

## Ministry Staff Appreciation Month

As we enter 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 listed below. There will be gift bags in the Narthex to receive any gifts or notes of appreciation, and we will celebrate on the 4th Sunday in October.

- 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

*Jim Schmidt*

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| Rev. Doug Widger | Katie Lee         | Red Hoar          |
| Rev. Steve Roth  | Richie Del Cristo | Colin Toth        |
| Dr. Serena Pace  | Jenna Del Cristo  | Maintenance Team: |
| Cynthia Jackson  | Will Land         | John Rukavina     |
| Jennifer Chavez  | Mark Oxner        | Alan Meyer        |
|                  |                   | Joe Masterson     |

## Loving Liberia Update

Dear Grace Members,

We are making great strides in Christian education through Perry Smith's two Liberian schools. We call this Loving Liberia where we share the gospel and teach children for almost free. The two pictures show the first building on the new land purchased in Gayes Zahn Town, River Cess in June 2021. We are building a guest house for missionaries and for teachers from Monrovia who come to the River Cess School to help instruct teachers. The building will have more uses in the future.



This is the first building built that will have a concrete foundation in Gayes Zahn Town, River Cess. Think on that for just a moment: the first house built with a concrete foundation in the area of the country. The local villagers carried cement and all the construction supplies two miles to the worksite. I don't know about you, but I don't think I could carry a bag of cement two miles. This shows the dedication of the people we are helping with education and sharing the gospel.

The future school will be built close to the guest house hopefully in the fall of 2022. We appreciate your prayers and financial support. We want to be transparent with how we use the funds for mission and ministry, so financials may be provided upon request.

Blessings,

*Pastor Hildebrandt*

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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](mailto: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**



It's time to get ready for Trunk or Treat! We'll need people to bring decorated trunks (not too scary, please!) and LOTS of candy/other giveaways to hand out. Click the link [here](#) or on our website [grace.lc](http://grace.lc) to sign up and see more ways you can volunteer. Get ready for new friends, non-stop smiling and a whole lot of fun!



This month we have the Mt. Lebanon Retreat for Middle Schoolers on October 2nd, and with all the Youth we plan to decorate a trunk and hand out candy for Trunk or Treat on October 31st.

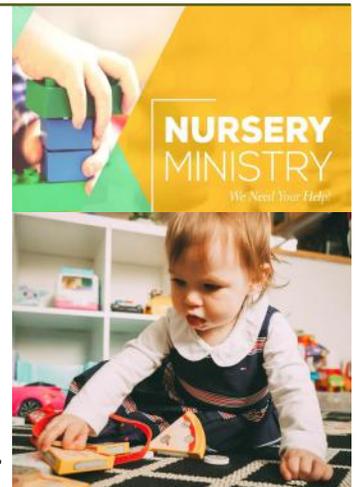
Thanks Colin for the new logo! Please contact us via email at [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc) or [rdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:rdelcristo@grace.lc) to hear more about our events or get involved.

*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](mailto:space@grace.lc) or 817-274-1626, x1002.



# Ongoing Groups Updates

## Choir and Joybells

Our Choir and Joybells groups have begun rehearsing regularly again, and **we are looking for more players to expand our ensembles!** They both meet weekly on Wednesdays at the church. Joybells is at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary balcony, and Choir meets at 7:30 pm in the Music Room (upstairs - Family Life Center). If you are interested in choir or bells, contact Richie at [rdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:rdelcristo@grace.lc)

## Senior Saints

The Senior Saints will not be meeting in October and are **on hold until further notice.** Thank you for your patience as we continue asking God to help us navigate this challenging season.

## Piecemakers

Thank you to everyone that has dropped off material! We have been able to assemble dress kits to send out in November and plenty of pieces to cut into quilt tops. Reminder we meet the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Saturdays at 9am downstairs.

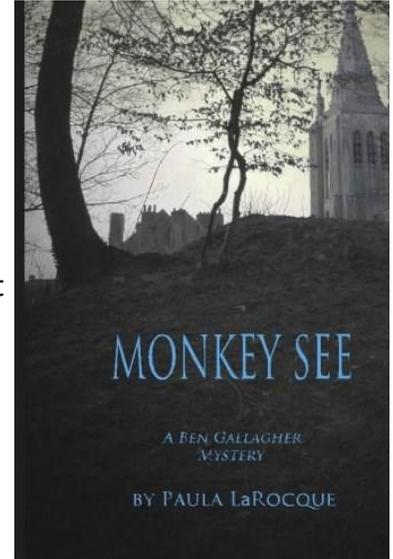


## Book Club

Book Club will be meeting on October 20th at 2 pm in the church library. We will be discussing the book *Monkey See* written by an Arlington writer Paula LaRocque. You will recognize some places in Arlington and the DFW area in her book.

Paula only wrote two books and passed away last year. She was assistant managing editor and writing coach at The Dallas Morning News for 20 years. It's a murder mystery and will keep you entertained.

*Ruth Brown*



## Mission of the Month

The Embrace Grace group would like to share with you the wonderful news about our support of unwed mothers-to-be. Embrace Grace's purpose is 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. We meet every Wednesday in the MR building and share stories, the ups and downs of our weeks, and pray over and encourage these lovely women in their journey of life through and with Christ.



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*Grace* **INC.**

We are asking for congregational prayers and financial support to give each of these ladies a lovely baby shower at the end of their Christ-centered 12-week program. If you, a friend, or family member have gently used baby items, please consider donating them. If you would like to support by purchasing a new item, [click here](#) to sign-up to donate from a list of items. We will also be throwing a party for each woman, complete with hair and nails done for them. If you know an esthetician or artist talented with hair or nails that might be willing to donate their talents and time at a hopefully reduced rate, please let us know.

**Items must be delivered to church, unwrapped, no later than Sunday, October 17th.** You can visit with any member of the Embrace Grace team listed below for more details. Please prayerfully consider this ministry.

Cathy Alberts, Allie Bahe, Jennifer Chavez, Nancy Grieser, Dorothy Kennedy, Serena Pace, Barbara Spivy, Cynthia Cunningham

## Faith Lutheran 75th Anniversary

Greetings!

The people at Faith Lutheran Church & Comunidad de Fe cordially invite you to join them to celebrate Faith's 75th Anniversary on Sunday, October 31.

At noon, there will be a joint English & Spanish (communion) worship service at: Faith Lutheran Church  
2200 SW 3rd Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Detailed informational documents and RSVP form are located on Faith's website: [www.flcgp.com](http://www.flcgp.com) For any questions, please email: [faithgptx75th@gmail.com](mailto:faithgptx75th@gmail.com)

**RSVP(s) and payment for luncheon attendance must be RECEIVED at Faith by Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Thank you.**

*Gail Schroeder* on behalf of the 75th Anniversary Committee



Gary and I have always felt so warmly welcomed into your families. The friendships we have made will stay in our hearts and memories forever. Thank you with all my heart for the very kind words in the cards that you sent and the very lovely gifts you shared with us. It was so thoughtful of the church to put all of these sentiments into an album to cherish, and the statue artwork is phenomenal. The symbolism of it has made me reflect on our ministry among you, brothers and sisters in Christ. I appreciate all of the special things that were done during the services last Sunday from song choices, special musical offerings, and kind most generous words shared. We both give all glory to our Triune God. May God bless and keep you all safe in His love. Peace be with you,

*Sharon and Gary Folks*

**Call the church office or E-mail requests to [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc) if you want to:**

- ◇ Receive the 3rd quarter 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 electronically or by mail as an active Grace member.
- ◇ Submit and/or update a prayer request.
- ◇ Obtain your elder's contact information.

**"The Most Reluctant Convert"**  
The life story of C.S. Lewis  
**Showing for ONE NIGHT ONLY**  
**AMC Parks 11/3/21 @ 7 pm**

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

## Thanksgiving Turkeys

The Holy Smokers are planning to smoke turkeys and sausage for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 24.

Please Save The Date and watch for further details in the November Newsletter.



For further information please contact Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747

Get your  
2022 Thrivent  
calendar



## Thrivent Calendar

Thrivent members -

Be sure to order your 2022 calendar from Thrivent.

Please order even if you do not need it.

You can get the calendar to Chris or Ernie Owens and it will be passed on to groups at Grace that can definitely use it!

## 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 "L" for example, Mike Kennedy 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

## New Members in Our Family of Faith

**Luis and Elizabeth Gutierrez (Khloe - 6 and Matthew - 4)** came to know us through Vacation Bible Camp. Luis runs an independent insurance agency in Irving. Elizabeth is currently a full-time homemaker. They are passionate about outreach, especially to people from Hispanic background.

**Anthony and Katie Lee (Charlie - 13, Keagan - 10, and Zoey - 9)** Anthony works as a surgery technician while Katie serves as Assistant Director in our GLEE program. Anthony enjoys drumming and will be part of our praise team. Katie loves building relationships with young families.

**Melissia Puente (Jazzelle - 10)** Jazzelle attended Vacation Bible Camp this past July. Melissia faithfully helps keep much of our Grace property clean and fresh. This mother daughter duo seeks to connect to Christ as part of our fellowship.

## Pushpay Instruction



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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.

## BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Norm Grieser	10/20 Karen Arrington
10/1 Steve Alloy	10/20 Nancy McCormick
10/2 Frank Vance	10/20 Paula Crossman
10/2 Vickie Rosentreter	10/21 Susan Jones
10/3 Charles Davies	10/23 Judy Livesay
10/3 Emma Woodley	10/23 Van Alec Nieves
10/4 Ruth Currie	10/24 Michael Schmidt
10/4 Easton Schlesinger	10/25 Joshua Widger
10/6 Moira Meyer	10/26 John Peery
10/6 Justin Gerhardt	10/28 Khloe Gutierrez
10/7 Jann Richmond	10/29 David Joeckel
10/8 Donna Hertel	10/30 David Taylor
10/8 Mike Pace	10/30 Jack Brown
10/8 Patty Smith	10/31 Kathryn Petty
10/9 Anna Jessup	10/31 Mildred Anderson
10/9 Jack Crutchfield	
10/10 Elizabeth Ott	
10/12 Andrew Hall	
10/13 Cheryl Westbrook	3/5 Norm & Nancy Grieser
10/15 Barbara Koehn	3/7 Russell & Deborah Hildebrandt
10/15 Emmett DeVries	3/8 Hank & Maryann Jacobs
10/15 Donald Alloy	3/10 Martin & Lucille Schlotte
10/16 Jeanne Crow	3/16 Samuel & Kathryn Petty
10/18 Zeke Ali	3/17 Wayne & Ginny Hankins
10/19 Austin Taylor	3/28 Miguel & Dawn Sepulveda

## OCTOBER



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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# MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

*Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.*

1	5	x 3	=		6	6	x 6	=	
2	7	x 4	=		7	9	x 3	=	
3	4	x 6	=		8	3	x 8	=	
4	2	x 10	=		9	10	x 4	=	
5	9	x 5	=		10	11	x 8	=	

## KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.

Come and share your master's happiness!”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things