



# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

## Newsletter

August 6 & 13, 2017

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## *Back to Basics: It's a great day for play!*

*"Play is the work of the child."*

*—Maria Montessori*

Have you ever heard the saying, "when you know better, you do better"? The concept seems simple and obvious enough; however, it was not simply obvious enough for me. (I apologize in advance if this sounds self-serving and is not my intention at all.) Grace Preschool has been an important aspect of our ministry here in the community for many decades and I want to make sure that we continue to remain committed to providing a quality educational experience. In January, my journey to 'know better' and to 'do better' began when I enrolled in some early childhood professional development courses. The wealth of knowledge gained from these classes has given me new perspective, motivation and confidence to create an effective, educational environment using a simple and basic concept: play.

In the past, we have been presented with parental concerns of daily activities that allow "too much play time" and "not enough instructional time" for the children. Research from professional organizations, such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), has provided support that play is an important and effective tool which allows opportunities for learning and development in early childhood. Our current program, a Christian-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum designed for three and four year olds, already provides a variety of enjoyable and creative learning activities such as art, music and rhythm, Bible stories, daily prayers, reading, cooking, games, and science and nature observation balanced with opportunities for play and social interaction. This year we plan to enhance our program play-based learning by incorporating various centers, such as dramatic play, sensory tables, fine-motor, block, writing, etc. back into the preschool. These centers will provide children with a diversity of educational materials, open-ended manipulatives and sensory-based mediums as well as opportunities to play with other children of the same age while exploring an environment beyond their own homes. With the guidance of highly trained staff, play-based learning encourages growth across multiple areas of child development.

*"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood,  
for it alone is the free expression for what is in a child's soul."*

*—Friedrich Froebel*

In a letter to parents, Rev. Roman wrote it best: "Grace Preschool is committed to honoring Christ by teaching, encouraging, training, and grounding students in God's truth within a dynamic, academic environment: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength." Children are introduced to the experience of being in a school environment within

the context of the life of a parish church. Every week, students gather for a chapel service where we learn of God's love for us and how we should worship and give thanks to Him at all times and in all places. Though these services reflect the fact that our church and its school are Episcopalian, we respect the differing backgrounds and perspectives of our students and their families. We always welcome and encourage parents to join us for our weekly chapel service, which reinforces to the children the importance of God's love and the bond with family. The overall development of our preschoolers would not be complete without opportunities to enhance the most fundamental area of a child: spiritual growth.

WHO knew?! Who knew that something as basic and simple as play provided such complex, yet essential developmental life skills? We owe much of our growth and success to our community, but mainly to the continued support from our parishioners. Grace Preschool has been blessed in many ways over the years and continues to be blessed today. Next week, we will start a new school year with an amazing and blessed enrollment of 30 students! It's going to be a great year at Grace and is always a great day for PLAY!

Diana Weller, Grace Preschool Director

**Rector's Discretionary Fund:** This Sunday, August 6 is the first Sunday of the month and the loose offering is given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. An envelope will be provided with the liturgy sheet to put your check or cash in. Please be generous.

**Children's Church** will begin on Sunday, August 13th! We look forward to another great year. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have agreed to lead Children's Church!

**Youth group dinners** are needed! Help support this great ministry by providing a meal on a Wednesday night for our youth. The sign up sheet is in the narthex through the end of 2017. We are also in need of some volunteers to help while Meg is out on maternity leave. Please let Meg know if you are interested.

**Many thanks** to Carolyn Douglas for running the office last week while I was out. Anne

**Grace Preschool** will have orientation on Monday, August 7 in Jackson Hall. On Wednesday, only the boys will come for their first full day and on Thursday, only the girls will come for their first full day. Friday the whole class comes and the next week, August 14th, school is in session. Best wishes for another successful year to Diana Weller, Stacy Loyacono, Emily Barrow and Erica Blanchard.

**New members:** Welcome to Bob and Trish Toburen who transferred to us from St. Paul's-Holy Trinity in New Roads. Welcome, Bob and Trish.

**Transferred out:** William Benton moved his membership to St. James Church, Baton Rouge.

**The Vestry** has moved their August meeting to August 22, when the Rector will be back.

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

Matt Armstrong, David Barnes, Jamey Daniel, Daisye Howell, Lucile Lawrason, Nicole Means, Barbara Mitchell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Dahn Savell, Kay Tengler, Eleanor Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Wendell Wade, David Walker, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

### Birthdays

Louise Reichman, Liz Truitt-Aug. 6; Jessica Finley-Aug.7; Julie Stewart-Aug. 8; Hunter Fusilier, Audrey Ann Reinhardt, Justin Peno-Aug. 9; Don Strittman-Aug. 10; Roxanne Thornton-Aug. 11; Diane Davis, Miles Higgins-Aug. 13; Becky Wright, Carter Leak, Kathy Bankston-Aug. 14; Lacy Maxwell, Lynn Ballard-Aug. 15; Axel Pattison, Susan Schneider-Aug. 16; Iris Stewart, Elizabeth Morris-Aug. 18; Olivia Adams, Cullen Weller-Aug. 19.

### Wedding Anniversaries

Tony and Lisa Horn-Aug. 7; Pat and Melissa Dowd-Aug. 9; Zed and Rachel Howell-Aug. 10; Robert and Cindy Seeman-Aug. 11; Don and Penny Reinhardt-Aug. 13; Tommy and Laura Thompson-Aug. 14; Mike and Lea Williams-Aug. 16; Bert and Jerry Babers-Aug. 18.

*Other persons prayers are asked for:*

Charles Barham, Micaela Kell Bennett, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Leo Brown, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Mac Bullock, John Caruthers, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Bob Crowley, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jean-sonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cecil Kelly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Paul McGuff, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Kathy Drew Matter, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, David Merritt, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Dorothy Anne Millikin, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Cecelia Polito, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Stephen Seale, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Denham Turner, Darold Whitmer, Rufus Yerger.

*Those serving in the armed forces:*

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Colia, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Matthew Young, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads.

**The West Feliciana area churches** will be celebrating an ecumenical back-to-school service of worship and prayer in the West Feliciana High School auditorium on Monday, August 28th at 6:30 pm. Please join us for this time of Christian fellowship and prayer for all the students, teachers, administrators and families in our parish. Fr. Peter Kang, Ph.D.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Tommy Klein and Phylis Horn who were married Saturday, July 29 in Grace Church.

**“Planning for Your Future and Legacy,”** The Congregational Consultants for Stewardship of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana invites all Baton Rouge area residents to attend a resource fair for end-of-life planning on Thursday, August 17 from 11 am until 1 pm. The wide variety of topics to be explored at this fair include Advanced Funeral Plans; Advanced Funeral Service Planning and Church Traditions; Living Wills, Powers of Attorney; Financial Preparations for the Final Years; Remembering the Church in your Will; Medicare; Self-Care; Caring for the Elderly. The resource fair will begin at 11 am on August 17 at St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, located at 12663 Perkins Road. Three round-table sessions lasting thirty minutes each will be offered, with breaks in between. For more info contact The Rev. Tommy Dillon – (225) 933-3288 or tommydillon@mac.com.

**The Fall Bible study**, *Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy*, by Father Richard Rohr, will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 9am in Bishop Jackson Hall. Mark your calendars now for the six week study. If you have questions, please call Coco Treppendahl. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

**Our Diocese** will be sending out a quarterly calendar to share info about events happening in our Diocese. Please look for the calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church and also on the bulletin board in Jackson Hall. You can also find more information at their website: [www.edola.org](http://www.edola.org).

**St. John’s** will have a celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, August 20th at 7:30am celebrated by Fr. Kang.

**EFM Class at St. Patrick's in Zachary:** Would you like to learn more about scripture, church history, our traditions, and the churches theology? If you answered yes then you should consider Education for Ministry (EFM). EFM a 4 year long course, which is offered locally and sponsored by Sewanee. The course is intended to educate lay people in order to empower them for ministry. It is really a pretty simple idea, as members of the church and body of Christ, lay people are called to engage in the work of God. EFM is intended to provide a "theological education which supports lay people in their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events." More information about the program can be found on EFM website, <http://efm.sewanee.edu> And, if you would like to learn more about the Deanery EFM group contact Fr. Ashley Freeman at St. Patrick's. ([Ashley@StPatsLA.org](mailto:Ashley@StPatsLA.org)) or 225 654 4091

**Chamber Uncorked:** The West Feliciana Chamber of Commerce is hosting a wine tasting on Sunday, August 13, 6-9pm at the Conundrum Book Store, at 11917 Ferdinand Street. Teams of two people register for \$50 and bring three identical bottles of red wine. Two bottles are wrapped and placed on tables for tasting. One bottle is put aside for prizes. Guests rare the wines and prizes go to guests who brought the highest rated wines. Tickets may be purchased by email: [wfchamber70775@att.net](mailto:wfchamber70775@att.net), or calling 635-6717.

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### Sunday August 6, 2017

**Acolytes:** Mary Elizabeth Barrow, RE Barrow,  
Wyatt Olsen, Clara Jane Hughes  
**Chalice bearers:** 7:30am: Sharon Gauthier  
10am: Sara Klein, Brandie Olsen  
**Ushers:** Tiger Olsen, Will Plettinger  
**Lectors:** Donna Wright, Landon Anderson  
**Vestry Rep:** Leslie Daniel  
**Altar Guild Team 1**  
**Altar flowers:** Ronnie and Pat Martin  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Penny Reinhardt  
**Coffee Hour:** Christian and Jaime DeJean  
**Babysitters:** Madie Kane, Marleigh Jaehnel

### Sunday, August 13, 2017

**Acolytes:** Mathilde Fox-Smith, James Kirschling,  
Lilly Higgins, Logan Reinhardt  
**Chalice bearers** 7:30am: Bryan McClendon  
10am: Sheryl Wynters, Landon Anderson  
**Ushers:** Shannon Pollet, Rob Reinhardt  
**Lectors:** Dixie Blue, David Bunch  
**Vestry Rep:** Christian DeJean  
**Altar Guild Team 2**  
**Altar flowers:** Tom and Linda Flynn  
**Sanctuary candle:** Tapper and Betty Sessions  
**Coffee Hour:** Christian and Jaime DeJean  
**Babysitters:** Lorna Klein, Emma Olsen

### August 6, 2017

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### August 13, 2017

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, August 9

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

### Thursday, August 10

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

### Friday, August 11

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

### Sunday, August 13

7:30am - Eucharist  
9:15am - Bible Study  
10:00am - Eucharist

### Wednesday, August 16

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

### Thursday, August 17

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

### Friday, August 18

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