



# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

*"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"*

## Newsletter

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## *Around the House*

We have had a busy first seven months of the year! As we anticipate the start of a new cycle of programs and events, I would like to summarize what we have accomplished thus far and to look forward to the next few months.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Honestly, the most significant, most time-consuming ministry we do at Grace is the preservation, maintenance, remodeling, and improvement of our historic structures and grounds. I call these activities "Ministry" because our facilities are used with a dual purpose in mind: First, to provide a beautiful place of worship and fellowship for our congregation. Second, to be a means of outreach to St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish, and the Diocese. For example, we have shared the beautiful chapel of St. Johns with St. John's Orthodox Church since 2017 at no cost to them. We have provided office space on the second floor of our Administrative building to Young Life free of charge to support the work they do in our community. And, we have allowed our community partners to use Bishop Jackson hall for weekly activities that enhance our common life in West Feliciana Parish. There are many more examples I could share.

We are exceedingly blessed by the leadership of our Junior Warden, Zed Howle, and our restoration committee. So far, we have done an aggressive tree-maintenance project in the cemetery. We finished lighting all the pathways leading to and from the Church. We have made significant improvements to the air-conditioning systems and ductwork in the Church. We have rewired the sanctuary and the historic chandelier. We have added new insulation in the Church's attic, and we have done regular inspections of the roof for leaks and to identify roofing repairs. We have also maintained close supervision of humidity levels and air quality in the Church. And, we have continued regular maintenance required at the Golsan House, Rectory, Jackson Hall, and Preschool.

We have finished an ambitious restoration of Jackson Hall in 2019, and this work will continue for the rest of the year. We still have a small punch-list related to this work. We will also do significant improvements to our air-conditioning systems in Jackson Hall and will replace thermostats throughout our buildings. We will replace our antiquated fire suppression control panel. We will refurbish the Parlor with the help of Patrick Tandy and the restoration committee.

Additionally, Peggy Gammill has been working on the exterior of the Rectory, and the building will receive a much-needed face-lift. We have already pressure-washed the house and have repaired damaged bricks on the side that faces the driveway. We will

also install new lamps and shutters. We will fix the foundations of the Golsan House and will refurbish the house soon.

#### STAFF AND PROGRAMS:

Our staffing has remained consistent in the last several years. Meg Kendrick has done an incredible job handling the duties for which Mrs. Anne Klein was responsible. She has become very involved with Finance and Vestry Committees, taking notes at meetings, communicating with both groups, and supporting their collective work. Coming in the Fall, Meg will assume more responsibility related to our finances, as Mrs. Carla Bowman will retire. We will be hiring a 20-hour a week secretary, whom we have been training during the Summer. I am very excited about Meg continuing the excellent work of Mrs. Carla and moving more intentionally into the "Administrator" role of her job. She has been on maternity leave since June but will return to us in Mid-August.

Our Preschool has had a great year under the leadership of Lisa Foster. This year we became licensed for the first time since we opened in 1951. Getting ready for this licensing helped us develop new policies and procedures that have been very useful. We have also trained our staff on valuable continuing education courses. And we have improved the physical plant of the Preschool, creating a more secure fence, installing new flooring, and adding new posters and signs. Our amazing volunteers continue to provide guided play, music, and reading, and our children have excelled in their curriculum, socialization, and spiritual life.

We have decided to increase the hours of operation at the School to 5:30 pm to make our wonderful little Preschool a better fit for our community. We now operate from 7:30 am-5:30 pm. We have also decided to create an after-school program. After School will care for legacy students, siblings of our preschool students, and members of Grace Church in their pre-k to fifth-grade ages. We will provide a snack, homework assistance, and supervised play. We still have a few spots available for those who may be interested.

Our children and youth programs continue to do well. We continue to provide Adult Sunday School, Sunday Children's Chapel, a Lectionary Bible Study, and monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast, Centering Prayer, and Book Club. These in addition to our Fall and Spring Discipleship programs. Please continue to check our website for regular updates of upcoming events and programs.

#### FINANCES:

We are doing well year-to-date, thanks to the generosity of those who have paid pledges on-time or in full. We continue to rely on a percentage of the earnings of our trusts to meet expenses, but we have a conservative policy to ensure the growth and income-generating potential of all our funds. Having said this, we are still dependent on your loving support for our operations budget and out-of-the-ordinary maintenance needs. Please call a member of vestry or me if you are in a position to make an additional contribution to our Church.

Overall, we have been richly blessed this year, and we anticipate a great 2019-2020 program year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

### *Grace News & Upcoming Events*

A memorial service for Dianne Davis will be held on Saturday, July 27th at 10:30 a.m. at the Hemingbough Chapel.

#### *Intercessory prayers are asked for Grace Church members who are ill:*

Kathy Anderson, Jack Anderson, Valerie Barnes, Diane Christopher, Neal Kelly, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Kay Tengler, Mary Thompson, Wendell Wade, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

#### *Birthdays*

Christian Tregle-July 28; Elizabeth Hughes, Brooks Barnes, Ashley Fox-Smith; Dennis Keith-July 29; Debbie Thomas, Emily Fusilier-July 30; Hannah and Hunter Adams-July 31; Sophie Dowd, Madison McCain, Dora Metz, Steve Parnell-Aug. 1; Davis F. Bankston, Lilly Higgins-Aug. 2; Bert Babers, Hutch McClendon-Aug.3; Madeline Kane, Ella Corinne Howle-Aug. 4; Joey Gammill, Sarah Roldan, Sean McKenzie, Brandie Olsen-Aug. 5; Louise Reichman, Liz Truitt-Aug. 6; Jessica Finley-Aug.7; Julie Stewart-Aug. 8; Hunter Fusilier, Drew Nordgren, Justin Peno-Aug. 9; Don Strittman-Aug. 10

#### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Tom and Jeanne Morris, Belton and Dare Didier, Jim and Susan Roland-July 28; David and Jane Opperman-Aug. 4; Joe and Maria Gerry, Neil and Becky Wright-Aug. 5; Tony and Lisa Horn-Aug. 7; Pat and Melissa Dowd, Edward and Leslie Daniel-Aug. 9; Zed and Rachel Howell-Aug. 10.

Other persons prayers  
are asked for:

Claiborne Arbutnot,  
Charles Barham,  
Walker Bell, Micaela  
Kell Bennett, Wayne  
Bergeron, Isabella  
Bertucci, Leslie Bick-  
ham, Luanne, Phillip  
Bowen, Ben Brown,  
Steve Brown, Mason  
Brudewick, Willie  
Bryant, Randy Bryant,  
Jenny Clark, Kitty  
Claus, Daryn Conrad,  
Rob Cox, Frances  
Woods Curry, Sandy  
Davenport, Kathleen  
Davis, Debbie  
Desmar, Helen Des-  
selles, Cathy Doslovic,  
Molly Douglas, Amy  
Dwyer, Mark Ellison,  
Jennifer Erickson,  
Ellen Ewald, Sara  
Fahey, Mark Feltnet,  
Dennis Flynn, Mat-  
thew Gill, Jerry Green,  
Jim and Claire Hack-  
ney, Jane Hamilton,  
Roy Hardin, Parke  
Henderson, Wayne  
Hudnall, Joel James,  
Michelle Jeansonne,  
Jill Joffrion, Henry  
Jones, Mary Jo Kaly,  
Cathy K., Mike  
Larisey, Jody Lemoine,  
Jessica Liddle, Max,  
Charlotte Mayeaux,  
Ralph McKenzie,  
Lainee Martrain,  
Mary Anne McCrory,  
Ruby McKee, Cheryl  
Meaux, Robin Michel,  
Bill Miller, Jimmy  
Mitchell, Randall  
Nachman, Walter  
Oliveaux, Barton  
Platte, Elizabeth  
Poole, Susanna Pres-  
cott, Tammy Riggs,  
James and Sylvia  
Roach, Cole Rourke,  
Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn  
Shockley, Rusty  
Snyder, Cade Staple-  
ton, Angel Thomp-  
son, Roland Toups,  
Millie and Howard  
Varner, Deborah  
Vines, Emily Walz,  
Trey Watson, Den-  
nisia Williams, Lynn  
Zinn.

Those serving in the  
armed forces:

Parker Blanche,  
Amanda Browning,  
Jay Christopher, Ryan  
Coacher, Carlile  
Cointment, John  
Davis, Joseph Dooley,  
Polly Finley, Bryan  
Geltz, Edward Jen-  
kins, Laura Latson,  
Shawn Lemons, Terry  
Palmer, James Powers,  
Jeff Ragusa, Christo-  
pher Willis, Aaron  
Zuccaro, 745th &  
746th Exped Squads,  
379th & 926th Ex-  
ped. Support Squads,  
101st Airborne Divi-  
sion (Air Assault), 1st  
222 Aviation Regi-  
ment.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be August 7 at 7:00 a.m. in Jackson Hall. Please read reflections 151-160 in Richard Rohr's *On the Threshold of Transformation*.

**Centering Prayer** will be August 7 at 9:00 a.m. at the Golsan House.

**Our Children's Church ministry is growing.** If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Alyssa at youth@gracechurchwfp.org or 245-1385 to learn more or join for a lesson.

**Grace Preschool is still accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year.** Our preschool is open to all students who will be three years old by September 30th, 2019. Registration packets are available in the church offices or online.

**We still have spots in our After-school Ministry Program.** This program is for children in Pre-K through 5th grade and will be open to siblings of current Grace Preschoolers, Grace Church members, and past students of Grace Preschool. To sign up please contact Alyssa Louis by email at youth@gracechurchwfp.org or by phone at 225-245-1385.

**Choir Rehearsals are now held following the 10:00 a.m. service** on Sundays. If you enjoy singing, come join the Grace Choir this summer. New members are needed. Questions? —phone Mel Hale at (225)931-3382 or talk to him or any choir member after church.

**If you are interested in volunteering** with our nursery ministry or know of a teen who would like a job, please speak with Meg Kendrick. We are looking for adult volunteers to help with this important ministry.

### Youth Ministry Corner

Our youth group has been having such a wonderful summer filled with spiritual learning, community building, and volunteering. We began our summer with lessons surrounding God's Promises and the Hope of the Church that is based on His promises to us. We spent several weeks diving into the promises of God to mankind since creation and how He has fulfilled them through the ages. We talked about how God promised to rescue his people, forgive their sins, and restore his world by sending the promised Savior, and that we know Him to be faithful because He sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue Israel and the world from the power of sin and death. In the weeks following, we talked about the hope for the return of Jesus and how we can be ready for this day by loving God and loving our neighbor through the power of the Spirit, sharing the Gospel of Jesus in every opportunity. I have been so proud and honored to be a part of the community our youth group has created with each other. Through our coffee hours at the Birdman, our outings to get snow-balls, our attempts at successfully completing Escape Rooms, and even pool parties, I have been able to see the beginnings and growth of true friendships within our youth. I cannot tell you how much I look forward to sitting around a table with our middle and high school friends each week to share meals, life, and LOTS of laughs. This year I also had the privilege to direct Vacation Bible School, for which many of our youth volunteered. I loved seeing them come to Grace each day ready to work and lend a hand in whatever ways necessary to ensure a smooth week. Each of them were vital to the success of our week and took great care of our younger friends that spent the week with us.

Our group loves getting to hear and learn from members of our congregation. If you have any interest at all in providing a meal or being a volunteer once a month, please reach out to me. I'd love to meet with you for coffee and tell you how you can support our incredible, and growing, youth group! - Alyssa Louis, youth@gracechurchwfp.org, 225-245-1385

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### Sunday July 28, 2019

**Acolytes:** Ella C Howle, Joey Winn Peno, John B. Klein, Jesse L. Means  
**Chalice bearers:** 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon  
10 a.m.: Brandie Olsen, Sara Klein  
**Ushers:** Joe Savell, Dwight Singer  
**Lectors:** Trish Toburen, Bill McClendon  
**Vestry Rep:** Drew Nordgren  
**Altar Guild:** Team 1  
**Children's Church:** Lisa Foster  
**Altar Flowers:** Pat and Ronnie Martin  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Jeanne and Tom Morris  
**Coffee Hour:** Sheryl Wynters  
**Babysitters:** Shelby Griffin, Madie Kane

### Sunday August 4, 2019

**Acolytes:** Baus Fin, Evelyn Pollet, Hayes Whatley, Lena Fin  
**Chalice bearers:** 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey  
10 a.m.: Maria Gerry, Drew Nordgren  
**Ushers:** Kelly Ward, Carl Fontenot  
**Lectors:** Drew Nordgren, Karen Snyder  
**Vestry Rep:** Dr. Pat Schneider  
**Children's Church:** Alicia Dwyer  
**Altar Guild:** Team 2  
**Altar Flowers:** Jerry and Bert Babers  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Jeanne and Tom Morris  
**Coffee Hour:** Lauri Dooley and Jerry Babers  
**Babysitters:** Grant Rome, Austin Roldan

### July 28, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
8:45 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### August 4, 2019

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
8:45 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, July 31

5 - 7pm - Youth Group  
5:15pm - Eucharist

### Thursday, August 1

9:15am - Morning Prayer  
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, August 2

7:00am - Eucharist  
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

### Sunday, August 4

7:30am - Eucharist  
8:45am - Bible Study  
10:00am - Eucharist

### Wednesday, August 7

5 - 7pm - Youth Group  
5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

### Thursday, August 8

9:15am - Morning Prayer  
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, August 9

7:00am - Eucharist  
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study