



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— TEMPLE, TEXAS —

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## NEW MEMBER CONVERSATION CLASS - AUGUST 11

Have you been visiting? Are you curious about becoming a part of Grace Presbyterian Church? We are extending an invitation to you to learn a bit more about us. We call this a "New Member Conversation"...a time to become more acquainted with Grace and what it means to be a member of the *Presbyterian Church USA*. The conversation will be led by Rev. Thom Lamb and the Membership Committee. There is NO pressure to join the church! We are just inviting you to 'come and see.' The conversation will be held on Sunday morning, August 11 at 9:15AM in the church library. Hope to see you there! Coffee will be available! More info available by contacting Rev. Lamb at 254-773-2134.

## FEED MY SHEEP - COORDINATOR NEEDED!

We are looking for a new FMS Coordinator to set up FMS events starting with hands on training with Lori Lamb for the September event, and then, take the lead starting with the October meal service. If you have participated in one of our sandwich-making events, or have served hot meals, then you know that we have a committed group of volunteers who support this important mission, so you will not be alone!

Does it seem like a daunting task? Sign-up with a friend and be co-leaders!

Please prayerfully consider stepping up to continue this vital service we provide to the community. We will make sure you are well resourced and prepared. If you have any questions, or you're ready to train, please call or text Lori Lamb at 740-403-7156.

**NOTE: WE HAVE MOVED OUR FMS SERVICE FROM AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2024!**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pat Church	8/3
Thomas Allen	8/5
Rena Taylor	8/5
Teri Allen	8/7
Tony Owen	8/8
Katie Wells	8/12
Thom Lamb	8/12
Jennie Miller	8/12
Tom Enloe	8/13
Emily Gary	8/13
Kelly Garcia	8/14
John Hale	8/14
John Burrough	8/15
Lara Miller	8/15
Betsy Smith	8/15
Joyce Eberts	8/19
John Elwood	8/20
Millie Henn	8/21
John Wurster	8/23
Jeannie Milbery	8/25
Gary Gosney	8/27
Diana Mayes	8/27
Donna Bowling	8/30



NOTE: We **cannot** accept large appliances, exercise equipment, computers, paint, hazardous chemicals, mattresses, personal care items or medications.

All proceeds support Living Waters for the World. For more info check out:

<https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/>

**TIME TO PURGE!**  
**SAT, SEPTEMBER 7**  
**8AM - 2PM**  
**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Clothing, furniture, household items, tools, kitchen wares, small appliances, toys, games, puzzles, books, CD's, DVD's, small electronics, sporting goods, jewelry, collectables, etc.

Drop-offs accepted **ONLY**  
Tuesday, September 3  
through Thursday, September 5

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Backpack Buddies:** Our campaign was a great success! Thanks to the generosity of the GPC congregation and staff, we exceeded our fundraiser's goal of providing 80 backpacks, at a cost of \$40 each for local school students in need. That being the case, the excess funds are now in a line account, to be used to increase the number of backpacks that we will be pledging to provide in 2025.

**Circle News:** this year's study will kick off on **Monday, September, 16, at 6:00PM** in Fellowship Hall, with the first lesson to be presented by Rev. Thom Lamb. Study guides will soon be available in the narthex before and after church services, at a cost of \$12 each. Watch for details in upcoming *Monday Messengers (email)*, *Orders of Worship*, and make plans now to join us in fellowship and discussion. This year's study, "Let Justice Roll Down," is concerned with such topics as air quality, food and water crises, environmental challenges, and more - all to be viewed, discussed, and acted upon from a Christian perspective

## MEN OF GRACE

Men's Breakfast! Saturday, August 17 • 9AM • Fellowship Hall • Men -- 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

**Back to School Blessing** will take place in worship Sunday, August 11.

**Children and Youth Sunday School** is on summer break! Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 8, with A'Lisa Ozment, Beth Gerdes and Lynn Grant teaching.

**First Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch** - Sunday, August 4 • Following Worship at *Rosa's Cafe*, Temple • For all families with children and/or youth • 'Dutch' treat

**No Parent's Night Out in August** (*workers on summer break!*) Resumes on **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!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The Handbell and Chancel choir is on summer break from singing in worship during July and August. Musicians in our congregation will offer special music in worship. **Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 4.** Handbell rehearsals are from 6-7PM (*Josh Essary, Handbell Director*); Choir rehearsals are from 7-8PM (*Chelsea Stern, Music Ministry Director*). For information you may email [chelsea@gpctemple.org](mailto:chelsea@gpctemple.org)

## 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS COMING SEPTEMBER 8

We will be having a fall Confirmation/Commissioning class beginning with a parent and mentor orientation meeting on **Sunday, September 8, at 9:30AM in fellowship hall.** The class will be using a new confirmation curriculum titled: *Changing the World Confirmation for the Missional Church*. This curriculum represents a departure from the old teaching church doctrine to inspiring our youth to go and be a positive change in the world. At the orientation, we will introduce the curriculum, the mentors assigned to each youth and present them with a Parent Handbook that will enable the parent to walk through confirmation with their youth. At the opening retreat, each member will receive a copy of The NRSVue (*Updated translation of the Bible*) to assist them in their studies. To get the most out of the confirmation experience, in addition to the curriculum we expect the youth will be at all scheduled meetings and be a regular participant in worship. **Confirmation is open to all youth in grades 6-12.** Contact the church office if you wish to register your student. **Deadline for registration is August 25.**

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



## MEMBER OF THE MONTH!

Let's shower Judy & Tom Enloe with cards! Cards can be mailed to: Judy & Tom Enloe, 4114 Wren Rd, Temple, TX 76502. Don't have a card? We have one for you in the narthex! Fill it out and drop it in the office and we will mail it for you!