



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Newsletter
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Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Maintenance Issues, and Pastoral Care,
OR
Just Another Tuesday at Grace

We are a comparatively small church of approximately 360 members. Yet, our life together is characteristic of a church that is fully alive and deeply engaged in people's lives. Take these last two weeks for examples. We have had the sad farewell services for Roberta Barrow and David Barnes, may they rest in peace. We have planned 4 baptisms between now and November 26th. On November 4th, we will celebrate Dr. Will Benton and Claudia Escobar's wedding at 11:00am, at St. Alban's, LSU. That same afternoon, I will join a Roman Catholic priest, Fr. Luke Millette, as we celebrate Ariel Roland and Zach Butterworth's wedding at 3:00pm at Grace Church. On November 18th, I will join Judge Jennifer Luse, as we celebrate Lauren Pourciau and Charles Durr's wedding at the family home at 5:30pm. And, on Saturday, December 2nd, we will celebrate Joseph Wilson and Sarah Burrows' wedding at Saint James, BR, at 5:00pm. Although some of these weddings will take place off-site, we are in the process of providing pre-marital counseling to most of these couples, which is a great honor for me personally, as I get to know these amazing young people in a deeper way. At least one member of each couple is a member of Grace or the child of a member.

In addition to all these sacramental events, the maintenance of our grounds and buildings keep us very busy. We have engaged Koch and Wilson architects to give us an expert opinion on our roof problems, we have signed a contract with Lloyd Moreau, LLC to remove the faulty insulation in the church ceiling, and we have done a number of inspections of the attic to try to figure out where the water is coming in from. So far, we believe the water may be condensation and not related to the roof, but we will know more once the insulation has come out and the architects can do a proper inspection. This will be an ongoing issue and we will keep all of you informed.

Plans for the much needed restoration of Jackson Hall and the kitchen continue to move forward. I have made a few phone calls to gauge interest in this project and to explore possible sources of financial support. So far, most of the people I have spoken to have been very receptive and see the need for a new handicap ramp and kitchen. We are very close to bidding out the project to three construction companies. This will help our fundraising efforts, as we will know exactly how much money we need. Pray for us that we might be able to start this project by the second half of 2018. Any contributions for the kitchen received prior to December 31, 2017 can be declared as charitable contributions in this year's taxes. We are very excited about this project and hope all our parishioners will partner with us to reach this goal.

The Golsan house has received some minor upgrades and repairs thanks to the excellent care of Zed and Rachel Howell. We have leased the house for a year to a re-

tired couple from New Orleans who plan to build a vacation home in the parish within the next two years. We have decided to deposit all proceeds from this lease into a special account for future updates, repairs, and maintenance of the Golsan House and grounds. Not one dollar of this money will be used for any other purposes than the property itself. The goal for the future of the home is to search for a retired clergy family who can provide some pastoral care and liturgical coverage at Grace in exchange for housing and utilities. This model worked very well for us in the past and we believe it can work for us in the future. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let us know and we will begin to have early conversations. We want this clergy person to start at some point in 2019.

Pastoral care keeps us pretty busy. We are blessed to have a wonderful team of parish visitors who take communion to our shut-ins on a regular basis. Your Rector visits all shut-ins at least once a month, unless an immediate need arises. In cases of serious hospitalizations or imminent death, the Rector visits parishioners and their families as often as requested, including weekends and nights. Please do not hesitate to call us if you or a loved one has a need. At the very least you will get a telephone call from us to do a quick assessment and schedule a visit. Continue to have Mr. David Walker in your prayers and the family of Mr. Russell Daniel. If you would like to join our Parish Visitor's teams, please call us at Grace and we will provide the training you will need.

Planning for Confirmation and New Comers classes has begun in earnest. Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 15 at 11:15am for 5 weeks. New Comers classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00pm for five weeks, beginning on October 18. If you have a child in the 8th grade or above, please sign him or her up for Confirmation by calling the office. New Comers classes are open to anyone, those who are new in our parish, and anyone who wants to be received into the Episcopal Church on December 10th at our Bishop's annual visit.

Our children and youth ministry programs have done well during Meg's maternity leave. Many thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up to teach, monitor, and cook for the kids. Meg will return on Sunday, October 29th and she will take full responsibility for the coordination of all our youth and children programs.

As you can see, we are a busy church, but we have the most amazing team possible. Keep us in your prayers and choose to get involved in our ministries. We have a ministry for each of you and no one is too young or too old. Just call us. Finally, you will see a pledge card for 2018 at the bottom of this article. Prayerfully consider tithing or pledging generously to our church. We depend on you and with your loving support we plan to continue offering high quality programs and services for many years to come. May our Lord continue to bless you, Fr. Roldan+

Mr. Russell Daniel went to be with his beautiful wife, Betty Sue, and the Lord on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:47am. Visitation will be in Grace Church on Friday, the 13th from 9am until service at 11am, followed by burial in Grace Cemetery. Jane Daniel will be in charge of the reception afterwards. Leave her a message if you can provide food, email her janedaniel1952@yahoo.com or call 721-1587 Please keep the family in your prayers.

A Purrrfect Blessing of the Animals: We had a beautiful blessing of the pets on Sunday, October 8th, at 4:00pm. Thanks to all who brought your wonderful pets. Please enjoy the picture attached.



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

Matt Armstrong, Daisye Howell, Lucile Lawrason, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Kay Tengler, Wendell Wade, David Walker, Bill Willson, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Judy Miller, Dixie Blue, Michael Benton-Oct. 15; Jack Donnelly, Arthur Lewis, Jordan C. Truitt-Oct. 16; Anderson Adams, Linda Pruitt, Tara Jones-Oct. 17; Ruthie Lindsey, Kevin Griffin-Oct. 18; Megan Gill, Lisa Fisher-Oct. 20; Madeline Horn-Oct. 21; Jane Daniel-Oct. 22; Mark Mulkey, Natasha Kirschling, Nicole Means, Jason Bell, Betsy Daniel-Oct. 25; Lisa Horn, Oct. 27; Kyle Rhody-Oct. 28.

Wedding

Anniversaries

Cynthia and Overton Nicholas-Oct. 15; Michael & Bethany Luneau-Oct. 16; Emilie and Nathan Johnson-Oct. 19; Sean and Katie Harrison, Larry and Susan Schneider-Oct. 20; Neil and Blaire LeBlanc-Oct. 27.

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbutnot, Charles Barham, Michaela Kell Bennett, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Bob Crowley, Sandy Davenport, 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, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Mar-train, Kathy Drew Mat-ter, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, David Merritt, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Dor-othy Anne Millikin, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Stephen Seale, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Denham Turner, Rufus Yerger.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christo-pher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Colia, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragu-sa, Christopher Willis, Matthew Young, Aaron Zuccsro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads.

Please check the prayer list to the left to see if someone you put on can be removed.

Our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will host an Ecumenical Breakfast this Saturday, October 14 at 8:30am in Jackson Hall. The guest speaker will be Fr. Bill Miller, rector of Christ Church in Covington. Bill has written several books about his real life and inter-twines them with Gospel stories to enlighten and entertain his audiences. Everyone is invit-ed to attend.

Dinners are needed for youth group through December. The sign up sheet is in the nar-thex of the church.

Confirmation and New Comers Classes: All youth in grades 8 and above are welcome to start confirmation classes on Sundays at 11:30am beginning on October 15. There will be 5 one-hour classes. New Comer Classes will also be 5 weeks on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm beginning on October 18. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Welcome to James Nelson Whatley, son of Dr Adam and Carly Whatley, born October 4, weighing 7 pounds and 2 ounces. He and the family are doing well.

Fr. Peter and Samantha's new mailing address is 221 W. Micheltorena # 9, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Your prayers are also asked for the family of David Barnes, who died on October 3. Ser-vices were held in Grace Church on October 7. Please keep the family in your prayers

The English Reformation: To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Refor-mation, we invite you to a four week study of the English Reformation, on Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm.

There will be an **ECW Officers meeting** in the parlor during coffee hour on Sunday, Octo-ber 21st.

UTO Fall Ingathering will be Sunday, October 29 at both services. Pick up a new box in the narthex if turning in your old one. Envelopes will be in the liturgy sheet on Sunday.

2018 Pledge Card

In Thanksgiving for God's goodness, and support of the ministry of our Church, I / we will give \$ _____ per week / month / year in 2018. (circle one)

Signed _____ Print name: _____

I / we would like offering envelopes ____ Yes ____ No

Address _____

This is an expression of faith and intent, and not a legal obligation. Contact the Church Treasurer to make any adjustment. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible by mailing to Box 28, St. Francisville, by dropping it off at the church office or put it in the offering plate on any Sunday.

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday October 15, 2017

Acolytes: TBA
Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Sharon Gauthier
10am: Drew Nordgren, Brandie Olsen
Ushers: Robert Singer, Kelly Ward
Lectors: Missy Higgins, Heather Howle
Vestry Rep: Zed Howell
Altar Guild Team 3
Altar flowers: George and Ann Newton
Sanctuary Candle: David Bunch
Coffee Hour: Shannon and Christine Pollet
Babysitters: Madie Kane, Lorna Klein

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Acolytes: TBA
Chalice bearers 7:30am: Bryan McClendon
10am: Landon Anderson, Maria Gerry
Ushers: Carl Fontenot, Tony Horn
Lectors: Rachel Howell, Meg Kendrick
Vestry Rep: Heather Howle
Altar Guild Team 4
Altar flowers: Mary Woodyear
Sanctuary candle: Tapper and Betty Sessions
Coffee Hour: Irv and Betsy Daniel
Babysitters: Emma Olsen, Madison Pollet

October 15, 2017

7:30am - Holy Eucharist
(Grace and St. John's)
Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist I
1:15am - Confirmation
Class
Coffee Hour

October 22, 2017

7:30am - Holy Eucharist
Bible Study
10:00am - Holy Eucharist
11:15am - Confirmation
Class
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 18

5:15pm - Eucharist
5 - 7pm - Youth Group
6:00pm - English Reformation Class
6:00pm - Newcomers Class

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 22

7:30am - Eucharist
9:15am - Bible Study
10:00am - Eucharist
11:15am - Confirmation Class
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 25

5:15pm - Eucharist
5-7pm - Youth Group
6:00pm - English Reformation Class
6:00pm - Newcomers Class

Thursday, October 26

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