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Sermon Series & Life Groups

GIFTED – that is what we are! Called out and special people – creatures living under a generous creator. We are given many amazing gifts, including eternal life! We use these gifts to serve Him! This Fall we will explore seven of these gifts together in our Sunday AM messages, small groups at 10:45 in the Gym, and home study. Visit grace.lc/gifted to access the study online, or pick up a printed copy in the Lobby/Narthex. Join us for this “ALL IN” time of learning, fellowship, and growth.

Each week we will anchor in a Bible passage and then expand out from that single passage to some related passages which help us explore a certain area of our giftedness from the Almighty creator. Over the course of seven weeks, we will begin to understand, believe, remember and do ministry because of these gifts. Our topics are as follows:

- Week 1-Sept. 10: Ephesians 2:8-10 – *The Gift of Grace*
- Week 2-Sept. 17: Romans 12:3-8 – *Your Spiritual Gifts*
- Week 3-Sept. 24: Genesis 39:4-6, 19-23 – *Wow, God's Gifted Me*
- Week 4-Oct. 1: Matthew 25:14-30 – *Your Bag of Gifts*
- Week 5-Oct. 8: 2 Corinthians 9:7 – *Gifted for Generosity*
- Week 6-Oct. 15: Philippians 2:14-18 – *Gifted for Love*
- Week 7-Oct. 22: 1 Peter 1:3-9 – *Gifted for His Glory*

Pastor Doug Widger

MindFUL Faith Workshop

This FREE two-day workshop, co-hosted with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving, is here for anyone who wants to be encouraged in their own mental health journey or gain knowledge about how mental health and faith intersect in the human life.

The workshop begins Friday evening, September 8th, in the Gym at Grace Lutheran from 6 pm - 8 pm. Dinner will be provided by the Holy Smokers, and attendees are encouraged to bring a side to share. Day two will take place at Our Redeemer on Saturday, September 9th from 11 am - 3 pm. Please sign up for a boxed lunch using the registration form online at orc.org/mindful. Suggested (but not required) donation is \$10/person. Join us as we together explore what it means to be *fully human* as a part of the body of Christ.



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
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FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Studies

10:45-11:45 AM

Babies/Toddlers: Nursery
Preschool 3's/Kinder & Grades 1-6:
Preschool Wing Classrooms
Grades 6-8: MR4 (Top Left)
Grades 9-12: Youth Shed
Biblical Parenting: Library

NO BIBLE STUDY LABOR DAY WEEKEND.



★
Mission
Arlington † Metroplex

FAMILY SERVE DAY

Sept. 16, 9 AM - 11 AM

HEY FAMILIES! Let's meet for a morning of service at Mission Metroplex and give back to our community together.

Meet at: Mission Metroplex
500 W. Abram Street, Arlington TX

Please RSVP to Serena by Sept. 13.



RECESS RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023
CAMP COPASS, DENTON

Meeting at church on Friday, September 22 at 4:30 pm; returning to church on Saturday, September 23 at 8:45 pm.

\$65 per person + \$15 for dinner on the way to camp—Pay registration via PushPay to the 'RECESS' fund

Includes: lodging, meals on Saturday (continental breakfast, lunch and dinner), T-shirt, and all activities.

Grades 6-8

Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Contact: [Serena](#)

Back to School Blessing

Thank you, Church, for all the love you poured out on this event. 199 families were blessed by it!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

OCTOBER 29, 3-5 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

We are in need of the following: Candy, Decorated Trunks, Cool Cars, Parking Lot Attendants, Food Prep and Food Table Volunteers, Games/Crafts Volunteers, Prayer Partners, People to pass out flyers and **make Goody Bags Oct. 8 (following Bible Study—Lunch provided)**, Set Up and Clean Up Crews, Bathroom Monitors, Greeters and Runners.

Contact Serena at space@grace.lc for details and watch for volunteer sign up!



Ongoing Groups Updates

Information on all of our groups can be found anytime at grace.lc/get-connected

graceSeniors

Save the date for Sept. 14 at 12 pm, when we gather again to eat, meet, and kick off a new programming year! Bring **picnic-type foods** to share! Ice cream will be served!



SPECIAL GUEST:
Joy Schwartz from
Academy 4

Bible Journaling

Bible Journaling is returning via Zoom on September 16th! Exercise your crafting skills by making a creative response to God's Word using a variety of techniques.

Through drawing, journaling, and art you can document your walk with God leaving a legacy of faith. We

welcome any children 10+ accompanied by an adult to attend! Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, [click here](#) for a supply list or [click here](#) to sign up to attend via Zoom (visit grace.lc/get-connected to get to the links from your browser).



Book Club

Grace's Book Club will have its September meeting on the 20th. Instead of meeting in the library, we will have our meeting at Mary Thiede's house. Meet at the church at 1:30 and we will drive over together. We will discuss the books that we have read this summer. Anyone who enjoys reading novels please come and join us. Call Ruth B at 817-274-8600.



Women's Prayer Gathering

"For when two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
Matthew 18:20

Women of Grace - come join us and invite others for a prayer gathering on **September 30th from 9 am - 11 am**. Come expecting worship, prayer, discussion, and a light breakfast. Register by September 24th, and bring your Bible and a journal! For additional information, [contact the church office](#).



EMBRACE *Grace*
SUPPORT GROUPS



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Donate a gift for the baby shower (item or monetary)
- Assist with the baby shower
- Assist with the Embrace Legacy Men's-Night-Out event
- Be a prayer warrior!
- Bring a meal or snacks to the group one night.
- Use a Thrivent Action Team card.

Contact Nancy G. or Gary W. to learn more! Reach out to churchoffice@grace.lc for their contact.

Loving Liberia Update

Dear Sponsor and Investor in the Kingdom,

Thank you for sponsoring a student who is receiving the Word of God in a loving environment and being equipped to be a productive adult in Liberia and beyond. Ruth P. Tarr and Hannah W. George graduated from sixth grade at our River Cess Campus.

We are shipping computers, air conditioners, school supplies, playground equipment and other items to Liberia in the month of August. Loving Liberia is grateful to our individual sponsors and our church sponsors who make this ministry available to the children and their families. God blessed us with 257 students: 75 students in River Cess which is in the middle of Liberia and 182 students in Monrovia, the capital of the country.

The Monrovia campus celebrated its second end of the school year parade on July 30. The children are excited, and the parents and the PTA made this a great day of celebration for students and families.

We are currently exploring adding an additional two to three classrooms at our Monrovia campus for computers. The River Cess campus has recently completed a temporary school building. Loving Liberia is blessed to have the capacity to share Jesus and bring education to students who normally would not receive an education. You, our sponsors, and investors in the Kingdom make all this possible.

We are taking our first trip to Liberia January 8 – 20, 2024. This will give us face-to-face time with the leaders of our two campuses, the elders and leaders in the community, and see the children who are being blessed with knowing Jesus.

Blessings and many thanks,

Perry Geevon Smith



Special Meetings - Sanctuary Renovation

- Sunday, October 1st – *Congregational Meeting*
Lunch at 12 pm (following Life Groups), Meeting at 12:30 pm. Location TBA
- Sunday, October 15th – *Special Voters' Meeting*
12 pm in the Sanctuary (following Life Groups)

ESL Ministry

Classes begin Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 - 8 pm, meeting weekly through mid-May. We follow the Arlington ISD Calendar for Holidays. Childcare is provided.

Please let us know if you feel the call to help serve in our effort to reach our Hispanic Community and beyond. You can serve in the following ways:

- Serve or provide snacks - Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:45 pm
- Serve as a Teachers' Aid or Substitute for our beginner, intermediate and advanced classes
- Greet
- Childcare Substitute

Send an e-mail to Pastor Juan at jzamora@grace.lc or Deaconess Alma at azamora@grace.lc, or speak with Dawn Stacy.

Spanish Corner

¿Cómo estás? (KOH-moh eh-STAS)	How are you?
¿Qué tal? (kay tal)	What's up?
¿Cómo te va? (KOH-moh te BAH)	How's it going?
¿Qué haces? (kay AH-says)	What are you doing?
¿Qué pasa? (kay PA-sa)	What's happening?
Estoy bien ¡Gracias! (eh-STOY bee-en GRA-see-as)	I'm fine, thanks
¿Y tú? (ee too)	And you?
Bien/Así así (bee-en/a-SEE a-SEE)	Good/So-so

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.

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "S," for example, Joe Masterson 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

9/1 Charlotte McCormick
9/1 Kenneth Flagg
9/2 Roman Chavez
9/5 Brigid Vance
9/5 John Schlesinger
9/6 True Olson
9/10 Stan Taber
9/10 Lynzie Chavez
9/11 Jerry Pollard
9/11 Barbara Spivy
9/12 David Robinson Jr.
9/13 Keith Mangels
9/13 Scott Schlesinger
9/14 Rachel Hoar
9/16 Jim Kettler
9/16 Tyler Walker
9/18 Rebekah Livesay
9/20 Seth Sessums
9/21 Delores Smith
9/22 Douglas Widger
9/22 Janice Dehoney
9/24 Sidney Sorensen
9/25 Ginny Hankins
9/26 Kathy Crane
9/27 Katie Curtis
9/28 Susan Seefeldt
9/29 Gracie Topel

Special Dates

- ◇ Labor Day, Sept. 4, 2023
- ◇ National Grandparents Day, Sept. 10, 2023
- ◇ Patriot Day, Sept. 11, 2023
- ◇ Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2023
- ◇ First Day of Autumn, Sept. 23, 2023



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/4 Paul & Mary Wolter
9/5 Mike & Shawn Curtis
9/9 Paul & True Olson
9/10 Gene & Vickie Rosentreter
9/13 Donald & Jeanne Crow
9/25 Doug & Janet Brutlag
9/26 James & Stephanie Schmidt
9/26 Paul & Jennifer Tatrow

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

Seasonal Employment Opportunity with Samaritan's Purse

We are currently looking to hire approximately 150 Christian men and women to fill paid positions for a four-week project from mid-November to mid-December with Operation Christmas Child.

Our seasonal positions include a wide variety of customer service positions - including team coaches, greeters, and floor coordinators. There are also a variety of warehouse positions - including dockworkers, quality/inventory control, class A CDL drivers and forklift drivers. The ideal candidates for these positions will have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, align with the mission of Samaritan's Purse, work well with volunteers, be flexible, and able to function well in a fast-paced environment.

Please [contact our church office](#) if you would like to know more information about these positions for yourself or someone you know.

Call 817.274.1626 or email churchoffice@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 an updated address and/or contact information.
- ◇ Receive a current Church Directory as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit and/or update a prayer request.



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA



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 _ I _ V _ N _ V _ N _ Y _ V _ I _ B _ L _ F
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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV