

Loving Liberia Update (Perry Geevon Smith Lutheran Schools):

Dear friends at Grace,

Thank you for your support of Perry's schools in Liberia and what awesome ministry is being done in the name of our Lord Jesus. Children are receiving a quality education and daily hearing the message of a God of love who sent his one and only Son to save us from our sins.

Where we were:

Last year we became a 501 (c)(3) which means we are classified as a non-profit by the IRS. All gifts given to support Perry's schools are tax deductible. Also last year, we developed and launched a new website for Perry's schools (www.lovingliberia.com).

Where we are:

God has led us to find a global ministry called Enactus that will help us with social media and working with our website to reach more people. Enactus is a worldwide organization that works with non-profits to help with global ministry in support of Christianity.

We are working on updating the website with student's profiles and pictures so anyone around the world who has a heart to sponsor a child for \$360 a year (\$30 a month) can become part of the ministry. Hopefully by May of this year this feature will be added to our website with the help of Enactus.

Where we are going:

Perry will be mailing out over 50 letters in late April to contacts he has throughout the United States sharing the progress of his ministry and inviting others to become part of the ministry through prayer and financial support and for anyone who feels led by the Lord to become a board member of his organization.

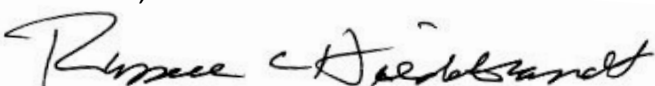
We recently received a challenge grant of \$5,000 to help us raise money towards the purchase of 100 acres of land for the new school in River Cess. Very soon we will launch a Go Fund Me Page for matching funds to purchase 100 acres in River Cess County in Liberia where Perry's original school is. Perry's original building lasted for ten years before it was no longer in good enough shape to house students. Perry's school in River Cess is currently meeting in a church in his home town.

Perry will be traveling to Liberia in late May or early June to meet with county officials to purchase land and work on building permits. Plans will be drawn up in the near future for a 40 acre campus with buildings and how we can farm the other 60 acres to help generate revenue for the school through growing crops.

What you can do:

1. Please continue to pray for Perry's schools that we can reach as many people as possible with the good news of Jesus.
2. Please let others know of this ministry and invite them to become a sponsor for a child.
3. Please consider being a board member or an advisory to the board.
4. Volunteer from time to time when the call is heard.

In Christ,



Pastor Hildebrandt





DUAL VOICE RECITAL

Angie Ntavyo  Jinney Lynch

**Saturday May 1, 7:30 PM
Grace Lutheran Church**

Jinney Lynch & Angie Ntavyo
are both Sopranos and will be performing pieces from:

- Mozart
- Brahms
- Schubert
- Donizetti

and other composers.

We are pleased to welcome UTA students who have heard of Grace's beautiful sanctuary and phenomenal acoustics. They are lining up to utilize it as a venue for their recitals.

Thank you for supporting and celebrating local artists as we help launch them into their musical careers.

*a lively and upbeat
a cappella
performance*

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

RISE
spring concert

**May 7, 2021
7:00 PM**
Grace Lutheran Church
210 W. Park Row Dr.
Arlington

MASKS REQUIRED **FREE ADMISSION**

CHECK OUT SOME OF THEIR MUSIC BY [CLICKING HERE.](#)



Many thanks to those who donated their used eyeglasses recently. We shipped off 75+ pairs to MOST Ministries in February. The glasses will be sorted and cleaned for distribution at eyeglass clinics internationally. Unless conditions change due to COVID-19, MOST Ministries plans on resuming their mission trips in July this year.

On the fourth Saturday of each month the Arlington Life Shelter ministry serves approximately 75 residents who reside there. Last month the following items were needed. Please be watching for an email from Grace for an update if the menu or numbers change:

- 75 sandwiches (one loaf of bread makes approximately 10 sandwiches. Meat sandwiches are preferred)
- 75 pieces of fruit
- 75 individual bags of chips
- 75 individual bags of cookies
- 4 cakes (chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, etc.)
- 1 large lemonade mix
- 3 large bags of salad (2 lb. bags)
- 2 or 3 large bottles of salad dressing
- 55 gallon trash bags
- Any type of cleanser like Lysol, Clorox, etc.
- Styrofoam Plates, cups, and bowls

If you are able to make any type of donation of food or supplies, please contact Susan Hoar at 817-312-5730. Any and all donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Susan Hoar



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

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: cjackson@grace.lc.

New to Grace? Reference the adjacent list. If your last name begins with "Y" for example, Keith Mangels would be your assigned elder.

Joe Masterson

Get Connected

Connect with the body online this spring by joining in any time with one or all of our **Open Groups** to "Get Social"! For those viewing the newsletter online, click on the links below to sign up.

For those reading the newsletter in print form, please type in the link below to sign up, or you may call the church office at 817-274-1626 to reserve your spot.

All groups will be held online via Zoom (click [here](#) to learn how to use it).

This same information can be found on the church website at <https://grace.lc/get-connected>.

Social Groups

Social groups are open to everyone and offer opportunity to connect and socialize with the body.

Bible Journaling - Exercise your crafting skills by making a creative response to God's Word using a variety of techniques. We connect with the Lord and apply His Word in our lives using the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Through drawing, journaling, and art you can document your walk with God leaving a legacy of faith.



- Hosted by Alison Roth
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10:00 am
- [Click here](#) for a supply list
- Sign up [here](#)

Book Club - Like to read? On May 19, we'll be discussing **Unsinkable**, a memoir of Debbie Reynolds and Dorian Hannaway.

- Hosted by Ruth Brown
- 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)



Virtual Happy Hour

Bring your own cocktail (or mocktail) and shoot the breeze. Don't do life alone!

- Hosted by the Rukavinas and Mangels
- 2nd Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- [Zoom link](#)

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
Keith Mangels	T-Z

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

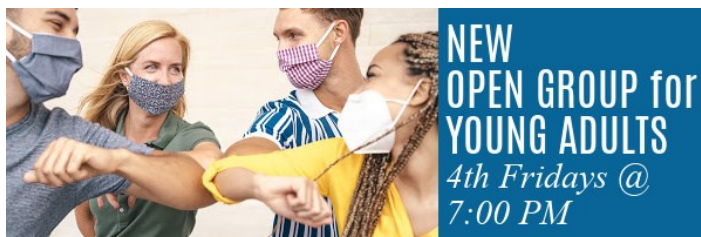
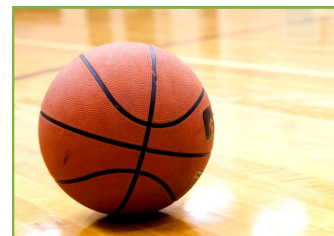
We would welcome you as an Altar Guild volunteer. We are behind the scenes workers. We work at glorifying God by keeping the sanctuary and narthex clean, organized and decorated for any given season. Please contact Susan White if you are interested: 972-979-2188.



Tuesday Night Basketball

Play a game and enjoy fellowship with family and friends!

- Held in-person at the Gym in the Family Life Center
- Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm
- Contact Jim Runzheimer for more information
@ runz-law@att.net



Grace Young Adults (GYA) - Whether you are currently in college, or starting out in the work force, come join the fellowship for some real friendship and real talk. We either Zoom or meet up in a socially distanced manner to enjoy our time together.

- Hosted by Richard Del Cristo, Jr.
- 4th Fridays at 7 pm
- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)

Email jdelcristo@grace.lc if you have any questions about these groups before signing up or attending!

BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Max Blaine Nieves
5/1 Jordan Mangrum Scoggins
5/1 Reecanne Joeckel
5/2 Rose Widner
5/2 Susan Hamann
5/3 Krystle Andrew
5/3 Miranda Wagoner
5/3 Rod Giesselmann
5/4 Derek White
5/4 Dorene Goodson
5/4 Landry Patton
5/6 John Schmidt
5/7 Brooke Gaskie
5/8 Brodie Moore
5/8 Ray Hamann
5/8 Thomas Jones
5/9 Jaydyn Lang
5/10 Anna Spradlin
5/12 Leisa Garcia
5/12 Olena Gerhardt
5/13 Karen Bornsen
5/14 Sandra Pecard
5/14 Scott Cunningham
5/15 Eric Rathjen
5/15 John Muelschen
5/17 Dawn Sepulveda
5/18 Diane Itgen
5/18 Lorena Garza
5/20 Katie Lee
5/21 Sayehbleh Smith
5/23 Uvonne Duppsstadt
5/24 Aundrea Reynolds
5/25 Luke Giesselmann
5/26 Sherry Burgdorf
5/26 James Gerhardt
5/27 Desiree Minor
5/27 Haley Brown
5/27 Ellen Pelzer
5/28 Elanna Carrasco
5/28 Joe Masterson
5/28 Kristin Braziel
5/30 Alina Bruhn
5/30 Makenzie Patton
5/30 Red Hoar
5/30 Melonnie Pollard
5/30 Robert Smith

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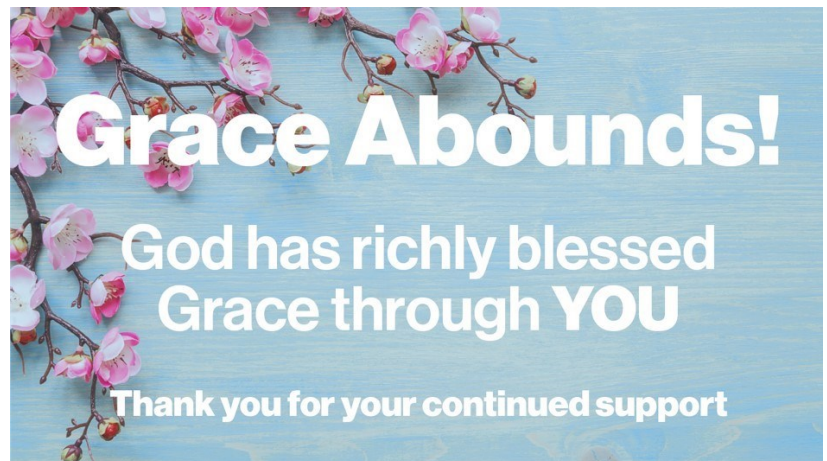
ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 Steven & Lisa Woolston
5/11 Bobby & Kathy Halliburton
5/11 Daniel & Nancy Helm
5/11 Greg & Gail Roe
5/16 Ken & Amy Homeyer
5/21 Tom & Rae Ann Wagoner
5/22 Michael & Na Schmidt
5/26 Doug & Karen Widger
5/29 Scott & Cynthia Cunningham
5/30 Richard & Paula Crossman

Don't forget
to tell and show
your mama how
much you
love and
appreciate her
on Mother's Day.
It's on Sunday,
May 9th.

mother
verb.

a woman who loves
unconditionally, leads
by example, and puts
others before herself



Thank you, Church!

Your extreme generosity has helped us to continue to move forward with our mission and ministry, even during the pandemic. You are appreciated!