



SUMMER 2022

# CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church

## Getting To Know Our New Pastor!

By Lyn Miller



On Sunday, March 20th, our congregation voted to call Rev. Tyler Henderson to serve as the next pastor of GLPC! Tyler has been with GLPC for the last four years serving as our Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry. While we have had the opportunity to get to know Tyler and his family over the last four years, we thought we would ask him a few questions about things you may not know about him and his family.

*Where did you attend college and what did you study?*

- I attended college at Midwestern State University in my hometown of Wichita Falls, TX. After a change of major nearly mid-way through college, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Geology... *I can't say I use it too much nowadays!*

*What all jobs have you had prior to GLPC?*

- The day I turned 16 my parents handed me the keys to a hand-me-down truck and said, "It's got a full tank of gas... if you want another one, you better go find a job." With that, I spent the rest of that day picking up applications! Throughout high school I worked at a local Ace Hardware store (many things I learned there have stayed with me and been very useful to me in homeownership!). I have also worked as a civilian on an Air Force base and at a Christian summer camp. Throughout college I worked as a youth intern for my home church. After college I worked for 4 years as a Geologist for the state of Texas before filling the position as the Youth Director of First Presbyterian Church of Wichita Falls.

*Where did you go to seminary and what was the best part of it?*

- I attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Living in the Austin area was a lot of fun and has some great food! As a break from coursework, I thought I would also complete a bucket list goal by training and completing my first marathon.

*What would you like people to know about the Henderson family?*

- Jessica and I met in college and married in April 2008 right before we graduated. While I was at seminary, she was working on her own educational pursuits through Dallas Baptist University. She graduated in August 2019 with a Master's in Family Ministry. Jessica began working as the Interim Children's Director in July 2019 after the previous Children's Director left and not long after moved into the permanent role.
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Jessica and I have two beautiful, smart, and sweet girls, Ella (12) and Grace (9). The newest addition to our family is our Great Dane pup, Sophie. Sophie may be the youngest but she is definitely not the smallest!

*What is the perfect family vacation for the Hendersons?*

- Though anywhere in the mountains is amazing, one of our favorite places is Breckenridge, CO in the summertime! We like a mix of scheduled activities with free time to just hike, shop, try new restaurants, or relax and play games.

*What is your favorite free-time activity?*

- My favorite personal activity is cycling. Cycling is something I started in college and even raced collegiately on my college cycling team. Other than that, I enjoy just about any sports as well as working in the yard and having projects around the house.

*What is the biggest challenge you see for our church?*

- In the immediate, I see the biggest challenge being filling positions. Not only staff positions, but we also have a large class of elders and deacons rolling off this summer. This is something we are already hard at work on, and we hope to have progress on soon. I am so grateful for all who have stepped up to help us keep the wheels turning! This truly is a special congregation.

*As our pastor, what are you looking forward to?*

- First, I'm most looking forward to *continuing* to partner in ministry with our church. We have such a wonderful community here and I am so grateful for the opportunity to learn, grow, and work alongside them in Christ's ministry. On an individual level, I am committed to learning and developing personally and professionally. I am looking forward to growing in this specific leadership role.

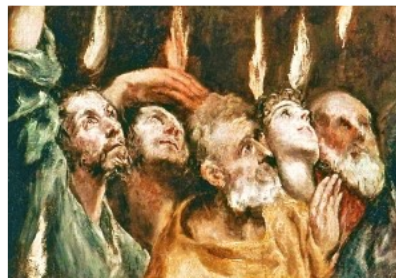
## WORSHIP

### Pentecost - Birth of the Church

On Sunday, June 5, we will celebrate Pentecost and begin a new season of the church year. Each Sunday will be designated by ordinal numbers—1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. after Pentecost—all the way to Advent. So, Pentecost is very important in the history of the church.

In the Jewish tradition Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Passover. The Jews celebrated both God's giving of grain for food and the law. All Jewish men were required to be in Jerusalem for that event. It was during that event that the Apostles were together and received the Holy Spirit. According to Acts 2: "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them

ability." This enabled the others present to understand the Apostles' teaching and led to the birth of the church. On that day about 3000 became Christians.



In our Christian faith, we celebrate Pentecost on the 7th Sunday after Easter. The gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us enables our lives of faith. We wear red to remember the tongues like fire. So, Happy Birthday Blessed Church on June 5th!

**We hope you will join us  
for worship!**

**SUNDAYS @ 10:30am**



# GLPC KIDS

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**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 27-30 | 9am-noon**

God's Word will come to life like never before as we go on a journey walking Jesus' path through Jerusalem that led to the cross. This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Fun games, cool Bible songs, and exciting Bible stories are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life.



**Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>**

## **VBS Mission Project**

This year for our VBS mission project, we will be collecting books for children ages 5 to 10 years old to help support PCHAS! Please drop off donated books in Jessica's office.

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School is an amazing way for children to become familiar with the Bible and develop a deep relationship with God. Kids are learning stories of the New Testament through The Gospel Project for Kids curriculum. We would love to see your kids there!

## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

Children's Worship is held each Sunday during our worship service for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children will begin the service with their parents and be dismissed to Faith Express after the Children's Lesson. If you would like to have your child with you during the entire service, worship bags are available outside the sanctuary doors.

# GLPC YOUTH

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## **Sunday Morning Study 9:30-10:15am**

Jr. High and High School students will gather Sunday mornings in the Youth for a time of Bible Study and discussion. We are continuing in our study of the New Testament gospels.

## **Sunday Night Youth Group 5:00-6:30pm**

Jr. High and High School students are welcome and encouraged to join us for a time of weekly biblical Study and fellowship! We have lots of fun theme nights planned, but our focus will always turn toward deepening our relationship with the Lord. Also, friends are welcome!

## **Summer Colorado Trip June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

We are heading to Highlands Presbyterian Camp, Colorado! This is planned to be a half work trip and half retreat! We will be helping Highlands camp with some much needed work around their facility while also having a great time in study and enjoying the wonderful Colorado outdoors!

**Our summer schedule fluctuates so  
please be on the look out for our  
youth email updates!!**



## **YOUTH SUMMER INTERNS!!**

This summer we are excited to have Rebecca LaMothe and Sahaj Peters serving as our Student Ministry interns! Both Rebecca and Sahaj were very active in GLPC Youth prior to college. Now, Rebecca is a student at Baylor and Sahaj is at the University of Texas.

## **BE IN THE KNOW!**

Stay up-to-date by signing up for our emails  
& the Remind 101 app!  
Contact Tyler for more info:  
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# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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Joining a small group at church is a wonderful way to grow in your faith. Jesus says,

*"When two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20

Greetings from the Christian Ed committee! We are happy that our current classes are going well. We do want to continue our journey in our discipleship groups as we meet together and study God's word. We have several ongoing classes that meet on Sunday mornings as well as Bible studies that meet during the weekdays. Please join us as we gather together!

## SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLE GROUPS

### The Voyagers

Room 202

An in-depth study of the Bible and is led by a team who use various commentaries to help enhance the lively class discussion.

### The Cultivators

Room 209

Whether you've grown up hearing Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible can be overwhelming. The Cultivators Class will cover the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Women's Thursday Bible Study

Room 209

Please join as we dive into the truths of God's Word through study and friendship. Will resume in the Fall.

### Women's Friday Bible Study

Room 209

We are a congenial group of mostly grandmas who love studying the Bible and wonderful fellowship! Will resume in the Fall.

### Men's Friday Bible Study

Room 209

Fridays at noon. We read aloud and discuss books by renowned theologians along with pertinent Bible passages.

### God's Love Story Study

Room 202

Sundays at 5pm. This group walks through books of the Bible and explores God's message of truth for our lives.



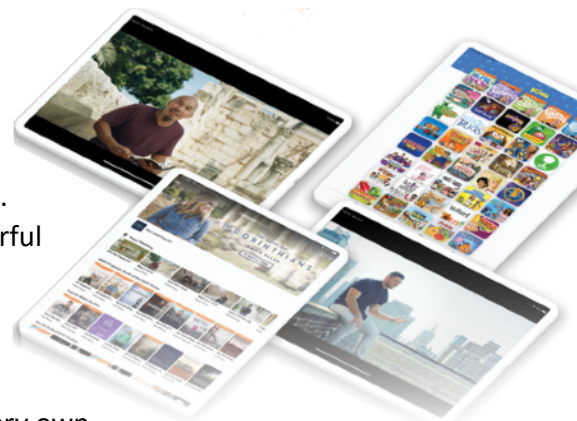
We are also excited about our latest resource available for our congregation. We now have a church subscription to RightNow Media. It has many wonderful studies and exciting programs for all ages. Check it out and see what's right for you and your family! We hope that it inspires you in your faith journeys.

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- Or, go to: [www.grandlakespc.org/rightnowmedia](http://www.grandlakespc.org/rightnowmedia)



# MEMBERSHIP

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## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church is blessed to welcome so many new members. Some faces you may have already seen now for some time around the church. Other recent new members were ready to join soon after first arriving through our front door. If you would like to place a face with the name, stop by the bulletin board near the stairwell where we have photos of our new members. Please welcome the following folks to our church family:



### Charlie Quiang

In February we were excited to welcome Charlie Quiang by reaffirmation of his faith. Charlie is from Katy and is an engineer with Exmar Offshore. He said he was eager to jump in and volunteer.



### Epie Family

Also in February Louise Epie and her family became members by profession of faith. Joining her are Louise's four children – Bethel, Andy-Rhinezor, Louise-Frances, and Love-Mary.



### Tchouba Family

The Tchouba Family from Richmond joined GLPC in April. Fabrice and Jawea have two daughters, Kara Angelee and Khloe Olivia. After getting his start in the military, Fabrice is now a software engineer with Valon Consulting Group while Jawea (Efeti Mbome) has her hands full with their 1 and 2 ½ year olds. Both reaffirmed their faiths.

If you or someone you know would like more information about becoming a member of our church, please make yourself known to Rev. Tyler Henderson or other church members.

You can also contact our membership team by emailing: [membership@grandlakespc.org](mailto:membership@grandlakespc.org) or by calling the church office at (281) 646-7500.

## MORE EXCITING MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

On April 30, Rev. Tyler Henderson presided over the nuptials of Sam and Meg Irwin under the beautiful old oak trees here at Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to you both as you begin your new lives together!



## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED SAINTS IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Husband of Connie Clark

Lora Lynn Davis

William (Bill) Sparkes

Jacob Tafie, husband of Rosie

# DEACON MINISTRIES

## ***Prayer and Care***

If you would like to join our prayer team or if you have a prayer request that you would like our church to be praying for please contact Carol Greene, Claudia Dempsey, and Christina Diaz at [prayers@grandlakespc.org](mailto:prayers@grandlakespc.org).

## ***Meals and Memorial Services***

GLPC provides meals to individuals and families in times of need. If you would like to partner with our meals team by providing a dish, please contact Debbie Nichols at [meals@grandlakespc.org](mailto:meals@grandlakespc.org).

## ***Contact and Connections***

Partner with the Connections Care Ministry - to shower our college students with prayers, motivation, cards and care packages throughout the next school year.

High School Graduates/College Students - let us know if you would like to be "adopted" by a member of GLPC. We want to support you in your journey in college. You will receive care packages, cards, and prayers from not only your sponsor but the congregation as well. Let us know you would like to "adopt" a college student or be "adopted"!

Homebound? Are you unable to attend church? Please let us know and our connections ministry would like to support you with home communion, prayer and however else we might be able to assist. Contact us at the email below or the church office at 281-646-7500.

Please contact Emily Trivette and Suzi Jackson at [connections@grandlakespc.org](mailto:connections@grandlakespc.org).



# FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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## **Art Fellowship      Thursdays, 10am - 1pm (Come and go as you like)**

Do you paint, draw, sculpt, or have any other artistic interests? All are welcome to come join us for a time of fellowship. There is no skill level required - it doesn't matter if it's your first attempt or you're a seasoned artist, we enjoy gathering to share our knowledge and encouragement with one another. Please bring your own supplies.





# MISSIONS

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## KCM Food Drive

DON'T FORGET - Donations may be delivered to the church lobby on the 1st SUNDAY of each month!!

## KCM Community Food Fair

June 25 | 7:45am-Noon | 1818 Katyland Dr (Powerhouse Church)  
(Distribution will begin at 9:15 am)

We are looking for 25 volunteers from GLPC! Our volunteers will be assisting with unloading food from truck, sorting food into boxes, distributing boxes, directing traffic, cleaning up and various other tasks. You must be able to lift 20 lbs. This will be a contactless/curbside set up. Please wear comfortable clothing and closed toed shoes. Please sign up Sundays at church or contact Debbie Deluca at [debbiejdeluca@gmail.com](mailto:debbiejdeluca@gmail.com).

\*THIS EVENT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN, 13 TO 15 YEAR OLDS  
NEED TO HAVE A PARENT WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES\*

Rob Fore  
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The dedication to stewardship is as strong as it has ever been at Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church! As a quick recap... our stewardship campaign in the Fall of 2021 led to a 24% increase in our pledged giving for the church for the 2022 calendar year. I think we are all feeling the positive energy and the winds at our backs as we come out of the "pandemic years." Through the first quarter of 2022 we have been hitting our financial expectations and then some. Through March, we are slightly ahead of pace for budgeted revenue and we have been managing

expenses well. This is true after taking into account some much needed investment into the maintenance and upkeep for our facilities which is being led by Anthony Badalamenti. If you notice some of the upgrades and shine-ups around the church, be sure to give Anthony a big pat on the back. He has been working hard, but it is thanks to the support and commitment from all of you that makes this possible. So thank you for supporting GLPC! God bless.

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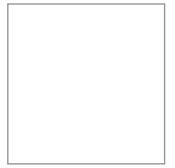
## 3 Ways to Give

- ① Online at [grandlakespc.org](https://grandlakespc.org)
- ② During Worship
- ③ Mail in a check

"God's people faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes, and dedicated gifts."  
2 Chronicles 31:12



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## GLPC Highlights

### SUNDAYS

Disciple Groups:  
9:30am

In-Person Worship  
Service at:  
10:30am

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