



Week@Grace

Weekly e-Newsletter of Grace Presbyterian Church Plano, Texas

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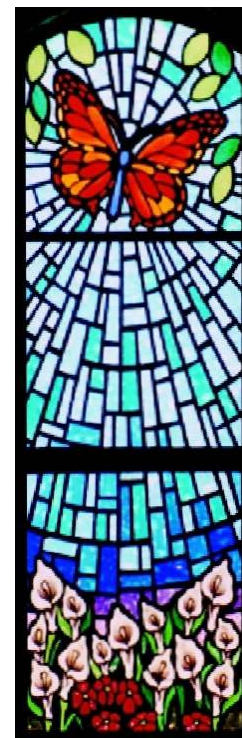
Sunday Morning Worship July 20, 2008

8:30 am
Contemporary Service
Sanctuary

11:00 am
Traditional Service
Sanctuary

11:15 am
Brazilian
New Church Development
Wheelus Hall

Pastor Al's Message
Generous Religion
Based on Luke 6:27-42



General News

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Being Financially Responsible During Summer Months

As we vacation and relax this summer, we need to be reminded to keep our giving up-to-date. This will help Grace Presbyterian Church during the summer months when expenses are traditionally high and income is traditionally low. Thanks in

advance for your faithfulness in this area.

July/August Office Hours

The Grace PC office will be closed on Fridays during July and on Friday, August 1. Grace Presbyterian Day School will be open as usual for all regularly scheduled events.

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Grace Community

Men Invited to Top Gun Leadership Training Meeting

Top Gun is a Christian leadership program for men. Men who want to participate in the Top Gun program -- or simply learn more about it -- are invited to an informational meeting at 7:00 pm this evening, Thursday, July 17. Top Gun prepares men to be leaders in their homes, workplaces, churches and the world. If you are looking for a program to deepen your faith and strengthen yourself as a disciple of Jesus Christ, plan to attend this meeting in Room 210 of the Christian Education Building. Enter through the west doors.

GPC Members Prepare for Lay Ministry

This week Shirley Gunn, Mike Shaw and Lisa Reece are participating in a week of intensive training in the techniques of teaching others to do caring ministry through Stephen Ministry. During the week they are studying topics such as Listening, Feelings, Hospitalization, Divorce and other specialized topics. Please keep Shirley, Mike and Lisa in your prayers as they undergo this training to serve God and Grace Presbyterian Church. According to Charlotte Henning, another Stephen Ministry training class will be scheduled in the near future. To learn more about Stephen Ministry or about the class, contact Charlotte at 972-596-3193.

Women of Grace Will Meet Monday, July 21

Escape the heat with the Women of Grace. We will meet on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 pm in the cool space at Grace Place. As always, there will be fellowship with other faithful women and refreshing snacks. Please [email Melinda](#) Shiff with any questions.

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STARs Planning to Stay Cool with Ice Cream and Dominoes

Has the July heat left you hot under the collar? Get cool and stay cool with the Grace PC STARs (Seniors To Assemble Regularly) at their Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 23. After the ice cream, hang around for friendly domino games. The fun begins at 1:00 pm in Wheelus Hall and lasts until 3:00. Guests are welcome. You do not have to bring anything or be a member of Grace PC. Hosts for the Ice Cream Social are Donna and Dave Jasper. For more information or transportation assistance [email Donna and Dave](#) or call 972-985-1147.

Brazilian July Festival Celebrates Country Life

Pastor Honorio Theodoro and the congregation of Brazilian Presbyterian New Church Development invite the Grace PC family to join them for a traditional Brazilian festival. Based on the *Festa Junina*, the festival celebrates the traditions of country people with costumes, food and dance. The celebration begins at 5:00 pm and lasts through the evening. [Email Pastor Honorio](#) for more information.

Taste Test July 29 To Benefit Handbell Choir Trip

In August Grace PC's adult handbell choir, *Grace Notes*, will attend the 13th International Handbell Symposium in Orlando, FL. To raise funds for the trip the bell

choir is sponsoring a taste test at the church on Tuesday, July 29. They need volunteers, ages 13-65, to give 45 minutes of their time to taste snack foods. If you are interested, visit the table in the Narthex on Sunday or [email Taste Test](#).

You can also support the handbell choir by purchasing note cards and bookmarks of Grace PC's beautiful stained-glass windows. They are for sale in the Narthex, and proceeds will also benefit the Symposium trip. A pack of ten note cards is \$15. Bookmarks are \$1 each. The supply is limited, so buy yours this week.

Yada Yada Book Discussion Group Meets August 14

Join the Yada Yada book discussion group in the church library for a lively discussion and wonderful fellowship on Thursday, August 14. at 10:00 am. The book for August is *Fire by Night* by Lynn Austin.

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Youth Ministry

All-Youth Movie Night This Sunday, July 20

The All-Youth Movie Night is this Sunday, July 20, from 7:00 until 9:00 pm in Room 203 in the CE Building. Popcorn and drinks provided. BYOFRIENDS!

Sunday Is Deadline for Rough Rider Tickets

Sunday, July 20, is the deadline to sign up to see the Rough Riders play in Frisco on Monday, July 28. Sign up at the youth meeting Sunday evening or [email Bridget](#).

High School Girls Study the Bible on Tuesday Evenings

Join a great Bible study for high school girls each Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Room 5, Grace Place -- led by Renee Comen and Tammy Toll. New ninth graders are welcome.

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Events and Programs for Children

Play Ball This Fall! August 24 Is GPC "Signing Day"

Attention Players (first through twelfth graders) and Fans (parents): Come to the "Ballpark at GPC" (upstairs, CE building) for a preview of sporting and spiritual plans for the 2008-'09 season! Players will sign-up for Sunday School, choirs, bells, fellowships, Bible study, camps, retreats and mission opportunities. Coaches and Fans will complete registration materials, and sign up for volunteer positions in the ministries. Everyone will have a chance to take a pre-season look at '08-'09 schedules, pictures and stats and to play some games!

Dates To Remember

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these important events:

- August 24 - *Blessing of the Backpacks*, 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services
- August 24 - *Signing Day*, 9:45 am all children and youth sign up for 2008-'09 events and programs
- August 31 - *Season Opener* promotion day for all Sunday School classes
- September 5 - *Dive In*, First Friday Friends (FFF) Swim Party
- September 7 - *Fourth Grade Bible Sunday*, 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services

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Mission News

Don't Forget To Recycle Unneeded Items

Remember to cycle those unwanted or unneeded items. Bring your donations to the clothes closet (by the west entrance) or the recycle baskets across from the office. Items you can recycle include

- new or clean and gently used clothing
- empty printer ink jet cartridges
- hotel soaps and small toiletries
- used eyeglasses
- toys from fast-food kids' meals
- cell phones -- working or not
- digital cameras
- digital camcorders
- Apple ipods
- PDAs
- and especially Nextel cell phones.

We are also able to accept laptop computers with processor speeds greater than 730 Mhz. We regret that we are not able to accept other used computer equipment or used furniture at this time. Also note: cell phone accessories are not able to be recycled. The money raised from recycling these items supports mission efforts. Thanks for recycling. It's a way of sharing and a stewardship of our many goods.

Plano Food Pantry Receives Donations

Food donations in July will be delivered to the Plano Food Pantry. Requested items for July are: pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal and especially fruit juice. Personal hygiene items are always needed. Please continue to place your food donations in the container across from the church office.

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Sunday Morning Highlights

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday are given in celebration of the marriage of Deann Darnell and Lawrence Collins.

Prayer Cards

Look for the prayer cards in the pew pockets. If you have a request (prayers of praise, rejoicing, healing, comfort, concerns, etc.) fill out a card and place it in the collection plate.

We need your correct and current email address

Please help us keep our membership database current. Fill out the information cards found on the tables in the Narthex and return them to the church office or [email](#) your information to [Richard Barnard](#). The church office uses email to communicate important information to our members.

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Congregational Care

Remember in Your Prayers

Members who are facing problems and illness:

- Betty Tobermann
- Mervice Hansen
- Bill Wollett
- Karen Migliore
- Mary Ellen Chase
- David Hansen
- Quinn Flanagan
- Jim Smith

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Financial Updates

Contribution for July 13, 2008

General Fund \$18,397
Additional Gifts \$794

Through June 30

2008

YTD General Fund \$493,648
YTD Mortgage balance \$541,088

2007

YTD General Fund \$516,227
YTD Mortgage balance \$788,841

June 30 *Prepare the Way* update

Total \$ Pledged \$1,016,485
Phase I Received \$400,000
Phase II Received \$208,219

Attendance for worship services July 13, 2008 - 354

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How To Submit Articles and Information

For the Weekly Service Bulletin

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the weekly service bulletin is 5:00 pm Tuesday. Articles can be submitted online by [emailing Marci](#) Adams. If you are unable to email your information, you may call 972-596-6233 x6800 or mail or bring your information to the church office.

For *Week@Grace*

The deadline for submitting articles and information for the *Week@Grace* is noon Wednesday. Articles can be submitted online by [emailing Richard](#) Barnard. If you are unable to email your information, you may call 972-596-6233 x6803 or mail or bring your information to the church office.

For Both Publications

Marci and Richard share information when preparing the bulletin and *Week@Grace*. However, if you wish your information to appear in both publications the safest course

of action is to email or contact both [Marci](#) and [Richard](#).

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