



CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



"Come Grow With Us"

By Rev. Tyler Henderson

In the Protestant church, we often shy away from anything that sounds too much like Roman Catholic tradition. It was that notion of tradition that Martin Luther and others were protesting against. However, as abrupt as it may sound (especially for a brief newsletter article), I want to consider one of the "seven deadly sins" from the Roman Catholic tradition for its universal teaching: the sin of sloth.

The sin of sloth is primarily not about physical laziness; at its core is the idea of spiritual idleness. As counterintuitive as it may seem, busyness can be a form of sloth. I would even go as far as to say that it is the greatest form of sloth plaguing the church today. Someone can indeed be a very busy individual (far from what one may accuse of being slothful), but if that busyness interferes or distracts one from actively growing in their faith then it falls into the category of sloth. One Britannica article says it this way: *"Unlike mere laziness, the sin of sloth conveys a willful refusal of the joy that comes from God's love and even repels divine goodness."*

Simply put, as Christians we are called to grow. Following Christ is never supposed to be stagnant. No matter our age, location, situation in life... we are called to grow spiritually in Christ. This describes what sanctification is all about - it is a process of becoming more like Jesus. The only way we truly grow is by allowing the Spirit of Christ to transform us from the inside out (John 15:5). Living in the Spirit grows the fruit of holiness (Gal. 5:22-25).

My prayer, not only for myself, but for our church, is that we will never cease to grow in the grace, knowledge, and love of Christ. Will you come grow with us??

1 Peter 3:18

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."*



Worship



Discipleship



Mission



Fellowship

WORSHIP

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August 11th

Back-to-School Blessings

We will offer a time of prayer and blessing for students, teachers, administrators, and parents too!
Everyone is invited to wear their school shirts to church!

August 18th

Ordination & Installation Service

We hope all are able to join us when we ordain and install our next class of elders and deacons!

October 6th

World Communion Sunday

Join us after the service for a church-wide potluck!
More details to come.

October 27th

Reformation Sunday

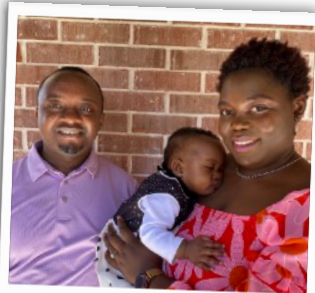
November 3rd

All Saints Remembrance Sunday

November 10th

Commitment Sunday

This is our opportunity to recommit our hearts to God by offering our time, efforts, gifts to the service of God's will.



Celebrating Baptisms!

Since our last newsletter, we have been thrilled to celebrate the four baptisms!

Yannic and Kelly's daughter, Myra, was baptized on May 26th!

Stella Mitchell's daughter, Fiona, along with her brothers, Abel and Almond, were baptized on June 23rd. Abel and Almond were baptized by their own profession of faith and requested to be baptized by submersion which was a first for our sanctuary!



Summer Recap!



Every other Sunday, our 4th and 5th graders met for Club 45! We had a great time growing closer to Christ together as we studied His Word, played games, and enjoyed great friendships!



We had a great summer shining Jesus' light! During VBS, we learned how we are able to shine Jesus' light in all aspects of our lives. Not only did we sing and dance to fun songs, create amazing crafts, eat yummy snacks, and play exciting games, we enjoyed snow cones and a petting zoo! The kids learned all about KCM and the wonderful services they provide. During the week, we collected toiletry items to support those KCM serves!



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. 4th & 5th graders meet upstairs in Room 210 in a room just their own! Childcare is available for our youngest kiddos. We would love to see your kids there!

CLUB 45 is a special time for 4th & 5th graders the 3rd Sunday of each month from 4:00-5:30pm upstairs in Room 210! We will participate in fun activities, dig into God's Word, & have a little time to hang out with the youth!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR practices each Sunday morning at 10am in Faith Express! Children will sing in the service the 2nd Sunday of each month. Hope your kids can join the fun!

YOUTH

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Summer Glacier Trip - Recap!

This summer we headed up to Glacier Presbyterian Camp in beautiful Lakeside, MT... and we had an amazing time! Our trip had a 3-part focus: service, study, and fun. We did some needed maintenance work around the camp which was much appreciated by the staff there. Our study focused on the biblical theme of “fearing the Lord” and how we are called to live with a joyful, godly fear. Lastly, we had a lot of fun! We spent a day in Glacier National Park, swam in and kayaked on Flathead Lake, played games, and had a blast together!



We're Gearing Up For Our Next Retreat!!

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

September 13-15th

We are headed back to Camp Lutherhill for what is always a great weekend retreat! Our theme this week is “Living Hope” as we study 1 Peter. We will also have worship, small group discussions, ropes course, games, & more!

Sign up in the GLPC app, or by using the QR code.

Sign up by August 31st!

For more info: youth@grandlakespc.org



REFUGE

GLPC STUDENT MINISTRY

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the strength of my salvation, my stronghold." - Psalm 182

Weekly:

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room
for our weekly Bible lessons.

Sunday Night Youth Group

5:00-6:30pm

All Jr. High & High School students are welcome to join us for a
time of Bible Study & fellowship!

This Fall, we will be studying what it means to live "Christ-like":
developing Christian character in a crazy world.

We have lots of fun theme nights planned.

Friends are always welcome!

GLPC Student Ministry FALL 2024

AUG.

11th - Back-to-School Bingo
18th - Tailgate Cookout (Sports Team Theme Night)
25th - Fizzy Fun Night

SEP.

1st - No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
8th - Neon Night
13-15th - FALL RETREAT WEEKEND
15th - Church Family Bowling Night
22nd - ZaZerts Night
29th - Duct Tape Games

OCT.

6th - Lip Sync / Karaoke Battle
13th - Hot Wheels Night
20th - Seriously, Cereal Night
27th - Mismatch Night

NOV.

3rd - ZaZerts Night
10th - The Great Youth Bake Off
17th - Harry Potter Night
24th - No Youth (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Saturday, 30th - Santa's Sleigh Shopping (Walmart)
- Deck the Halls at GLPC

DEC.

1st - The Great Gingerbread Man Chase
8th - Fixer Upper: Gingerbread Edition
15th - Christmas Party
Saturday, 21st - GLPC Kids: Welcome to Bethlehem
22nd - No Youth (Christmas Break)
29th - No Youth (Christmas Break)

FALL KICK-OFF TAILGATE

We are excited to kick off Fall 2024!

I want to first invite all Jr High and High Students
AND their parents to our Fall Kick-Off Tailgate!

We will cookout on the grill, fellowship, preview
the upcoming year, and play some games!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS SUMMER!

We want to extend a sincere thank you to all who helped make our
Talent Show fundraiser a wonderful event this past June! Your support
made our youth summer trip to Glacier Presbyterian Camp possible!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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As we head into Fall we have several groups that meet weekly! We would love to invite you to join in and try a small group within our congregation. Small groups are a great way to build relationships and make connections as you study God's word. Being connected helps to build that community that makes a church a place where you feel at home. We hope you will join us!

Sunday School:

On Sunday mornings we have two adult classes:

- The Disciples Class has in-depth studies of Books of the Bible chosen by class consensus. Please join this class in Room 203.
- The Cultivators Class will cover the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Please join us Sunday mornings in room 209.

Mid-week Bible Studies:

We have three Bible study groups that meet on weekdays:

- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** - This is a very welcoming group of women of all ages. This group does various studies throughout the year including book and media studies. They meet in room 209 at 10am.
- **Friday Women's Bible Study** - This is a congenial group of mostly grandmas (some great grandmas) who love studying the Bible as well as enjoying wonderful fellowship! We tend to alternate our studies between books of the Bible and Bible studies. They meet in room 209 at 10am.
- **Friday Men's Bible Study** - Discusses books by renowned theologians along with pertinent Bible passages, always from a Reformed perspective. The men eat together, pray, and learn from each other's unique Christian experience. They meet in room 209 at noon.

Savvy Caregiver Program

Wednesdays: 9/4, 9/11, 9/18 from 10am-12pm

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be overwhelming. Savvy Express helps caregivers understand dementia, its effects on behavior, and how to develop personalized strategies for dementia caregiving and decision making. This 3-week, 2 hours per week class is for caregivers facing time constraints, non-direct caregivers, or friends.

Let us help you navigate this journey!

To sign up, scan the QR code,
or contact Pam Berkley at:
pberkley@amazingplacehouston.org



Preplanning: A Final Gift for Your Loved Ones

A 5-Week Workshop
9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20



Pre-Planning: A Final Gift For Your Loved Ones

A 5-Week Workshop beginning September 22nd

We all know how difficult it is after a loved one passes away. The grief we experience is sometimes made all the more stressful when trying to figure out all the necessary details that have to be sorted through. What a relief it would be if all that was taken care of beforehand. Making these arrangements beforehand can be such a gift to your loved ones... this is why we are offering this workshop class for adults of all ages.

Limit of 25 participants per class. Please sign-up beforehand.
Please sign up in the GLPC app otherwise use the QR code.
Contact Pastor Tyler for info: thenderson@grandlakespc.org

MISSIONS

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Summer Mission Recap

We had a number of Mission projects this summer. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to any of these efforts!

- Lone Star Diaper Bank donation drive
- Our Children's Ministry Vacation Bible School collected toiletry items for Katy Christian Ministry
- Alexander Elementary: garden clean up and laptop preparations
- GLPC's Monthly Katy Christian Ministry Food Pantry Drive
- Back to School Drives for Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services AND Katy Christian Ministries



Upcoming Mission Opportunities



Acts of Kindness

August 25

10 GLPC Volunteers will each be given an envelope containing \$40 to go out into the community and perform acts of kindness. Sign-up in the foyer!



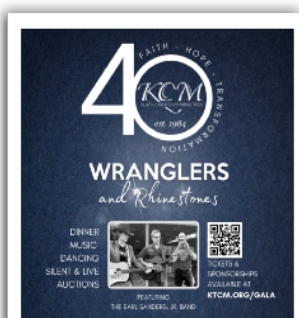
Fort Bend CASA

A donation drive for felt fabric will be done in September. These will be used to make "lovie blankets" for children entering the CASA program.



Amazing Place Gala Sept. 17 at 6:30pm

GLPC reserved a table for 10 for Amazing Place West's Inaugural Dinner. If you would like to attend, please contact the Mission Team.



Katy Christian Ministry Gala Sept. 19, 6-10pm

GLPC reserved a table for 8 for KCM's Gala Dinner. If you would like to attend, please contact the Mission Team.



Hope Impacts

A donation drive for socks and underwear will be done in October. Hope Impacts will hand out all donations to those in need, mainly homeless.



Toy Drives for KCM & PCHAS

Stay tuned around November for more information to come on these mission opportunities.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

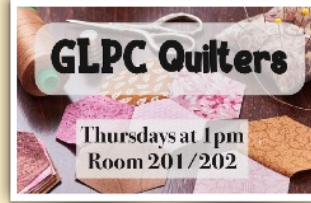
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WEEKLY EVENTS



Art Fellowship

All are welcome Thursdays, 10am - 1pm (come & go). There is no skill level required! Please bring your own supplies.



Quilters

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

MONTHLY EVENTS



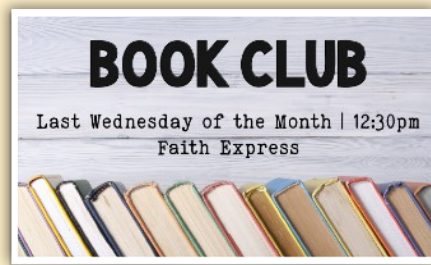
Table for 8-ish

Connect with a group of 8-9 people once a month for a meal and fellowship to create lasting friendships. Sign up at the church, through the website, or the GLPC app!



Prime Timers

Prime Timers Games Day gathers the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00-12:00pm.



Book Club

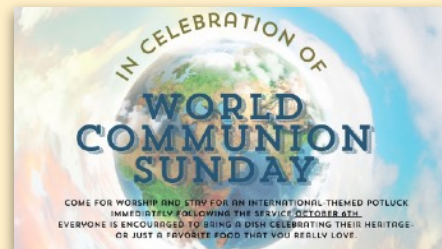
Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 12:30 in Faith Express.

ONE-TIME EVENTS



Sept 15th : Family Bowling Night

Come for a night filled with bowling and fun Sunday, September 15 from 5-7pm at Times Square Entertainment! \$10/person



Oct 6th: World Communion Potluck

Join us Sunday, October 6 after the service for an international potluck! Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish celebrating your heritage or a favorite food you love!



Acorn Art Festival

Saturday, October 5th from 10am - 4pm
@ Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church

Exciting things are happening in West Houston!

The **Communication and Outreach Ministry** is proud to present the first Annual **Acorn Art Festival!** The neighborhoods are coming together as we feature over 25 artists and craft vendors, food trucks, music, face painting, gem mining, bounce houses, and an exhibit of our local artists.

What can you do?

- Register for a booth with a church member discount!
- Volunteer with your favorite church family members to help make this spectacular!
- Or just come for the fun!

Scan to QR code or go to:
grandlakespc.org/aaf



Email us at:
acornartfest@gmail.com



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- & MORE!

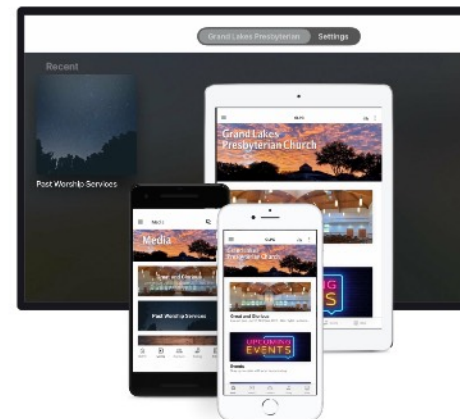


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GIVING THANKS!

*We are so thankful for our wonderful elders and deacons
who are rolling off from active service:*

Deacon: Cristina Diaz who also coordinated our prayer team

Elders: RuthAnn Irwin, elder for Discipleship

Rodney McCain, elder for Missions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE!!!



We also welcome on our newest elders and deacon:

Deacon: Lorna Jennische

Elders: Carol Greene, elder for Discipleship

Lee Ann Nuckles, elder for Missions



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GLPC COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

**We want to continue to show our support for our college students,
and we are doing that in two great ways!**

- 1) **Care Packages:** We would love to hear what college students would be interested in being a part of our care package ministry. Also, any church members who are interested in support a student, please let us know!
- 2) **GLPC's Christian Growth & Leadership Scholarship:** Did you know that GLPC offers a scholarship for college students who continue to actively invest themselves in church and campus ministries while in college. For scholarship information, please contact Tyler.



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. 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!



**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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GLPC FACILITIES

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Some great things have been happening around our facility this Summer!

We have some incredible members give selflessly of their time and energy to help us be good stewards of the GLPC building and grounds. Fortunately, the only real damage from Hurricane Beryl was a collapsed fence around our dumpster. A great team of guys put in some sweat equity to fix it up for us.

We also took the opportunity to spruce up our kitchen. From deep cleaning and refinishing the floors, repainting the walls, and lots of organizing of our kitchen supplies.

We are beginning to move our repainting efforts upstairs as well with Room 209 receiving a pop of color.

Additionally, we have had a new security system installed as a part of a renewed contract with our security company.



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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Give yourself a pat on the back! We have reached the halfway mark, and our estimated yearly giving and spending goals are right on target with our budget. This really brings home the fact that WE are the church, and WE are responsible for what happens here. Thank you! I know we can finish the second half of the year as well as we did in the first half. Because our finances are on track we have been able to make some much needed capital repairs around the grounds. Have you driven by church after dark? The corner signage at Fry and Peek Roads has been illuminated again thanks to the oversight by our facilities team and its elder, Anthony. We all know insurance costs have been a challenge. Insurance for the church building is no exception. While we had expected our commercial coverage costs to go up this budget year, the increase was even more than anyone anticipated. Not to worry - our Session has now accounted for this increase and continues to work on being the best stewards of your contributions.

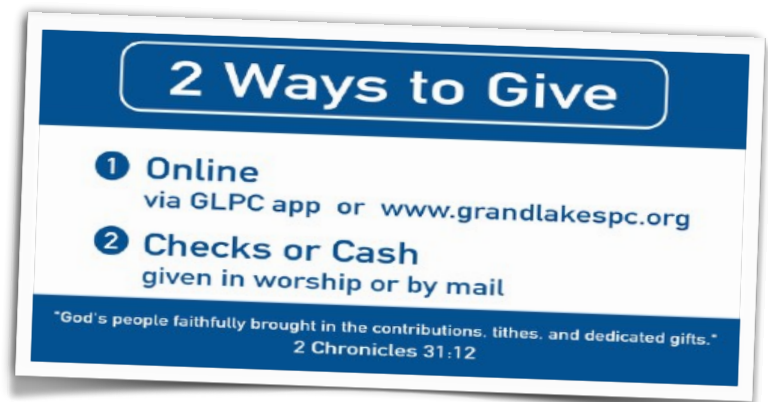
BUDGET IN BRIEF:

INCOME:

Contributions: \$346,179
Other Income: 18,738
Total All Income: \$364,917

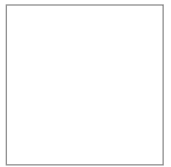
EXPENSES:

All Expenses: \$(355,673)
NET TOTAL: \$9,244





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SUNDAYS

Disciple Groups:
9:30am

Worship:
10:30am

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