



February



2025

Come Experience Grace!
It is the purpose of Grace, to share the gospel, to equip the saints, and to serve others so that all people may experience the love and joy of Jesus!

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grace Cares Ministry

FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAY
8:15am – 11:30am

FINANCIAL AID
THURSDAY
9:00am
(By phone only)

*“Small enough to feel like family...
Big enough to make an impact!”*

To My Church Family:

“Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4: 12

In 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther wanted to call out and debate the history of thinking in the church. Many argue that he was trying to start a new church, but it has been more widely agreed that he was actually not trying to leave the church but instead, to change it. And here is what we know about what happened from there. No scriptures were changed. The biblical history did not change. Instead, we had the beginning of what we call the Protestant Reformation.

“Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda.” For hundreds of years, coming out of the Protestant Reformation, the Presbyterian Church has valued these words in their teaching, preaching, understanding of scripture, and way of living out their faith. The phrase, “Reformed and always being reformed” has guided the Presbyterian tradition reminding those who belong that we are to never be stuck in what we once believed and should always be allowing ourselves to be challenged – to be changed for the better. We must remember that just because someone said it in their interpretation of scripture, does not mean their interpretation is correct. We have hundreds and hundreds of years of interpretation and understanding and discovery that has shaped where we are today, and the work is not done.

John Calvin, and other church reformers, believed that scripture should be available for all people to read and understand. They believed this, in part, because like the author of Hebrews reminds us, “the word of God is living and active.” This means that in different times and in different ways, scripture comes alive, and our faith should match it. Our understanding of scripture and faith cannot stay as it once was because that time of living is gone and the future is still before us. Our faith must be living and active so that it too will come alive as we meet people in this world and so that we can be the continual loving light of Christ.

Is your faith living and active in 2025? Maybe 2024 was a tough year for you, as it was for so many people, but that is now in the past. It is time to learn from the things you did poorly and that which you did well and change the future, not just for your sake, but to the sake of the world. Things are changing and always changing – reforming and always being reformed. It is time for us to make sure that those changes – reformations – glorify God.

And as we seek to change the world for God’s glory, never forget your baptism and that you and all those around you are a beloved child of God.

Blessing in Peace,

Rev. Eric Spoon



Preschool Families,

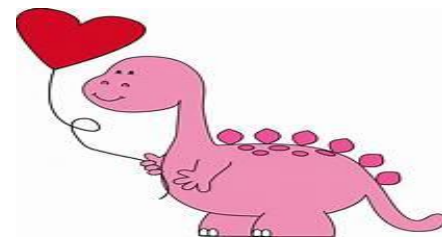
As we approach February, there are some important dates we would like to share with you.

Preschool registration for current families and church members will begin on February 3rd at 8:00 a.m. Our application can be accessed through Procure. Open registration for new families will begin on February 18th at 8:00 a.m. The application can be found on our website. Please contact the preschool office if you have any questions.

Elementary school age aftercare will be closed along with district schools on Wednesday, February 5th.

Preschool and after care will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day. I hope you enjoy the long weekend.!

Sincerely,
Susan Ackermann
Director



The deadline for information to be included in the March 2025 Gracevine should be submitted by Monday, February 17, 2025. Thank you. Please contact Janet Pitts at cookiegirl54@yahoo.com or at 850-819-1966 if you have any questions.



“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

Following the worship service on Sunday, February 9, join us in Bell Hall for a soup luncheon and help the youth fill their pots with donations for our food pantry (Grace Cares) and for the Presbytery 2 Cents-A-Meal program! There will be sign-up sheets on the community coffee table in the hallway if you are willing to provide soup, crackers, cornbread, or a dessert. Thank you!



CHILI COOK OFF!! Wednesday, February 19

It's that time again..... Wonderful Wednesday will host its annual Chili Cook Off! If you would like to enter your special recipe, bring your award-winning chili that evening for everyone to enjoy. Prizes for all the winners! Good luck to all those who are vying for the title this year! (Psst, Hank Picken is the one to beat!) You will find the sign-up sheet on the community coffee table in the hallway. We are also asking for crackers and cornbread. There will be no Bible study or children's activities this evening!

BOOMERS and BUDDIES

Come and enjoy fellowship & food with Boomers & Buddies, Thursday, February 20. Let's carpool from the church leaving at 11:30am for C-Level, 8014 Front Beach Road, PCB. Kindly notify the church by 2/18 if you will be joining us.

Stewardship is a Lifestyle, February

THE ARMOR OF GOD



With apologies, the first verses for January should have been Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11. Put on the whole Armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

For February, Ephesians 6:12-13. Paul tells us why in these verses we are to 'suit up' with the Armor of God. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against the evils of the devil. We see enough of it every day, so we are to be ready to stand firm. Blessings as we let the Lord lead us in His will for us.

Operation Christmas Child

News Flash!!! ~~~ Our 'shoeboxes' have been held up in customs!! Hopefully we will soon receive confirmation of their shipment & location!

National Collection Week is over, but you can still be a part of sharing Good News and great joy with children in need around the world! When you build a box online, it is packed for easier passage through customs in hard-to-reach nations of the world.

During the month of February, you can honor or memorialize a loved one by going to, "Build a Shoebox" online, look for Grace Presbyterian PCFL and follow the prompts. Spread the word, pray, and watch our goal tracker grow!

Download the QR code (shown on the right) using your phone and follow the prompts to the OCC site.



PROVERBS 31 WOMEN'S GUILD YARD SALE

The ladies of Proverbs 31 and Grace Presbyterian Women will sponsor a Yard Sale in Bell Hall. The dates are Friday, March 21 from 7:30am - 3:00pm and Saturday, March 22, from 7:30am until 12 noon. Proceeds will benefit Humble House Ministries. If you would like to donate items to the sale contact Ronnie Wilson at 850-381-7504 to schedule a time to bring them to the shed at the church for storage. Donations are being accepted now. NO CLOTHES PLEASE; however, shoes and purses are welcome. For large items you must be able to unload your donations yourself or prearrange for assistance.

If you have any questions, you can contact Gerri Jaspersen at 850-890-8427 or Ronnie Wilson at 850-381-7504. Come and shop at the sale and while there, meet some of the ladies you will be helping in this Christian based program. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry.



MEET LILY HOISINGTON

Hey Grace! Thank you all for such a seamless transition into the Children's Ministry role! I am so grateful for all the assistance, kind words, and support I have been receiving! I just wanted to share a little bit about myself, for those whom I haven't had the pleasure of meeting! My daughter, Lennon, and I moved to Panama City in Spring of 2022 from Grand Rapids, MI. I started working here, at the preschool, that Summer and have enjoyed every minute of teaching the 4k kiddos! I met my partner, Justin, shortly after that, and his patience, kindness, and faith swept Lennon and I both off our feet! Growing up, my father was a Lt. Col in the Air Force, so we had the opportunity to travel a lot and live in some amazing places! We still love to adventure together and try to travel and see new things with Lennon as often as possible. I love to read, garden, and be silly with my family when we aren't spending time here, at Grace! If you haven't yet, stop by the Youth Room on a Sunday, or Wednesday, for introductions and to check out what fun stuff we have going on! God bless! - Lily



Thank You!!!

Dear Grace family,

As many of you may know 2024 was a tough year for me health wise, something that I certainly was not accustomed to, and how you put up with me.... well.....that's just who you are, my adopted family who have shown me more love than I deserve!! I am so blessed to have each one of you in my life!!! Thank you for all the cards, calls & texts!! I am so thankful for the support you gave me by allowing me to work from home and tolerating all the doctor's and physical therapy appointments.

Pastor Eric, thank you for coming to pray with me before my surgery. But most of all thank you for the spiritual support you've shown me, as you do each of us here at Grace, words cannot express how grateful I am to call you, "MY" Pastor.

I would like to give a big "thank you" to Mrs. Janet Pitts for covering the office for nearly 2 months, thank you for going out of your way by rearranging your schedule, (poor Gabby & Oliver, oh and Mr. Bill had their schedules all messed up too) I deeply appreciate it! Thank you, thank you to Mrs. Mary Poole and Mrs. Barbara Gray for sitting in also!

Thank you for the generous love offering gift, I was and still am totally overwhelmed with gratitude. Again, most importantly Jamie & I thank you "OUR FAMILY" for your tremendous support, encouragement, love and prayers.

Love you bunches,
Bev

FEBRUARY SERMONS

February 2, 2025 (4th Sunday After Epiphany/Communion)

Sermon Scripture: Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10/Luke 4: 21 - 30

Sermon Title: "How Do You Respond to Jesus?"

February 9, 2025 (5th Sunday after Epiphany)

Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 6: 1 - 8/Luke 5: 1 - 11

Sermon Title: "Our Forgotten Purpose in Life"

February 16, 2025 (6th Sunday after Epiphany)

Sermon Scripture: Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10/Luke 6: 17 -26

Sermon Title: "If You Are Happy and You Know It....."

February 23, 2025 (7th Sunday after Epiphany)

Sermon Scripture: Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15/Luke 6: 27 - 38

Sermon Title: "Judging and Forgiveness"



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MENUS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 5 - Covered Dish with Catfish

Feb. 12 - Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce, Slaw, Potato Salad

Feb. 19 - Chili Cook Off, Corn Bread, Crackers, Desserts (sign-ups needed for all)

Feb. 26 - Mardi Gras (TBA)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kendra Speed

Corey Wilson

Rosalie Smith

Margaret Smith

Lee Dent

Dana Berry

Martin Bell

Jennifer Blanks

Katie Blanks



PW FEBRUARY 2025 TEAM

Ronnie Wilson

Jean Adams

Joyce Bright

Fiona Brooks

Gerri Jaspersen

Margaret McDaniel

Thursday, Feb. 6

PWCT @ 1:30pm

Monday, Feb. 10

LNO Circle @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Circle @ 9:30am

(Includes Thursday Circle)

Grace Is a Praying Church!!!!

Have you ever thought, "What can I do to help?" Maybe you have thought, "I am too old," or "I am too young," or "I am too busy," or "No one has ever asked me to help." Every one of us has the power to pray. If you would like to pray for others, please email Jim McQuagge at jimmcjr@gmail.com and he will add you to the email prayer list. But please make sure we do have a correct and current email address for you and just pray to the Lord! It is as simple as that. Just wait for an email and pray and let God take care of the rest. What are you waiting for, and remember, GP2 – Grace Prays at 2!

EVERY TUESDAY STOP AND PRAY!

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