



Pastor Doug Widger (Lead Shepherd) | Pastor Steve Roth (Community Care)  
Dr. Serena Pace (DCE - Director of Ministries) | Mrs. Laura Scott (Director of Early Education)

## Special Celebration Service



Join us for a special dedication of our new altar, pulpit, baptismal font, pew Bibles, banners, paraments, and MORE, on Sunday, August 4th, at our 9:30am service.

Help us celebrate God's bountiful blessings on our family of faith. We thank God for His faithfulness these past 70 years and praise Him for the bright future He has called us to share together into the future.

- Pastor Doug

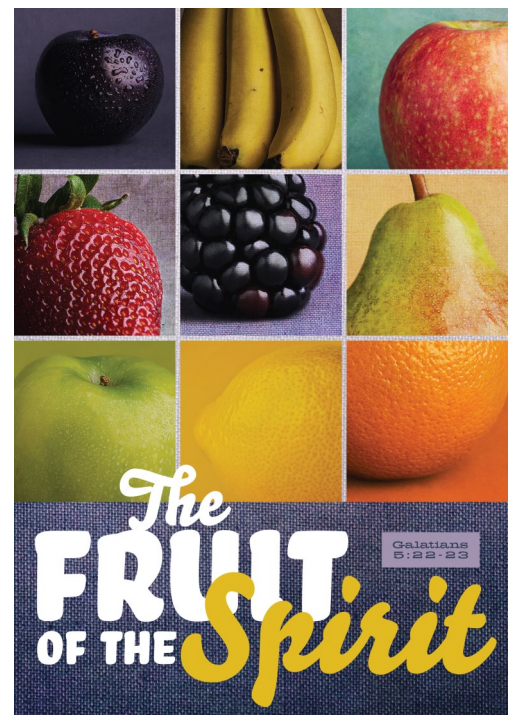
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## Upcoming Messages

This September, we will launch a series on "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT." Jesus tells us in John 15:16, *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."*

What does this mean, and how can we do it? Those are the questions we will answer together, starting September 8th through November 17th.



# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

10:45—11:45 a.m. (Babies/Toddlers)  
Nursery  
(Preschool 4's—Kinder & Grades 1-5)  
Preschool Wing  
(Grades 6-8) Meeting Room 4 (Top Left)  
(Grades 9-12) Youth Shed  
(Biblical Parenting) Library



### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Thank you, Grace family, for prayers, donations and hours spent preparing and serving at VBC in July! Jesus was lifted up and the lives of the participants and their families were blessed by God through you!

Back-to-School  
**SWIM PARTY**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH**  
**12:15PM TO 3:00PM**

**LOCATION: SCHMIDT HOUSE FOR GRADES 7-12**

*Please wear a modest 1-piece swimsuit or tankini. Bring a towel, sunscreen, schedules, & salty or sweet snack to share!*

**RSVP WITH SERENA BY AUGUST 15TH!**

**SCHOOL SUPPLY BLESSING**

**THANK YOU** to Grace for prayers, donations, and volunteer hours to make the Back-to-School Blessing for the community such a meaningful event!

**back to school BLESSING**

**AUGUST 4TH AT 9:30AM**

Join us as we pray for Grace Kids, Grace Youth, College Students, Local & GLEE Teachers, and Administrators!

# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

# LOVE

YOUR NEIGHBOR  
RECESS RETREAT

2024



## RECESS MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 20TH-21ST, 2024

FOR GRADES 5-8

**COST:** \$100 (Scholarships Available)

**LOCATION:** Camp Copass (Denton, TX)

For more information, contact Serena:

(P) 817-274-1626, x1002

(E) [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc)

EMBRACE *Grace*  
SUPPORT GROUPS

EMBRACE  
*legacy*

A NEW PROGRAM FOR SINGLE DADS

## EMBRACE GRACE OCTOBER 2024

Support groups for young single moms and dads are now forming. *Is this a ministry you feel called to help with?* Contact [Serena Pace](#) if you would like to help.



# ALL CHURCH LUNCH

## Rudy's

"COUNTRY STORE"  
AND BAR-B-Q®

# Sunday, August 25th

after our 9:30AM worship service

grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
belong · believe · become

ROMANS 12:12

SISTERS IN  
CHRIST

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

REJOICE IN HOPE

WOMEN'S

EVENT

SATURDAY

SEPT. 14



9:00AM-3:30PM, \$20

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
210 W. PARK ROW, ARLINGTON  
817-274-1626

SIGN UP AT [GRACE.LC](http://grace.lc)  
OR IN THE NARTHEX.

# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

# graceSeniors

## LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 12TH!



**GRACE SENIORS** is launching September 12th for the new programming year. Send your ideas, food options and speaker recommendations to Serena [space@grace.lc](mailto:space@grace.lc) 817-274-1626

## SEND US YOUR IDEAS!



### TODAY'S REMINDER

Psalm 121 : 1-2  
I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

## Shop GLEE's Wish List TODAY!



# amazon

Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help us provide the best possible environment for our children. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

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# GLEE NEWS

## GLEE IS GROWING!



We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Kristen Shef is joining GLEE as our new **Assistant Director!** With her exceptional skills and vibrant energy, Kristen brings a wealth of experience and passion for fostering growth and excellence. We are confident that her innovative ideas and dedication will make a significant impact on our community. Join us in welcoming Kristen to the GLEE family; we know she'll be an excellent addition and look forward to the exciting journey ahead!

## Fall 2024 Enrollment Is Still OPEN

Enrollment for Fall 2024 is officially open! We can't wait to welcome your family into our loving and nurturing community. Join us for a joyful and enriching learning experience where faith and fun go hand in hand.

Secure your child's spot today and become part of the GLEE family! For more information, contact **Laura Scott** (*phone: (817) 274-1626* | *email: [lscott@grace.lc](mailto:lscott@grace.lc)*).



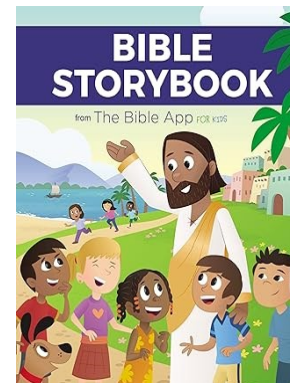
## GLEE Open House



You're invited to a special Open House and Prayer Experience for Grace Lutheran Early Education on Sunday, August 4th, between the service and Sunday School. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the facilities, meet the dedicated staff, and learn more about our early education program. Join us for cookies and juice as we come together to celebrate and pray for our early education program.

## Pre-K Bible Purchase

We will be purchasing 9 Bibles for our Pre-K students. You can purchase the Bible through the church for **\$15.00**. You will have the opportunity to write an inscription in the Bible during the Open House on 8/4 and will be praying for the child and family all year. At Graduation, they will have the opportunity to meet with the child and family in person. For more information, contact **Laura Scott** (*phone: (817) 274-1626* | *email: [lscott@grace.lc](mailto:lscott@grace.lc)*).



# HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

## Service Of Blessing



The Service of Blessing was held Sunday, July 28th. We welcomed, served, worshiped, and prayed with our community before kids go back to school. **PRAISE BE TO GOD! WE SERVED NEARLY 200 KIDS.**

Thank you all for your donations, your prayers and helping with all the preparation. Without the support of congregants like **YOU**, our church wouldn't be able to spread God's word and touch the lives of everyone in our community.

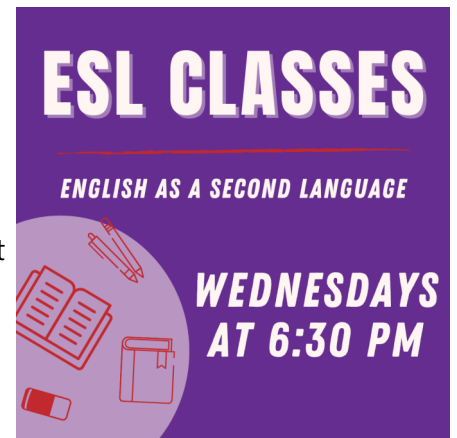
Your generosity made a significant impact on our Service of Blessing, allowing us to continue intentionally engaging with our community, and spreading the love and care of Christ. Church, you truly made a difference, and we are so grateful for your support.



## ESL Classes

ESL classes will resume **Wednesday, September 4, 2024**, and go on until the middle of May 2025. ESL ministry has created the opportunity to do mission in our own church building, and we are thankful for all of our volunteers and teacher's support during the year.

As we get ready for a new ESL year next fall, we would ask that you'd prayerfully consider helping us serve our community. It doesn't have to be a weekly commitment; there are plenty of options for you to serve. Knowing Spanish language is also **NOT** necessary to help with this ministry.



### Here's how you can serve:

- *Helping to serve snacks (you can also donate)*
- *Being a Teacher Aid*
- *Substitute Teachers*
- *Greeters*
- *And more...*

Materials and guidance will be provided along the year. Please let us know if you feel the call to serve in this ministry. Your time and service will be a blessing, plus would be making an impact to our ministry and community. **For more information, or to become a volunteer, e-mail to Dawn Stacy at: [dawnstacy\\_gls@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnstacy_gls@yahoo.com).**



Perry Geevon Smith, Executive Director, reported that both Lutheran schools had a great year with the Monrvia school having 12 students graduating from kindergarten, 6 students from sixth grade, and 2 graduates from ninth grade. River Cess reported they had five graduates from kindergarten. Computer classes have been a real blessing to our students, and this is equipping them to have a better future being equipped with the skills needed for employment. We want to say thank you to Grace for helping us purchase computers for both schools.

Please visit our website at [www.lovingliberia.com](http://www.lovingliberia.com) to check on our new school construction. Loving Liberia has purchased two acres of land, and we should be clearing the land to begin construction in the near future. Your prayers and support are appreciated as we bring the message of Jesus to students and families in Liberia.

*Pastor Russell Hildebrandt*

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[www.lovingliberia.com](http://www.lovingliberia.com)

Call 817.274.1626 or email [churchoffice@grace.lc](mailto:churchoffice@grace.lc)

- ◇ 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.

## Ongoing Groups

Get involved and grow with us at Grace Lutheran by signing up for our ongoing groups! We offer a variety of options, like Bible studies, prayer groups, and fellowship gatherings. These groups are a great way to build meaningful relationships, deepen your faith, and find support within our church community.

Don't miss out on this chance to connect and grow together in Christ. **SIGN UP TODAY** and become an active part of our vibrant church family!

Information on all of our groups can be found anytime at: [grace.lc/get-connected](http://grace.lc/get-connected).

**STAY  
CONNECTED!**

*There's a special place for you.*



# CATALYST GRANT

The mission of Grace Gracious Givers, with the help of God, is to support mission-minded Christian Organizations with innovative outreach support.

## Guidelines



Ministries can apply for amounts up to \$10,000 annually.

Ideally, a funded project would:

- Be Gospel proclaiming
- Be innovative – something new – something original – which moves the kingdom of God forward.
- Be potentially replicable.
- Be sustainable.
- Includes investments from other monetary partners.
- Utilize resources of multiple members of the ministry.
- Be connected and supported by our congregation or a mission network.
- Include some way to measure progress in catalyzing mission.

Grant recipients will submit a report regarding the project. Failure to submit the report will result in the ministry returning the granted money.



## Application Information

- Date of Application
- Name
- Ministry
- Email Address
- Cell Phone
- Project Name
- Project Purpose
- Project Description
- Project Cost
- Grant Request Amount
- Date Funds Needed By
- How will effectiveness be measured?
- How will this project be used to multiply leaders?

Please submit form to:  
STAN TABER  
([taber.stan@yahoo.com](mailto:taber.stan@yahoo.com))

## Music Ministry

We're very excited to get bells and choir going again! We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings, with Bells at 6:30PM and Choir at 7:30PM.

Come join us as we make music to the Lord. Contact Will at [wland@grace.lc](mailto:wland@grace.lc) if you have any questions about getting involved!



## Choir And Joybells Party!

Join us for FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

**AUGUST 7th**  
**6:30pm**



## Legacy Deo

Elanor Roosevelt once said, "He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses much more; He who loses faith, loses all." God

alone is the source of faith. You alone are responsible for maintaining your friends. Let Legacy Deo help you be a good steward of your money. We inspire giving that impacts life forever.

Contact us for Family and Congregational Endowments, Charitable Trusts, Gift Annuities, and more:  
[www.LegacyDeo.org](http://www.LegacyDeo.org) or 800-880-3733.

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## DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART?

In the last several years, approximately 75 Grace Thrivent Financial members have said YES to Thrivent's free grant money....

**OVER \$100,000.00 dollars to Grace!**

- 2024 = on track for \$25,000+
- 2023 = \$26,750
- 2022 = \$29,750
- 2021 = \$10,500
- 2020 = \$10,500

PLUS ones that were done independently and ones in years prior. **Isn't that exciting!**

If you are not a Thrivent member, it's easy for you to join and have a part in claiming Thrivent's grant money for the mission and ministry at Grace!

You can become a member and claim \$250-\$500 in grant money every year by having any financial product, including a small savings account, or by joining for \$20/year membership fee.

A \$20 annual investment on your part will bring a \$250 grant to Grace every year! That's a great return on your investment. Applications are quick and easy.

Pastor, Serena, and other ministry leaders still have 2024 projects that could use your help to obtain a Thrivent grant.

Do you want to be a part too?

Let's make that happen!

**Contact Chris Owens**

**817 247-7122**

**thrivent**



## **HOLY SMOKERS ONGOING GROUP**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GRILLING, SMOKING  
MEAT AND SHARING AND LEARNING TECHNIQUES  
AND IDEAS INVOLVING OUTDOOR COOKING?**

**Then the Holy Smokers might be the perfect group  
for you. Whether you're a seasoned pit master or  
a beginner looking to learn, PLEASE JOIN US!**

### **CONTACT US:**

**Ernie Owens (817-247-0747)**

**Brian Rukavina (817-229-9703)**

# AUGUST



## BIRTHDAYS & 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
- 8/13 Sidney & Sonya Sorensen
- 8/14 John & Tracey Rukavina
- 8/14 Keith & Lyn Mangels
- 8/17 Troy & Cassie Baumann
- 8/22 Jordan & Laura Hart

Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE? 

[CLICK HERE](http://go.grace.lc/calendar)  
[go.grace.lc/calendar](http://go.grace.lc/calendar)  
 to access it.  
 Any calendar changes made in the church office are updated in real time!

- 8/2 Mary Shelton
- 8/5 Mike Kennedy
- 8/5 Jim Runzheimer
- 8/6 Sujay Geddati
- 8/7 Charlotte Walker
- 8/8 Robert Gergens
- 8/9 Christina Estell
- 8/9 Mark Lauer
- 8/10 Hannah Chavez
- 8/10 Joanne Elmers
- 8/11 Orena Hohertz
- 8/11 Joe Sparks
- 8/12 Dorothy Kennedy
- 8/12 Martin Schlotte
- 8/13 Cassie Baumann
- 8/13 Donald Crow
- 8/15 Terry Surratt
- 8/16 Lila McDermed
- 8/16 Denise Shaw
- 8/17 Chris Christopher
- 8/20 Doug Brutlag
- 8/20 Rilla Terry
- 8/20 Shannon Edgar
- 8/23 Doris Davies
- 8/23 Lucille Schlotte
- 8/23 Marcus Wagner
- 8/23 Tommy Ott
- 8/25 Cynthia Cunningham
- 8/26 Ernie Owens
- 8/26 Tom Wagoner
- 8/27 Darlene Topping
- 8/29 Ron Carter
- 8/29 Lucy Cortes
- 8/29 Suma Manukonda

### 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: [churchoffice@grace.lc](mailto:churchoffice@grace.lc).

*Joseph C. Masterson*

### ELDERS & THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
David Swille	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Brian Bassett	S
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

Head Elder:  
Joe Masterson

### The Fruit Of The Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 beautifully illustrates the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities are not just virtues to aspire to, but are the very essence of a Spirit-filled life.

When we walk in the Spirit, these fruits naturally grow within us, reflecting God's nature to the world. Imagine how transformative our relationships and communities can be when we embody these fruits daily. As we cultivate these fruits, we become more like Christ, allowing His Spirit to work through us.

Our interactions become testimonies of God's love and power. Imagine a world where these fruits are evident in every believer—a world marked by compassion, joy, and harmony.



# CLASSIC TV SHOWS

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



- |                   |                   |               |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| ALICE             | DRAGNET           | GUNSMOKE      | NIGHT GALLERY   |
| ALL IN THE FAMILY | FATHER KNOWS BEST | HAPPY DAYS    | PERRY MASON     |
| BEWITCHED         | GET SMART         | I LOVE LUCY   | THAT GIRL       |
| BONANZA           | GIDGET            | LOST IN SPACE | THE BRADY BUNCH |
| COLUMBO           | GOOD TIMES        | MAVERICK      | THE MOD SQUAD   |
| DOBIE GILLIS      | GREEN ACRES       | MY THREE SONS | THE ODD COUPLE  |