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COVID Protocol Update

Due to the resurgence in the Corona virus (Delta variant) we would like to reinstate some helpful practices:

* We recommend wearing masks to thwart the advance of the virus and keep one another safe. Be kind to your neighbor. Your cooperation is appreciated.

* We will serve Holy Communion from the pews. Please pick up your packet on the way into the sanctuary.

* We will suspend the serving of coffee and other food items until this wave of the virus has passed.

See page #4 for more updates on how this has impacted other events and areas of ministry.



Love Your Neighbor!

For over 20 years, Grace has opened its gym on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for community basketball. We have an APD police officer present to maintain the safety of all who attend. Detective John Tham has been our attending officer for approximately two years. He is also a U.S. Army veteran.

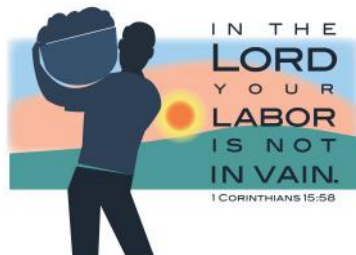
On July 22, Azhmir, the wife of Detective Tham, gave birth to a daughter, Salome, their first child. Salome is healthy, but Azhmir died in childbirth at a local hospital. We are devastated.

We ask Grace members and friends to help. We would like to start with infant formula, diapers, and clothes. Please bring these items and place them on the table in the narthex identified for that purpose. Salome gets Abbott Similac Pro-Advance infant formula and wears size 2 diapers.

For those who have Thrivent insurance and financial products, we will also be providing information on how we can access Thrivent's Choice Dollars program for a Grace-administered fund to assist Officer Tham and Salome. Our Thrivent liaison Chris Owens will help us. For more information, please contact John Muelschen at 972-642-2301 or Jim Runzheimer at 817-917-2208.

Special Dates

- Labor Day, September 6, 2021
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2021
- National Grandparents Day, September 12, 2021
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2021
- First day of autumn, September 22, 2021



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FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



PRESCHOOL/PRE-K/Kindergarten SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are searching for servant-hearted people to co-teach our young children during the Sunday School Hour (9:45-10:45 A.M.), using Concordia Publishing House material. All volunteers will complete a background check, safety training and will join an AWESOME team of people who are passing on the faith to the next generation. Are you interested in joining the Grace Kids Ministry Team? Please contact Serena at space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, x1002.

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.

JR. High Youth (Grades 7-8) meet in Meeting Room 4 for Deep End Confirmation beginning Sept. 5.

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12) Youth meet in the Youth Shed.

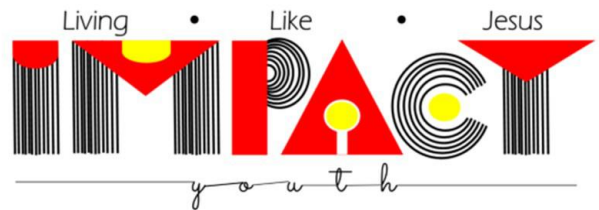
Biblical Parenting Sunday School (For parents, grandparents, & guardians of preschoolers through high school seniors) meets in the Library.

Parents stay in touch through the **GroupMe App**



With October just around the corner, it's time to get ready for Trunk or Treat! We will need trunks, people and **A LOT** of candy and small give-away items. Please contact Serena if you would like to help with the event. **Watch for sign-ups!**

Last year, the line of cars went all the way down to Cooper! That's a TON of people!!! The more people we have participate as volunteers, the more people we get to meet on our campus! We will decide by the end of Sept. if this will be in person or drive-by. Get ready for non-stop smiling and fun!



You might know already that Jenna got sick this last month, so we've had to push back everything that we had planned! **We will have a planning meeting for all parents and interested volunteers on September 11th from 10 am—12 pm in MR2.**

Please still contact us via email at idelcristo@grace.lc or rdelcristo@grace.lc to hear about our events or get involved as a parent or volunteer.

Jenna and Richard Del Cristo, Jr.

NURSERY WORKERS WANTED

to share faith, lead appropriate age-level praise time, play with, and provide a safe and loving environment for our youngest churchgoers

Grace Kids Ministry is looking for caring people with childcare experience to work with our youngest age group, 0 to 3 years old, on Sunday mornings from 8:15 a to 12:15 p. This is a paid position. Grace provides Safety Training and CPR certification. Our workers are background checked through Praesidium, a leader in child safety! Our goal is to hire 3-4 workers. The importance of staffing a church nursery may mean the difference between a young family or new visitor attending church or not. **Who do you know who might be interested?** Please contact Serena at space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, x1002.



Mission of the Month



For our September Mission of the Month, we have the opportunity to show the love of Jesus to our GLEE families now that they're off to a new school year. There are 2 days where we will need volunteer support in welcoming them.



September 22nd at 5 PM: Assembling welcome bags that will be handed out to all of the families. This will taking place in the Fireside Room.

September 23rd between 3:30 - 6 PM: Meeting the families and giving out take-home pizzas along with the welcome bags. Also taking place in the Fireside Room.

Please let Serena know if you would like to volunteer for either or both of these events! You can email space@grace.lc or call 817-274-1626, x1002.

Next month...Embrace Grace



The Embrace Grace group meets weekly at our church to show the love of Christ to women who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy and may be lacking in support from a partner or family.

In October, we will love on this group as we throw a Baby Shower for them. As our Mission of the Month we will ask for support from our congregation through contributions of new or gently used baby items, as well as prayers and other services. Please prayerfully consider this ministry, and visit with any member of the Embrace Grace team for more details: Cathy Alberts, Allie Bahe, Jennifer Chavez, Nancy Grieser, Dorothy Kennedy, Serena Pace, and Barbara Spivy.

Cynthia Cunningham

Laboring for the Lord

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”

Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “Whatever your task,” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”



October is Staff Appreciation Month

As we approach this month of celebration, I am reminded of all of God’s gifts to Grace. Our staff has been such a blessing to our church and community. Please take a moment to express your appreciation and love for these special people. We will celebrate on the 4th Sunday in October. There will be gift bags in the Narthex to receive any gifts or notes of appreciation.

Jim Schmidt



Groups

COVID Updates

Due to the intensely contagious nature of the present strain of Covid, many groups have changed their schedule or plans to be via Zoom vs in-person. All the changes are listed below, and you can always check the website grace.lc/get-connected for the most up-to-date information, as well as links to sign up

Fall Life Groups are still starting this month, and sign-ups will close soon! Sign-ups for Ongoing Groups are always open, but some have been postponed or moved fully to Zoom again. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

#G5 Women's Morning Life Group

- Meeting Thursday mornings via Zoom now until further notice

Bible Journaling

- Still starting September 18th, but now will be meeting via Zoom only

Choir and Joybells

- Our first meeting back will be postponed until further notice

Senior Saints

- We will reassess the situation in late September, but plan to start this programming year in October instead of this month.

Other Groups

- We will continue monitoring the situation and pray for God's guidance in whether we should change more groups' Zoom plans or timing!

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!



Celebration Sunday

Dear Family of Faith-

September 26 had been slated as a "Celebration Sunday" in which we had planned to have on service followed by a Fellowship Meal. Due to the resurgence of the COVID 19 virus we have decided to postpone this event.

The Board of Directors and Board of Elders along with the Ministry Team are eager to gather in these ways as soon as we safely can. Please continue to grant an abundance of grace to one another as we navigate these uncertain times. One thing is indeed certain – the Risen Christ is ruling, reigning, and wants his people unified in mission! Keep up the good work of declaring Jesus Lord with your daily living in his good creation!

Pastor Doug



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: jdalcristo@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

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 recurring 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.



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Call the church office or E-mail requests to idelcristo@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.
- ◇ Submit a prayer request and/or update.
- ◇ Obtain your elder's contact information.

SEPTEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/4 Dick & JoAnn Jeske
- 9/4 Paul & Mary Wolter
- 9/5 Mike & Shawn Curtis
- 9/9 Paul & True Olson
- 9/10 Frank & Sharon Vance
- 9/10 Gene & Vickie Rosentreter
- 9/13 Donald & Jeanne Crow
- 9/17 Sharese & Jonathan Dickerson
- 9/20 John & Kecia Schmidt
- 9/25 Doug & Janet Brutlag
- 9/26 James & Stephanie Schmidt
- 9/26 Paul & Jennifer Tatrow
- 9/26 Steve & Peggy Alloy

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Charlotte McCormick
- 9/1 Kenneth Flagg
- 9/2 Roman Chavez
- 9/4 Ariel Allen
- 9/5 EllaMae Ott
- 9/5 John Schlesinger
- 9/6 Keyleigh Tippens
- 9/6 True Olson
- 9/9 Gary Reed
- 9/9 Marilyn Rutledge
- 9/10 Stan Taber
- 9/10 Lynzie Chavez
- 9/11 Jerry Pollard
- 9/11 Barbara Spivy
- 9/12 Gary Folks
- 9/12 Shiloh Oshinowo
- 9/13 Cole Bodenstab
- 9/13 David Barber
- 9/13 Keith Mangels
- 9/13 Scott Schlesinger
- 9/14 Rachel Hoar
- 9/16 Jim Kettler
- 9/16 Robert Lorenz
- 9/16 Tyler Walker
- 9/18 Rebekah Livesay
- 9/19 Brandon Gostynski
- 9/20 Jonathan Livesay
- 9/20 Seth Sessums
- 9/21 Cassie Garcia
- 9/21 Delores Smith
- 9/21 Jeff Patton
- 9/22 Douglas Widger
- 9/22 Janice Dehoney
- 9/23 Shane Richmond
- 9/24 Sidney Sorensen
- 9/25 Ginny Hankins
- 9/26 Kathy Crane
- 9/27 Katie Moore
- 9/28 Scott Bodenstab
- 9/28 Susan Seefeldt
- 9/30 Holly Westbrook



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

- party - t = p r a y (v. 1)
- lady + i = _ _ o o _ (v. 3)
- drab + e = _ o _ _ _ (v. 5)
- rod + o = _ o _ _ (v. 7)
- bask - b = _ _ _ (v. 9)
- keeps - p = o _ _ _ (v. 9)
- define - ee = _ o _ _ (v. 9)
- shift - t = _ _ _ o (v. 11)
- sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sift + g = _ _ _ o _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_____ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, and, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit