



CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



"Saved By the Bell"

By Rev. Tyler Henderson

In grade school there was nothing quite like the last day of the school year. When that final bell rang it was nothing short of total euphoria. Classes that had waged war against me all the year long had finally lost the battle and I would walk out of the school building victorious and free! The toil and struggle was put behind; new life and new hope lay ahead.

A little over dramatized I admit, but what a sense of happiness and relief it was. What awaited me after that final bell? Rest... or, Sabbath, if you will. Sabbath rest is an important practice of our faith. So much so, that God in a sense wove it into the fabric of creation itself. I want to offer 3 very brief points to ponder regarding Sabbath rest:

- 1) *The Peace of Sabbath* - When we participate in Sabbath, we are resting in the promises and goodness of God our Creator. It is a way of looking back and finding comfort in knowing that God is faithful and true, just and loving. Isn't it comforting to know that the God of all creation is in control? Sabbath is finding rest in our faith.
- 2) *The Hope of Sabbath* - In his commentary on Hebrews 4, William Gouge wrote: "The rest of God gives us a view of that kind of rest we shall enjoy in heaven". When we gather for worship on Sundays it is supposed to be a taste of heaven here and now. Sabbath is finding rest in our eternal future.
- 3) *The Joy of Sabbath* - Sabbath rest is Sabbath worship. Each week we are to celebrate a Sabbath rest as we lay aside the toils of daily life for a time spent "resting" in God's presence. That sort of rest is not a nap, it is not time spent away from everything... rather, the focus ought to be on drawing near to God. Sabbath involves a kind of "work", but it is joyous and fulfilling work as we praise God. Sabbath is finding rest in our soul's fulfillment.

O, what a glorious comfort we have when the final bell rings,
for in our Savior's love we shall forever sing!



Worship



Discipleship



Mission



Fellowship

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The Easter Season & Beyond!

We held our 7am outdoor sunrise service (the weather cooperated!), and our normal 10:30am service. Our children's choir also sang and did a terrific job! We are so proud of them!

Easter is more than just a day... it's a season which lasts for 7 weeks after Easter Sunday. During this Season of Easter, Rev. Henderson has been preaching on topics related to the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and why that matters for us now.

Pentecost

The Easter Season will end with Pentecost on Sunday, May 28th, where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. So why do we wear red on Pentecost Sunday? There are many reasons including to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday where we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Finally, we enter into the time after Pentecost which will last for 28 Sundays through to November. This time is also sometimes called ordinary time.

In addition to the various liturgical events, we will honor our graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 21st. On May 28th, the Sunday before Memorial Day, we will remember the men and women in uniform who paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we celebrate the birth of our nation on July 2nd, the Sunday before Independence Day.



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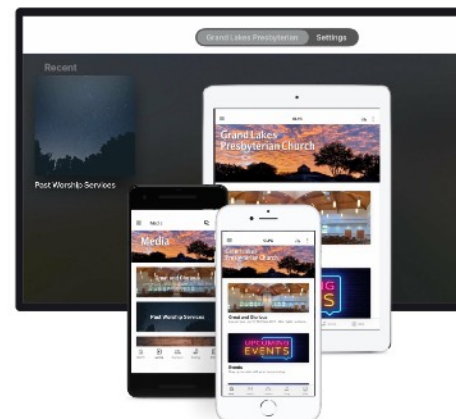
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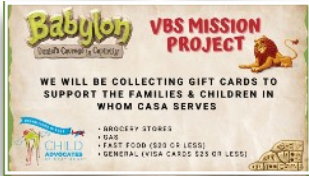
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CHILDREN'S Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held each Sunday at 9:30am & then again during our worship service for Pre-K through 5th grade. Elementary aged children will begin the service with their family and be dismissed to Faith Express after the Children's Lesson. Childcare is available for our youngest kiddos. We would love to see your kids there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us June 12th-15th for an exciting week of VBS as we explore Babylon and experience the courage of Daniel! Register through the GLPC app or website!



VBS MISSION PROJECT this summer will be supporting CASA of Ft Bend! We will be collecting grocery, gas, fast food (<\$20), and Visa (<\$25) gift cards for the families & children CASA serves.



CLUB 45 is back! All incoming 4th graders through exiting 5th graders are welcome to join us every other Sunday this summer starting June 11 from 4:00-5:30 upstairs in Room 210!



YOUTH

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Congrats Graduates!!

Nick Favenesi
Marcus Goobie
Molly Gray
Caleb Harmond
Lauren Kloehr
Katelin Lamothe
Joseph Myers



Sunday School @ 9:30am

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for our weekly Bible lessons and maybe even some donuts!

Sunday Night Youth Group

5:00-7:00pm

All Jr. High & High School students are welcome to join us for a time of Bible Study & fellowship! We have lots of fun theme nights planned. Friends are always welcome!

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



Fun-raising for Fundraising!

June 4 - after worship

As you know, prices this year are up, so the youth group needs help offsetting the cost of our summer trip! On Sunday, June 4th, we are having a luncheon, bake sale, and talent show! YES - I said TALENT SHOW! We need some GLPC talent to help make this a fulfilled event!

Please sign up to enter the show!

Summer Idaho Trip

July 11th - 18th

We are heading back to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho! This is planned to be a half work trip and half retreat. We will be helping with various service projects while also having a great time in study and enjoying the wonderful Idaho outdoors!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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SUNDAY SCHOOL : Sunday mornings, 9:30am

The Voyagers

Room 202

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

The Cultivators

Room 209

The Cultivators Class is a lively discussion-oriented group for on-the-go adults seeking to understand how to apply scripture to daily life. We will be unpacking The Bible from its ancient origins to what each book offers a modern reader. Come as you are – no experience necessary!



**This coming Fall, GLPC will host
a few classes led by Amazing Place!**

Memory Enhancement Training

Wednesdays: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4 from 10am-12pm

In this free, 3-week program, certified trainers teach proven memory enhancing techniques that address common everyday memory concerns. You will learn tips for remembering names and faces, recalling appointments and plans, avoiding misplacing objects, and overcoming those “tip of the tongue” memory slips. Nine out of ten participants report improvements in their memory!

**This training is not intended for people with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia.*

Sign up through amazingplacehouston.org or simply scan the QR code with your phone’s camera:



SCAN ME



rightnow MEDIA

GLPC has a church subscription to RightNow Media - which means you can too (for free)! What is RightNow media? Think Netflix for Bible study and Christian-based content. 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.

You can sign into your account from any computer, smart phone, tablet or smart TV device such as AppleTV, Roku, FireTV, etc. Not only that, you can invite any of your friends to join *for free* through our GLPC link! You can also start your own community group study from your home, and even set up virtual watch groups for those who can’t make it in person.

How can you make your own account??

- Scan the QR code with your phone’s camera.
- Or, go to: www.grandlakespc.org/rightnowmedia



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A Note From Our Nominating Committee:

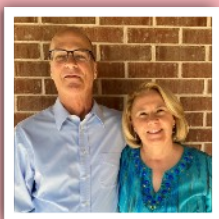
We are up and running! This year we are tasked with filling 2 Elder positions and 2 Deacon positions. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out a nomination card!

MEMBERSHIP

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WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

It is my honor to present the following new members to the Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church family.



Courtney and Al Astley have joined by transferring membership from Faith Methodist Church, in Richmond, TX. Glad you found us!



Lynn Trimble joined our church by letter of transfer of membership from Crestview Baptist in Midland, TX. Welcome!

Jonathan and Jessica Ludwig along with their children Juliette and Matthew are transferring their membership from Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA. Welcome to the family!



Sherry Hunter has also joined by transfer of membership from Grace Presbyterian in Houston, TX. We are glad you are here!



Our door is always open for new members, so if you or someone you know would like more information about becoming a member of our church, please make yourself known to Reverend Tyler Henderson, by emailing our membership team, or by calling the church office at 281-646-7500.

Our church mourns the loss of our family members:

John Rainwater 11/9/22

Joe Lacy 1/12/23

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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Holy Hops

Relax and connect with us the 2nd Thursday of each month at Local Table for faith based discussion.



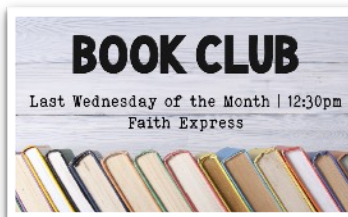
Art Fellowship

Do you have artistic interests? All are welcome Thursdays, 10am - 1pm (come and go). There is no skill level required! Please bring your own supplies.



5th Sunday Potluck

Join us Sunday, July 30 following worship for a time to fellowship and enjoy great food!



Book Club

Join us the last Wednesday of the month at 12:30 in Faith Express to discuss various books while spending time with one another.



Prime Timers

Prime Timers Games Day gathers the first Tuesday of the month from 10-12:00. For more info contact: Verna Powers or Betty Lou Johnson.



Quilters

Bring your quilting projects Thursdays at 1pm and enjoy fellowship with others.

MISSIONS

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Upcoming Mission Opportunities



Presbyterian Children's Home (PCHAS) Drive Sunday, May 21

PCHAS families are in need of:

- **Bath items:** towels, small (face), medium (hand towel), and large (body)
- **Bedding:** pillows, full/queen sheets and bed sets for moms
- **Kitchen items:** cookware and cooking utensils, silverware, dishes
- **Household items:** toilet paper, detergent, brooms & dustpans, mops, cleaning supplies (please no industrial size items) dish liquid, sponges
- **Personal care items:** soap (dial bar soap), toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant

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**Grand Lakes
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**Sunday, July 30
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
2nd Floor Classroom 210**

****FREE GIFT WITH YOUR DONATION****

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sponsor code: CSCG



KCM Food Drive

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

DEACON MINISTRIES



Contact & Connections

The CONNECTIONS TEAM stays connected with our students who are away at college. If you have interest in being a part of this ministry please contact us at connections@grandlakespc.org.

Prayer & 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 us at prayers@grandlakespc.org.

Meals & 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 us at meals@grandlakespc.org.

GLPC FACILITIES

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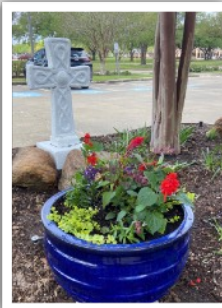
I know that I am the luckiest GLPC Elder!! Why? Let me share why. The GLPC complex is comprised of a multi-purpose two story-23,000 plus square feet building which sits on over ten acres of prime property in Katy, Texas. There is no way that one person could maintain this complex.

In October 2021, the elders established a simple but very effective GLPC Facility and Grounds strategy. This strategy is used to prioritize how projects are selected and how the yearly budget is used. The GLPC Facility and Grounds strategy is the following:

- Safety and Security of the members
- Functionality
- Appearance
- Nice to haves

Our facility is over fifteen years old. Just like your home, there is always something that needs attention. Currently, there are five major facility/grounds volunteer teams who ensure that our facility is safe, meets the needs of members and is a pleasant place for our members and community partners to use.

- Mowing Team – Larry Howell and his team of seventeen grass cutters dedicate hundreds of man-hours and gallons of sweat equity into making sure that our grounds are freshly mowed, free of urban clutter (trash) and provide a safe environment for our members and the public to enjoy.



- Kitchen Team – Kathy Spelman and her team ensure that our members have a very clean kitchen area which is well organized and stocked to support our members. Additionally, Margo & Peter Schermerhorn provide outstanding coffee, juices, and donuts each Sunday morning.
- Landscape Team: Linda Kershner and Linda Utterback lead a talented team which in the past 18 months has completely re-engineered the front and rear flower beds, improved the Fry-Peek Road sign landscaping, and greatly improved in rear parking lot islands.
- Maintenance Team: Jack Kershner, Steve Utterback, John Spelman, and Paige Dean are our lead “go-to’s” for facility maintenance and “fix it” needs. Additionally, when project specific skills are needed we call on the experienced members to fill these needs.
- Bi-Annual Work Session Teams: The work sessions help prepare the facility for our Easter and Christmas services and holiday activities. During the February Elders meeting, Bonnie Pankina suggested we combine our pre-Easter work session with a Fun and Fellowship event. On Friday March 24th, 30 plus volunteers safely completed all the to-do projects, had dinner with dessert, cleaned up in less than 2 hours and even managed to have time for lots of fun.

Thanks Bonnie!

So why do I feel that I am the luckiest GLPC Elder, because I have crystal clear direction and lots of help.

If you would like to join one of these teams, please let the leads know.



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

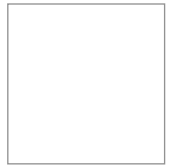
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For the last few months our finance team has been busy working on refinancing our loans. You may remember that due to dramatically rising interest rates, our current loan rates were nearing a reset which would add a great financial burden to our operating budget. I am pleased to say that as of writing this article, we are only days away from closing on our new loan. Ultimately this will allow us to better minister to our community and beyond as God has called us to do!





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GLPC Highlights

SUNDAYS

Disciple Groups:
9:30am

Worship:
10:30am

Live-Streaming On:
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