



SUMMER 2024

CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



"Turning the World Upside Down"

By Rev. Tyler Henderson

I am looking forward to continuing our study in the Book of Acts this summer! Acts is an important book for a number of reasons, but perhaps of most interest is it narratively shows how following Jesus has radical implications not only for our inner personal lives, but also our public lives in the communities in which we live.

One of my favorite lines in all of Acts occurs in Acts 17 when Paul and his ministry partner, Silas, go to Thessalonica. As was Paul's normal practice, he went to the synagogue and began to expound the Scriptures and how they in fact point to Jesus - saying emphatically, *"This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ!"* At this, some of the Jews as well as devout Greeks and some of the leading women were persuaded and believed.

The scene then turns dramatic when some of the Jews were angered by all of this. They formed a mob and went to the house where Paul and Silas were staying, but when they could not find them, the mob seized the homeowner, Jason, and dragged him before the city authorities. They shouted their accusation: *"These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..."*

Their accusation was not wrong. Though the gospel that Paul was preaching was not calling for an overthrow of the Roman Empire, it did call for believers to claim a higher allegiance to Christ. It called believers to claim their citizenship with Kingdom of God. It called believers to live in community under a new system of values. The gospel does, in fact, turn our world upside down. This summer, we will be studying the spread of the gospel throughout the ancient Greco-Roman world while also considering how the gospel calls us to live into the Kingdom of God here and now. Join us!



Worship



Discipleship



Mission



Fellowship

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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!



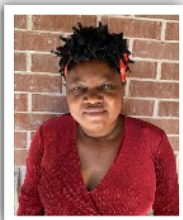
Yannie and Kelly Enyih along with their child Myra. We also celebrated Myra's baptism on May 26th!



Vicki George has joined us from Grace Presbyterian Church. We are so glad you are with us!



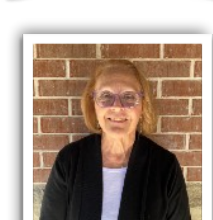
Larry and Martha Kveton have moved over from First Pres - Rosenberg. Welcome!



Hilda Masama has joined us from Cameroon. Glad you found us!



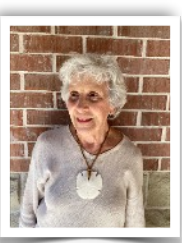
Jim Noblitt has moved over from Trinity Pres. We are thrilled you are a part of our church family!



Donella Peto has also joined us from Grace Pres. We are honored you joined us!



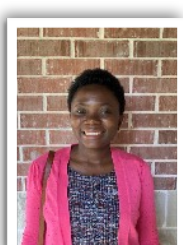
Amy Rogers has moved here and transferring from First Pres in Birmingham, MI. Welcome to the neighborhood!



Ginger Stehr is joining us from Resurrection Methodist Church. We are so glad you are here!



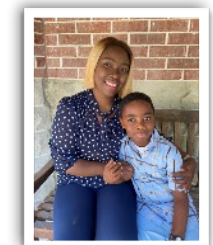
Karen Benedict has re-joined GLPC. We are so glad to have you back with us!



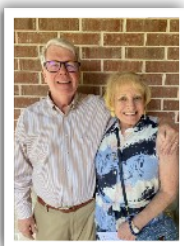
Barbara Anyimadou and her family: Abby, Sally, and Asher. We are so glad you have joined us!



We are happy to have Harold Burris join us! Welcome to the GLPC family!



Gwendolyn Macndip and her son, Benjonson. It is good to have you here with us!



Will and Polly Frazier are transferring from Westminster Pres in Dallas, TX. We are honored you joined us!



We are thrilled Wesley and cherie McWilliams have become a part of our church family!

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:

George Puig Richard Huebner

MISSIONS

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Mission Recaps!



On this year's trip the Faith in Practice medical mission team performed over 150 surgeries! We thank you for your prayers, donations, and support! Not only does Faith in Practice change the lives of individuals in Guatemala, but it makes a life-changing impact on all who go to serve.



We had an incredible turn-out of GLPC'ers at HEB on May 5th to collect donations for Katy Christian Ministries' food pantry! What a great way for us as a church family to love and serve beyond the doors!

Upcoming Ways to Make a Difference!

We will unveil our new donation collection box built by our wonderful Spring college intern, Luke Schaefer! We will also put it to good use by collecting baby diapers (size 5, 6, 7), baby wipes, and burping cloths.

Lone Star Diaper Bank Sunday, June 2



KCM Monthly Food Drive

Donations may be delivered to the church lobby on the 1st SUNDAY of each month!!

Back-to-School Donation Drives

Be on the lookout for more information about Back-to-School drives to support Katy Christian Ministries and Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services!

GLPC KIDS

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



VBS | June 3-6 | 9am-Noon

All kids ages 3 through completing 5th grade are invited for a week exploring how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy and how we can do the same! Register online or through the GLPC app!

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 to see your kids there!

CLUB 45 is a great time for those who just completed 4th & 5th graders to dig into God's Word, have fun, & spend time with the youth group! During the summer we will meet the following dates:

Sunday, June 9
Sunday, June 23
Sunday, July 7
Sunday, July 21
Sunday, August 4



YOUTH

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Sunday School @ 9:30am

In this class we have been studying the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith. All youth 6th grade - 12 grade are welcome to join!

Sunday Youth Group

5-6:30pm

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



Summer Discipleship Plan:

We are trying something new this summer for our discipleship plan. We will be going through a book this summer called, "Not a Fan - Teen Edition". It will involve a chapter or so of reading for each week and a Psalm. I have books and reading plans available at the church. On Sunday nights, we will watch the "Not a Fan" video lessons and discuss.



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Youth Ministry
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JUNE	2nd - Talent Show Fundraiser! (after worship) - Youth Group 5th (Wed) - Dinner & Escape Room! (sign-up: 10 max) 9th - Youth Group 16th - NO Youth Group - Happy Father's Day!! 23rd - Church Event: Cabbage Ball! (starts @ 4pm) 30th - Youth Group
JULY	7th - Youth Group 14th - NO Youth Group 15th - 20th - Summer Trip!! 21st - NO Youth Group 26th (Wed) - Mid-Week Game Night! 30th - Youth Group
AUG	4th - Youth Group - Senior Send-Off! 7th (Wed) - Mid-Week Youth Night! 11th - Back-to-School Bingo! ... Fall calendar TBD!



Youth Trip Fundraiser - Sunday, June 2

Join us after worship for lunch, bake sale, and talent show!!

WE ARE IN SEARCH OF GLPC TALENT!!

If you, or you know someone who, would like to enter our talent show, please contact youth@grandlakespc.org!



GLACIER SUMMER TRIP!

July 15-20

We are heading to Glacier Presbyterian Camp in Montana! Located near Glacier National Park, we will spend the week doing service projects, Bible Studies, and fun in the beautiful outdoors.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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We believe that rooting ourselves in Bible study with other believers is essential to our call as disciples. 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. Please join us as we gather together! Our Bible Studies will pick back up in August!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 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

This 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 discover what each book offers a modern reader. Come as you are – no experience necessary!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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Check Out What We Have Coming Up!!

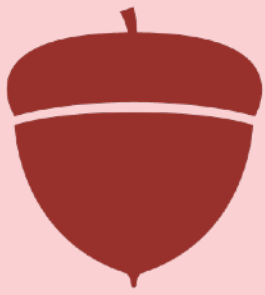


Big Dudes, Lil' Dudes, & Dudettes Cabbage Ball Game

Sunday, June 23 | 4PM

Fun, fellowship, & BBQ!

This is a fun day for big dudes, along with lil' dudes & dudettes! Unsure what "cabbage ball" is?? Think softball with a softer ball. (No gloves needed unless you want.)



ACORN ART FESTIVAL

@ Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church

SAVE THE DATE!!

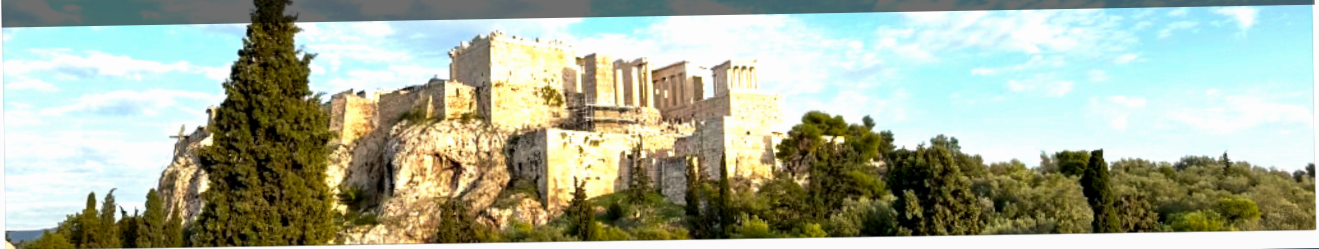
Saturday, October 5, 10am-4pm

Well-known artists & crafters will bring items for display and purchase. We will welcome the community at-large to enjoy the day and to get to know us. Join in the fun for food, entertainment, games, and children's activities!

YOU WILL BE NEEDED!

Volunteers from GLPC will assist participants and meet & greet the community. Volunteers (2-3 hr. shifts) will act as greeters and assist where needed. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space.

2024 Biblical Tour of Greece



Not only is Greece one of the most naturally beautiful places in the world, it is FILLED with culture and history. We are thrilled to invite you along on this incredible journey to tour Greece by land and sea. Of particular interest for us is the opportunity to visit many sites that share a direct connection with the apostles Paul and John! There is simply nothing quite like being in those places that bring a deeper level of understanding and appreciation of the scriptures. We hope that you can join us!

12 Days: October 15 - 26, 2024

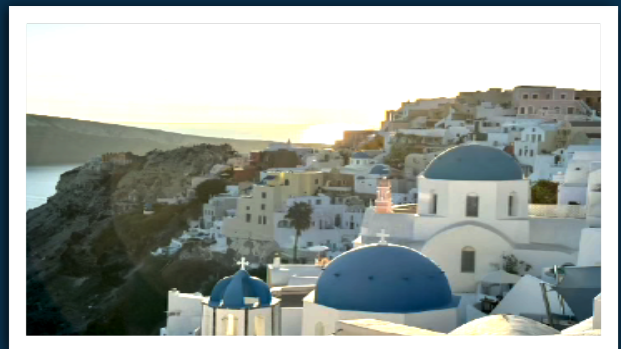
Visiting: Thessaloniki - Philippi - Berea
Meteora - Athens - Mykonos - Ephesus
Patmos - Rhodes - Crete - Santorini - Corinth

Cost: \$3,250 (based on 25 travelers)
Registration form & deposit due by:
June 5, 2024

www.grandlakespc.org/greece

This trip includes:

- 5 day, 4 night Aegean Sea Cruise
- 6 nights in 1st Class hotels
- All excursions, tours, transfers, and transportation according to the itinerary. Airfare not included.
- Most all meals during the trip
- Experienced tour manager



GLPC FACILITIES

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Over the past couple of months we have focused our efforts outside. Our landscaping near our corner and entrance signs were in desperate need of attention. Not only did we need a refresh, but the lights for our corner brick sign have been in disrepair for many years... leaving it pitch black at night. Well, let there be light! We also took care of some tree trimming, mulching, planting, and more. Thank you to all who have put in valuable sweat equity to make our facility and grounds a safe and attractive place to gather.



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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IYKYK! What do I mean? You should know what a great feeling it is that our congregation has such an involved and vibrant group of members overseeing the finances of GLPC. Recently Maureen and Larry, along with Eve's and Linda's help, were entrusted with the herculean task of reviewing our books for 2023. Looks like we are A-Okay for another year. Anthony has been pinching every penny he can while overseeing some of our facility's much-needed repairs and updates. As always Steve is battling it out with our insurance carrier vying for the best rates. It is because of the hard work and know-how of these folks along with Jim, Dave, Rob, John, Chris, Bill,

and Jack that you can rest assured that GLPC continues to provide strong care for our church and its members and staff. Thanks to all these very fine people for the tremendous work! This committee understands that your gifts to the church are an expression of your faith in God and trust in His good works. We got off to a great start in the first third of the year by reaching 31% of our estimated yearly giving goal and only spending just under 32% of our budget. This is all thanks to keeping a constant eye out for responsible fiscal discipline. ***If you know, you know!***

DOWNLOAD THE GLPC APP!

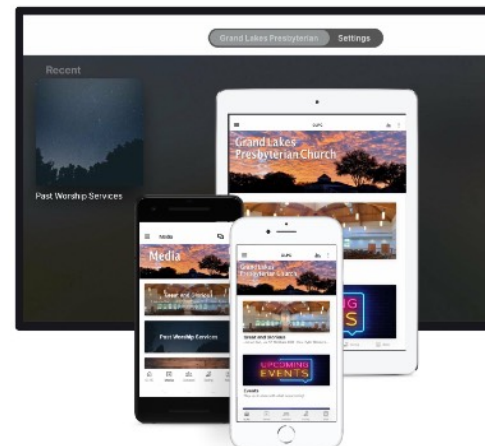
From our app you can:

- Watch our worship services
- Sign in to let us know you're joining us for worship
- Submit prayer requests
- Easily give financially to the ministry of the church
- Sign up for events & share events with others
- Explore info about the church & its various ministries
- Access the Bible
- & MORE!



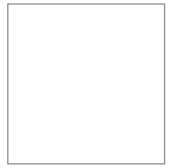
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GLPC Highlights

SUNDAYS

Disciple Groups:
9:30am

Worship:
10:30am

Live-Streaming On:
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