



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TEMPLE, TEXAS



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## FEED MY SHEEP

Our next meal service for Feed My Sheep is coming up September 24-25, and there are several ways you can help with this vital mission! Come and join us to make sandwiches and pack sack lunches on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30PM! We have a great time visiting while making 200 sandwiches and putting together sack lunches. Serve the hot meal and sack lunches at *Feed My Sheep* on Wednesday, September 25. We meet at the church at 10:30AM to take the meals over, set up the food service, and then serve the clients. The meal service is done at 12:30PM. This is a great time to provide a friendly smile and appreciated nourishment to many folks who are in need. We serve our signature *Macaroni and Cheese* dish which is a FMS favorite! Other ways to participate:

- Sign-up to help cook macaroni and cheese
- Bake cookies or brownies to be served with the hot meal
- Donate wrapped, disposable cutlery from your take-out meals
- Donate adult-size socks

Note: FMS is **not** in need of toiletry donations at this time. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Our next FMS event will be October 22-23.

## GPC BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, September 22**, we will hold a blood donation drive in our Fellowship Hall • Goal of 20 donated units • Ed Seeger continues to serve GPC as our Drive Coordinator on behalf of Carter BloodCare. Carter currently provides blood to over 200 medical facilities in 50+ counties in North, Central and East Texas. Ed will be contacting as many of our Grace Church members as possible in person to consider donating. In addition to being in good health, donors must be 16 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and feel well the day of their donation. Future notices will further explain some of the eligibility exemption factors, among them certain medications, personal medical conditions or recent travel to



malarial areas of the world. Please give Ed, GPC and Carter BloodCare your most thoughtful consideration during this blood donation drive.

Our offices will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The Choir and Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4. All are welcome! Come sing and ring with us! The choir will be preparing a condensed version of Handel's Messiah with chamber orchestra ensemble for Christmas. Please join us for this wonderful classical music!

**Handbell Rehearsal** 6-7PM • Josh Essary, *Director of Handbell Ensemble* | [joshuaessary@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaessary@gmail.com) • **Choir Rehearsal** 7-8PM • Chelsea Stern, *Director of Music* | [chelsea@gpctemple.org](mailto:chelsea@gpctemple.org)

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Would you be interested in a trip to Israel next January? Dr. Benner is looking for a roommate to go with him on this trip. The person gets a special rate on the cost of the trip, plus a deal on airfare. If interested contact Dr. Benner at [bjbenner@att.net](mailto:bjbenner@att.net) or 254.228.3424.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dave Hermann	9/3
Dan Gatlin	9/3
Marianne Stringfellow	9/5
Julie Bolin	9/6
Mary Anne Dunlap	9/6
Maxine Splittgerber	9/10
Liz Callarman	9/12
Chase Ozment	9/12
Lynn Grant	9/15
Marcia Woodrum	9/15
Jennifer Conner	9/16
Joe Norris	9/17
Sally Jordan	9/18
Sarah Stephens	9/18
Marshall Powell	9/19
Jane Nance	9/20
Susan Phelps	9/25
Melanie Bennett	9/27



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

New Horizons Bible Study Guides are here! The price, as before, is \$12 each. Cash or checks accepted: \*Exact cash amounts are greatly appreciated; make checks out to *Grace Presbyterian Church*, with PW Study Guide on the memo line. If you have pre-ordered a study guide, you may pick up your copy on Sundays through the September 15 in the narthex before and after church services, as well as in the GPC office during regular office hours. A list of all preorders will be with the guides; make sure your payment is recorded next to your name at time of payment. If you did not pre-order a guide, don't worry! Just drop by the narthex or the church office, and we will order your copy.

**Horizons Bible Study Kickoff happens Monday, September 16, at 6PM** in Fellowship Hall All women of the church are invited to attend and be treated to light refreshments, followed by a presentation of our first lesson by Rev. Thom Lamb. Whether or not you're a circle member, we hope you will join us!

**Wanting to become a Circle Member?** Circle groups meet as follows: Tuesday Evening Circle, please note change of meeting location: First Tuesday of each month at 6PM at Julie Benner's home (contact [bjbenner@att.net](mailto:bjbenner@att.net)); Tuesday Morning Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM at the church (contact Pat Wurster at [jwurster@hotmail.com](mailto:jwurster@hotmail.com)); Jennie Shull Circle meets the third Thursday of each month at noon, at the church (contact Patti Smith at [pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net)) • Join us for fellowship, study, inspiration, and the joy that's always found when we are together!

## MEN OF GRACE

Men's Breakfast! Saturday, September 21 • 9AM • Fellowship Hall • All men are welcome! Our mission is to discover ways to support our church better and to support each other better Come for a good meal and fellowship • Join us every third Saturday of the month at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Stan ([stanb4simons@gmail.com](mailto:stanb4simons@gmail.com)) or Bob ([bshull612@gmail.com](mailto:bshull612@gmail.com)) for questions.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Children's Sunday school resumes Sunday, September 8.** Sunday school is all ages combined (Kinder-5th grade) in room 204. Our children's Sunday School Class will continue to enjoy the PCUSA curriculum: *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. Children see God's grace in the biblical narrative and in our world today. The curriculum provides age-appropriate opportunities for responses of gratitude through claiming, celebrating, praying and offering. Coloring illustrations accompany each Bible story to engage children visually. Each session will embrace children in the grace of God through engagement with the Bible that echoes reformed worship: gathering in God's grace, responding in gratitude, and loving and serving God. Thank you to our wonderful Sunday school teachers: A'Lisa Ozment, Beth Gerdes and Lynn Grant.

**Parent's Night Out** is **Friday, September 6** • 5:30-8:30PM • For families who are members or regular attenders of the church and for their children (*infants 6 weeks through 5th grade*) • Childcare is provided by our GPC nursery staff • Register on our website!



**Register for LOGOS is open! Wednesday Night Children and Youth Ministry Gathering**

For children and youth currently in grades K-12 • Wednesday evenings beginning September 18 continuing to November 20 • 5:30-7:00PM (dinner included) • Go to our LOGOS page at <https://gpctemple.webs.com/children-s-ministry-to-register> • We are so excited to be returning to our LOGOS mid-week ministry! Led by Rev. Thom Lamb, Chelsea Stern,

*Director of Music*, Ann Edmondson and our wonderful Christian Education volunteers. Children can be dropped-off and then picked up at the end of the program • \*Childcare is provided in the nursery for younger children of volunteers at LOGOS • **What happens at LOGOS?** Children's Choir; Bible learning; Dinner – fellowship time; Crafts and games

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Current office hours:  
Mon- Thursdays  
8AM - 4PM



## RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 7 • 8AM-2PM GPC Fellowship Hall

Purging time! • Drop off's accepted Tues, Sept 3 through Thurs, Sept 5 **ONLY (no earlier)!** We **cannot** accept large appliances, exercise equipment, computers, paint, hazardous chemicals, mattresses, swimsuits or under garments, personal care items or medications • All proceeds support Living Waters for the World—for more info check out: <https://www.living-watersfortheworld.org>