



Fall Life Groups coming soon...

With options online and in-person! Sign ups begin on August 8th, see pages 2 and 3 to see the groups we have set up so far.

We're including details on ongoing groups and ministries that have been on break or have recruitment activities happening such as Braille, Choir, Senior Saints and more.

Thrivent Updates

THANK YOU to the amazing Grace members that have accessed over \$6,500 of Grace's FREE MONEY from Thrivent Action Teams.

Since January 2021, Thrivent has funded--

Arlington Life Shelter - \$3000 for our monthly meal every month this year
VBS - \$1750 for various curriculum, bounce house, meals
Safe Haven - \$500 for Grace members to shop for them
Holy Smokers - \$500 for meat purchases
Embrace Grace - \$500 for curriculum
Campus Landscape - \$250 for plants

PLUS lots more upcoming!

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Thrivent members can access the FREE and OVER \$65,000 of money Thrivent has ear-marked for Grace.

Let's not leave money on the table.

Call Chris Owens (817 247-7122) and let's get that money and make a difference in our community!

Funeral Notice

Duane Gail Satre passed peacefully in his home on July 23, 2021. His memorial service will be held at 10 am on Monday, August 16th at Wade Funeral Home:
4140 W. Pioneer Pkwy
Arlington, Texas 76013

Duane and his wife May Ann (Mimi) were members of Grace Lutheran Church for many years.

Save the Date—9/26



September 26 will be a special "Celebration Sunday" with one service @ 10:00 am and a Fellowship Meal following.

- **Come early** – (9:00 – 10:00 AM) The Edge Coffee Truck will be joining us that day.
- **Stay late** - The Holy Smokers will be preparing pulled pork sandwiches and sausage.

More information coming soon!

Pastor

Doug Widger
Lead Shepherd

Pastor Steve Roth
Community Care

Dr. Serena Pace
DCE - Director of Ministries

Jennifer Chavez
Director of Early Education

Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. David Joeckel
Pastor Emeritus



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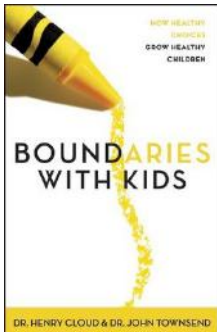
Life Groups

Some groups are held online via Zoom (click [here](#) to learn how to use it), **but many that are will have in-person gatherings as well.**

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

The Fall groups below will start in September, and sign-ups will open on August 8th!

In our seasonal Life Groups, 5-15 people meet weekly to pray, connect, and discuss Jesus-centered study material together. If you need a copy of the study material for a group you sign up for, let the church office know and we can order one for you.



#G1 Co-ed Group

- Led by Pastor Doug Widger
- Studying *Boundaries with Kids* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend
- Wednesday evenings via Zoom

#G2 Co-ed Group - Study of the Gospel of Mark

- Led by Greg Roe
- Monday evenings at the church

#G3 Men's Group

- Led by Danny Helm and Colin Toth
- Study + Schedule TBD with group members' input

#G4 Men's M.A.D. (Make A Difference) Group

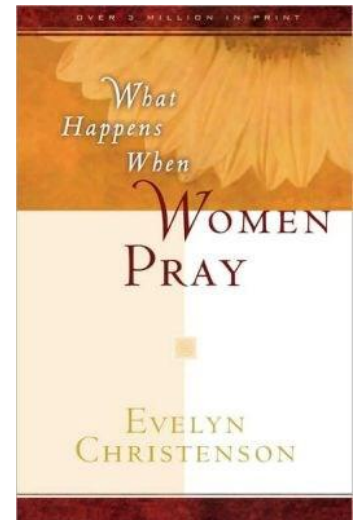
- Led by Pastor Steve Roth
- Tuesday evenings via Zoom

#G5 Women's Morning Group

- Led by Nancy Helm and Alison Roth
- Studying *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christenson
- Thursday mornings at the church

#G6 Women's Evening Group

- Led by Ellen Pelzer and Alison Roth
- Studying *What Happens When Women Pray* by Evelyn Christenson
- Monday evenings via Zoom



#G7 Young Adult's Group - We will read and discuss *Can I Ask That?*, a book acknowledging hard questions about God and faith.

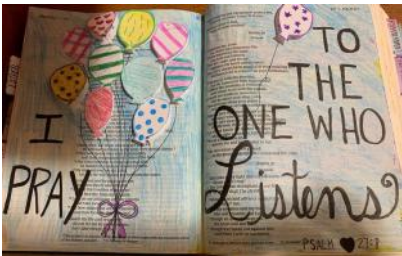
- Led by Richard Del Cristo, Jr.
- Schedule TBD with group members' input
- In-person with optional Zoom, location TBD

Email jdelcristo@grace.lc

if you have any questions about these groups before signing up or attending!

Ongoing Groups

Ongoing groups are open to everyone and offer opportunity to connect, socialize, and serve with the body. This same information can be found on the church website at <https://grace.lc/get-connected>.

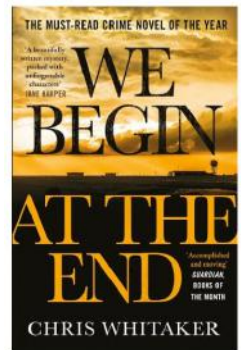


Bible Journaling – Exercise your crafting skills making a creative response to God’s Word using a variety of techniques. We connect with the Lord and apply His Word in our lives using the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Through drawing, journaling, and art you can document your walk with God leaving a legacy of faith. **Starting back September 18th!**

- Coordinated by Alison Roth, contact at ahelenroth1@aol.com
- 1st Saturdays on Zoom at 10 am
- 3rd Saturdays at the church at 10 am
- [Click here](#) for a supply list

Book Club – Like to read? We're starting back up in September discussing "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker.

- 3rd Wednesdays at 2 pm
- In-person at the Church Library
- Coordinated by Ruth Brown, contact at ruth.m.brown@att.net



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
- Coordinated by Jim Runzheimer, contact at runz-law@att.net

Senior Saints - Come to our first meeting back in almost a year on **September 9th!** We will be planning what we want our future gatherings to look like.

- 2nd Thursdays at noon
- Fireside Room

Braille - We have many teams that meet monthly to make Braille Bibles for the visually impaired.

- **Join us at J Gilligan's August 15th @ 4 pm to meet everyone and learn more!**
- Coordinated by Uvonne Dupstadt, contact at udupp@sbcglobal.net for more information

Choir and Joybells - It's finally back!! We worship and prepare for Sunday services every Wednesday evening. No prior experience required.

- **Our first meeting back will be a potluck dinner on September 8th. Come meet us and learn more about our Music Ministry!**

- Joybells at 6:30 pm
- Choir at 7:30 pm
- Contact Richie Del Cristo at rdelcristo@grace.lc for more information



Altar Guild - This is the group of behind the scenes workers who work at glorifying God by keeping the sanctuary and narthex clean, organized and decorated for any given season.

- Saturdays at 9 am
- Coordinated by Susan White, contact at 972-979-2188



Piecemakers - Finally meeting again! We assemble quilts, dress kits, and health kits to be distributed around the world. Any donations of material, blankets, and towels are welcome.

- 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 9 am in Church Downstairs Workroom
- Coordinated by Donita Spawr, contact at 817-243-5716

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Vacation Bible Camp—Thank You!

Huge thank you to all the volunteers and donors that helped make Vacation Bible Camp a success! We appreciate Thrivent's financial support through their Action Teams.

Below is a list of Community Partners that also helped support VBC. When you visit these businesses, be sure to show your appreciation of their involvement!

Pappa John's Pizza
2633 W Park Row Dr.
Josh—Gen. Manager

Tom Thumb
2611 W Park Row Dr.
Mark Angelo (GM) and
Krystle—Bakery Mgr.

Kenner Kolache Bakery
2812 S. Cooper St.
David & RaShel
Kenner

Golden Chick
1800 South Cooper St.
Rosie—Manager

Chick-fil-A
1505 N Collins St.
Beth Ann Jones

McDonald's
611 W. Abrams St.
Antonio—Manager

David's Barbecue
2224 W Park Row
Jimmy & Jesse Harris

Holy Smokers
Ernie Owens, James
Gerhardt, Joe Masterson

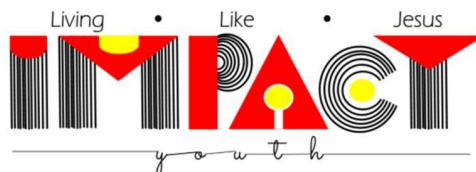
Nothing Bundt Cakes
5001 S. Cooper St.
Haley—Manager



Contact Serena for more info!
space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626 x102



Thank you for participating in July's Mission of the Month and offering support through prayer and donations for Arlington Life Shelter.



Jenna and Richard Del Cristo, Jr are super excited to begin serving alongside Grace in Youth Ministry. We've sent out an email to all the parents we have contact information for to set up a meeting and kick-off event for the year!

Contact us via email at jdelcristo@grace.lc or rdelcristo@grace.lc if you think you're missing the email, or if you'd like to be added to our list of parent and volunteer contacts!

Jenna and Richard Del Cristo, Jr.

Be Wise With Money

How much is

\$3000 + \$1750 + \$500 + \$500 + \$250

That is how much of THRIVENT's MONEY our Grace members have accessed SO FAR THIS YEAR!

If you are a Thrivent member, it is guaranteed that YOU DO HAVE at least one, possibly two, opportunities to get that money too for Grace. Not one penny comes from your account.

(This is different from the Choice Dollars)

Let's all be wise with money, especially free money from Thrivent.

Thrivent has money they want to give us at Grace.

Will you say "YES" to being wise to Thrivent's money for Grace?

or will you say "No thank you" and let Grace's money from Thrivent go unclaimed?

Call or text Chris Owens (817 247-7122) to make this easy for you to request your opportunities.



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

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

Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE at [grace.lc](https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar)? [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!

CHURCH
CALENDAR

Pushpay Instruction

1. Use your cell phone text messaging feature.
2. Type **(833)630-9900** in the send to line.
3. Type **GRACELC** in the message line.
4. Press to send message.
Almost immediately you will receive a message back thanking you for your generosity.
5. Click the link shown in the message.
6. This takes you to the page where you will see our church logo.
7. You have the option to make a gift to the church's ministries.
8. You can insert the dollar amount of the gift.
9. You can choose the frequency of the gift (one-time gift or reoccurring gifts).
10. Choose the fund type (tithes, etc.).
11. Click Next.
12. You will be able to confirm the details you just chose, then add your credit card or bank account information, and it can be stored for you or not, as you desire.
13. Check the box to authorize the transaction.
14. Press GIVE, and you are done.



Memorials and Honorariums

A Memorial is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living memorial in memory of loved one or a friend.

An Honorarium is a monetary gift designated to a Grace Ministry as a living tribute honoring an achievement, deed or celebration of a loved one or a friend.

The following gifts have been graciously received by Grace Ministries:

Memorials

General Ministry: In memory of **Diane Baumann** by Jim & Jan Runzheimer, Pastor Dave & Judy Joeckel

GLEE Ministry: In memory of **John Diel** (Father of Lynn Mangels) by Tommy & Delores Smith

Honorarium

Braille Ministry: Honoring **Gene Rosentreter** as he celebrates his 90th birthday by Tommy & Delores Smith

Call the church office or E-mail requests to cjackson@grace.lc if you want to:

◇ The 3rd quarter of *Portals of Prayer* is in. You can have one mailed to your home, indicating choice of small or large print (*not mailed automatically, but when requested*).

◇ Be added to the group email list that receives prayer requests.

◇ Submit updated address and contact information.

◇ Receive by email a current Church Directory (*or have one mailed to your home*) as an active Grace member.

AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES

8/2 Sid & Jo Cook
 8/3 DelRay & Cathy Alberts
 8/3 Ron & Karen Carter
 8/6 Tommy & Delores Smith
 8/10 Joe & Joanne Elmers
 8/10 Mark & Trish Topel
 8/12 Paul & Judy Horton
 8/13 Kenneth & Sheri Sterling
 8/13 Sidney & Sonya Sorensen
 8/14 John & Tracey Rukavina
 8/14 Keith & Lyn Mangels
 8/17 Troy & Cassie Baumann
 8/28 Tom & Faye Panzer

- ◇ Submit a prayer request and/or update.
- ◇ Obtain your elder's contact information.
- ◇ **Submit stories:** good memories, testimonies, happy news (*noting exactly whom we can share it with, for example, the Prayer Team, Ministry Team, Newsletter Recipients*).

BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Ashley Stock	8/10 Joanne Elmers
8/2 Mary Shelton	8/11 Orena Hohertz
8/3 Tom Jessup	8/11 Joe Sparks
8/4 Judy Joeckel	8/12 Dorothy Kennedy
8/5 Mike Kennedy	8/12 Martin Schlotte
8/5 Jim Runzheimer	8/13 Cassie Baumann
8/6 Jordan Joeckel	8/13 Donald Crow
8/8 Robert Gergens	8/16 Lila McDermed
8/9 Christina Estell	8/16 Denise Shaw
8/9 Mark Lauer	8/20 Doug Brutlag
8/10 Hannah Chavez	8/21 Jonathan Horton

8/23 Doris Davies
 8/23 Richard Del Cristo, Jr.
 8/23 Tommy Ott
 8/23 Lucille Schlotte
 8/23 Marcus Wagner
 8/25 Cynthia Cunningham
 8/26 Ernie Owens
 8/26 Tom Wagoner
 8/27 Darlene Topping
 8/29 Ron Carter

HOLIDAY CRAFT SALES



We are looking into helping our Liberian students through becoming an exhibitor at a couple local craft fairs, one in October and another in November.

We would like to find someone with a food license so we could sell donated cookies, candies, pies, breads and canned goods.

Then we need several crafters who would make and donate all sorts of items, jewelry, sewing goods, seasonal decorations, art, etc.

Also needed will be perhaps three volunteers to staff the booth, handle transactions, and help set up and take down.

These events are a very enjoyable way to meet some wonderful people and it is a great feeling to discover customers who love your creations.

Simply clip this form and place it in the offering basket in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

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Name _____ Email _____

Cell # _____

Craft or food items I would be willing to make and donate include:

_____.

Ways I would love to help

_____.