 pm. Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided on Saturday, as well as snacks throughout the event. Childcare will also be provided, but an RSVP for that is required.

Pray that God would draw the women in our community to come and experience what He has for them, and invite some to come if you know anyone who may be interested! Visit [go.grace.lc/if2023](http://go.grace.lc/if2023) to register. Registration is \$19 per person (or free if you're a college student!) but need-based scholarships are available. Contact [Serena P](#) or [Jenna DC](#) for more information or to get involved!



## Special Voters' Meeting

SAVE THE DATE for a Special Voters' Meeting happening later this month on Sunday, April 30th after Bible Class. There will be a meal at noon, and the meeting will start in the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm.

Look out for a mailing coming soon which covers the agenda for the meeting, along with proposed constitution and by-law changes!

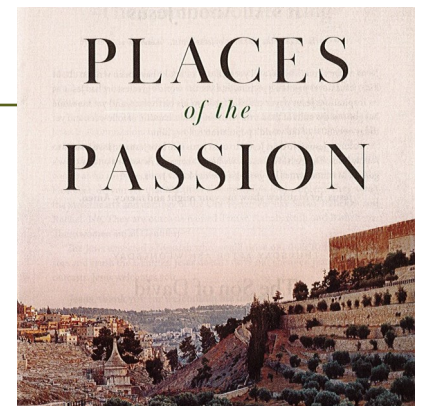


## Holy Week

Join us for Holy Week Services on Maundy Thursday (4/6) and Good Friday (4/7) at 6:30 pm.

On Easter Sunday, we will have one service at 9:30 am. The sanctuary will open for seating at 9:00 am, and you can join us for the Youth Breakfast Fundraiser from 8 am - 9 am!

Our Church Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.



# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY MORNINGS - All Bible classes meet from 10:45-11:45 AM

Babies/Toddlers: Nursery

Preschool/Kinder & Grades 1-6 Bible Studies: Preschool wing/GLEE hallway

Grades 7-12 Bible Study: Youth Shed

Biblical Parenting Sunday School: Library



Vacation Bible School  
June 26 - 29

Registration opens April 15  
to Volunteer & Participate!

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA APRIL 2, 2:30-4:30 PM



April 8, 9-11AM Youth Breakfast  
Set Up & Grace Kids Egg Dying

Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM—9:00 AM

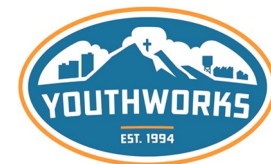
Contact Serena for details at [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc).



✦ CAMP ✦  
**LONE STAR**

Grace Kids are attending  
summer camp June 11-16.  
Cost is \$400. Next  
payment is due April 5.

**YOUTH MISSION**  
Bayou La Batre, Alabama  
July 8-16, 2023; **\$450 total**  
***\$350 due 4/23***  
For current Grades 6—12.



Teens will serve through home improvement projects, elder care, and kids camp. In the evenings, youth will experience Dauphin Island, camp time, praise time, and a tour of Bayou La Batre. [Contact Serena](#) with questions.

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

*Save  
the  
Date*

**MAY 7, 12:00 PM**  
**HS Graduates & Youth  
Families Lunch**



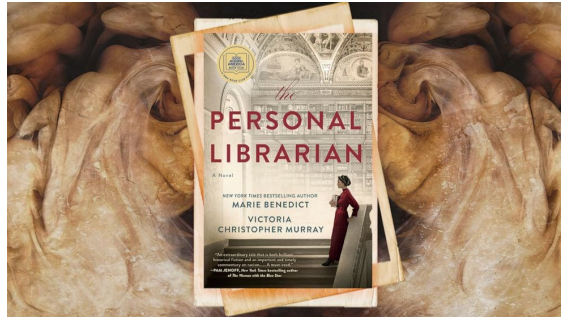


# Ongoing Groups Updates

Information on all of our groups can be found anytime at [grace.lc/get-connected](https://grace.lc/get-connected)

## Book Club

This month, we discuss the book *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray! We meet each 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Church Library. You can call Ruth B or [the Church Office](#) for more information.



## graceSeniors



APRIL 13, 12:00 PM

Bring your favorite FINGER FOODS to share and GAMES to PLAY!

## Music Ministry



We will be having a Music Ministry PARTY at Mary T's house on April 12th at 6:30 pm! Look out for an email with more info.

After that week, we will begin our summer rehearsal break early (considering we never got a winter break). We will continue to meet occasionally throughout the summer to prepare for special services, or practice quartets. Contact Will Land at [wland@grace.lc](mailto:wland@grace.lc) to get involved in our music ministry!



WE ARE NOW  
**Live Streaming**  
on Facebook AND YouTube

Visit  
**go.grace.lc/video**  
or click on this image  
to find the channel

A screenshot of a live stream showing a person in a white robe standing at a podium in a church setting. The word 'LIVE' is visible in the bottom left corner of the screenshot.

### You can be involved in EMBRACE LEGACY!

This is a ministry to young single dads in need of support. We are looking for 4 more men of Grace to serve as a leader in this 12-week Fall course that will take place on a Tuesday or Thursday from 6—8 PM. Please be in prayer over this ministry and speak with [Serena](#) if you would like to be involved!

## Thrivent Thank You

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms.*  
1 Peter 4:10

THANK YOU to the Thrivent members using the gift of \$250/\$500 you had available from Thrivent for Grace's ministry.

In 2022, you accessed \$29,750 of Thrivent money that went to serving others! Good job faithful stewards!

The Thrivent logo, featuring the word 'thrivent' in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. A red heart shape is positioned above the letter 't'. To the right of the logo is a large, stylized green leaf graphic.

## Loving Liberia Update

Loving Liberia is in the final stages of completing the fence around the school in Monrovia. The people work hard and work well and we are very grateful for the opportunity to bring Jesus to these children and their families.

Perry Geevon Smith wrote in his report to the Loving Liberia board these words: "We have so many reasons to not be surprised because we are seeing real development, like 1. Temporary school building in Gaye Zahn Town, Toboe, River Cess County; 2. Three room toilet building for students; 3. Two room guest house; 4. Water well hand pump of 2012; 5. Payments of salary for school staff. The list goes on as we rejoice and are blessed with a school in Jacob Town, Monrovia, Liberia; 6. Fencing of our Monrovia campus to secure safety; 7. Purchasing computers and generators and 8. Giving scholarships to students at both schools."

Thank you for your prayers and support in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with children and their families.

*Pastor Hildebrandt*



## LIFTED BASKETBALL PRESENTS THE COLLEGE PREP + SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE



## EASTER Hams, Sausage, Pork Loin

The deadline to order and pre-pay for your Easter hams, sausage, or pork loin is Sunday, April 2nd at noon! Signup on the sheet in the Narthex/ Lobby or call Ernie Owens 817-247-0747 or Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703. Hams and pork loins are \$40. Sausage (mild or spicy) is \$8 per ring or 2 for \$15.

Place checks in the envelope or cash can be given to Cynthia or Jenna. Make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church, memo as Holy Smokers.

Pickup will be Saturday afternoon, April 8. We will call with pickup time.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Saturday morning, April 8 around 7:00AM.



### ABOUT US:

The College Prep + Scholarship Initiative is designed to empower families with the valuable knowledge and guidance to prepare their child(ren) for college/university athletically & academically.

### FEATURES

- SCHOLARSHIP DISCOVERY
- EDUCATIONAL RESUME
- RECRUITING ASSISTANCE
- PLAYER DEVELOPMENT
- AND MUCH MORE

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- 4/2 Alan Meyer
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- 4/5 Kathy Lauer
- 4/8 Melinda Platt
- 4/8 Shawn Curtis
- 4/9 Tim Reed
- 4/14 Zane Ali
- 4/15 Jon Pelzer
- 4/17 Janet Flagg
- 4/17 Paul Wolter
- 4/21 Donna Wright
- 4/23 Gail Roe
- 4/25 Lexi Ali
- 4/27 Cyndy Otto
- 4/28 Dave Horger
- 4/28 Nathaniel Livesay
- 4/28 Pat Madison
- 4/28 Judy Murrell
- 4/30 David Swille
- 4/30 Joshua Sepulveda
- 4/30 LaJuana Kettler



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/3 Mike & Judy Livesay
- 4/17 Brent & Debbie Burns
- 4/20 Devon & Jordan Scoggins

### Eyeglasses For Missions

In early February, we shipped 65 pairs of the glasses you donated to MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries. We recently in return received a thank-you letter acknowledging the donation, and telling us that our donation help keep their storeroom stocked with eyeglasses ready to send worldwide on eyeglass clinic mission trips. In fact, the organization has a number of eyeglass clinics scheduled throughout the remainder of 2023.

Thank you to all who donated glasses. MOST Ministries shared that they are in need of non-prescription sunglasses to finish out the 2023 eyeglass teams. They need sunglasses for men, women, and children. Please consider donating a pair of new or gently-used non-prescription sunglasses.

All donations can continue to be put in the marked basket in the Narthex/Lobby.



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



### Stamp Collecting

Looking for someone interested in stamp collecting. Please call Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.

### Your Elders Are Here for You

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](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc).

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "J," for example, Mike Kennedy would be your assigned elder.

*Joseph C. Masterson*

#### ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

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

Call 817.274.1626 or email [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto: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.

# Puzzle!



Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV