



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

Newsletter

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Grace Above All Things

Grace trumps everything. The more I work with people in ministry, the more I have come to understand this as a "Theological Rule of Life." I believe that as Christians, we derive our call to ministry from both Matthew 25:34-40 and Matthew 28:19-20. In Matthew 25:34-40, we are called to minister to those in need. The passage promises that if we do, Christ himself will acknowledge our efforts at the last day: "I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing, I was sick, and you took care of me, I was in prison, and you visited me." In Matthew 28: 19-20a, Christ calls us to be evangelists: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Both of these commands share equal value, and one is not more important than the other. A church that sacrifices one of these commands at the expense of the other holds to half of the truth and will soon become out of touch.

In the first case, a church can neglect the needs of the world to such an extent that their faith will become ethereal and without roots in the real world. This type of church risks becoming an exclusive club only concerned with its own members. In the second case, a church can neglect the teaching, preaching, and disciple-making biblical mandate, to such a degree, that they become just another Social Services agency, only concerned with solving people's problems while forgetting the most critical issue: people's longing and need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The first type of church becomes a purely horizontal enterprise, secular, disconnected, out of touch with the Divine. The second type of church becomes a strictly vertical enterprise, heady, disconnected, out of touch with the physical needs of the world. In both cases, each church is only partly obedient to Christ's call to ministry.

To be obedient to both of these mandates with integrity, we must recognize that "Grace" comes first. We engage in our "social ministry" not out of fear, guilt, and anxiety over the certainty of our salvation, but as a joyful and grateful response to the free gift of Grace given to us through Christ. We engage in our evangelism, worship, and disciple-making activities not because we stand in judgment of the world and see ourselves as morally superior to them, but because we strive to draw others to Christ in a relational way, by example, walking along the same path of faith they are on. In either case, neither "the world" nor we need more anxiety, judgment, and condemnation. We have enough of this in our own lives already. What we need is the saving power of a God who loves us greatly, who continues to draw us to himself, and who desires deeply to be in relationship with us. All of us need to be brought to the free gift of Grace that Christ offers.

I am proud that as a church, we have embraced both aspects of this call to ministry for many years. Our youth participate in work-days at the local food bank and our adults, guided by the leadership of the Mission and Outreach committee, continue to become involved in local and diocesan social ministry events, both financially and with man/woman-hours. Our evangelism and disciple-making activities continue to advance through our several Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, Book Club, our upcoming After-school, "Church-Mice," and children's chapel programs. The best form of evangelism is the result of "be-friend-ing" others: "beggars showing other beggars where to find bread," as the saying goes.

Most people who come to Christ come as a result of a relationship with another Christian. This was true in Christ's day, and it remains true today. May God continue to place in your hearts yearning for involvement in the lives of others and in the life of the church. Please call us if there is a ministry in which you wish to become involved. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+.

UPDATE ON VARIOUS MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The punch list for the last details of the Jackson Hall restoration is going well, and we are almost completed with this project. You will notice some discolorations on the floor by the refrigerators. This area will be repaired very soon. You will also see some water intrusion on the wall of the new closet which was built on the righthand side of the stage. This water damage was the result of an air conditioning unit which froze and overflowed to the floor below. We are in the process of getting bids to change the positioning of the two air-conditioning units in Jackson Hall, placing drip pans underneath both, and increasing the amount of air going into those units. I do have a big favor to ask all of you. Please do not adjust any thermostats lower than 72 degrees, until these units have been moved and repairs done. We have insufficient air going into the attic, the units will freeze if we run them lower than 72 for any length of time. Please call us with any questions about this.

The Vestry approved a preliminary budget for the new furnishings of the Parlor, and Patrick Tandy is in the process of ordering supplies, furniture, and decorations. The Parlor will look absolutely gorgeous when it is completed.

The Vestry also approved pressure washing, brick repairs, shutters, and new lamps for the exterior of the Rectory. This building has received little exterior attention, and the time is right to make some needed improvements. The current furniture at the Golsan House will remain at the house, and we will make additional improvements to the home shortly. Special Thanks to Peggy Gammill, Patrick Tandy, and Zed Howell for their invaluable help in these projects. Please call us if you have any questions.

INTRODUCING COLLINS HALE KENDRICK



Collins Hale Kendrick, the second son of our Parish Administrator, Meg, and our former Senior Warden, Richard Kendrick was born on June 17, 2019 at 6 pounds and fourteen ounces. Both the mother and the child are doing very well. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this exciting time for all of them. If you would like to prepare a meal for the Kendricks, please call the office, or feel free to contact the family directly.

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

Brianna Blanchard,
Diane Christopher,
Jason Kennedy,
Charlotte Maxwell,
Tom Morris, Eric
Nelson, Sara Nelson,
Kay Tengler, Mary
Thompson, Wendell
Wade, Pam Willson,
Jake Wray, Madeline
Wright.

Birthdays

Kathy Anderson,
Briana Boucher,
Michelle Flippen -
June 30; Cheryl
Singer, Dan Klein-
July 1; Kathy Kane-
July 2; Andrew
Klein, Olivia Stewart
-July 3; Patrick Tan-
dy-July 4; Briana
Blanchard, Brandon
Blanchard, Dalton
Clevenger-July 5;
Laura Croft-July 6;
McKinsey Lambert-
July 8.; Connie An-
derson, Willia Per-
kins-July 10; Bella
Klein-July 11.

Wedding Anniversaries

Don and Barbara
Norwood-June 30;
Alan and Collette
Dwyer-July 4; Steve
and Noel Parnell-
July 5; Mike and
Carol Ridenour Di-
filho-July 13.

Grace News & Upcoming Events

Other persons

prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, 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 Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Sara Fahey, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jerry Green, Jim and Claire Hackney, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudson, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Cheryl Meaux, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Tammy Riggs, James and Sylvia Roach, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Rusty Snyder, Cade Stapleton, Angel Thompson, Roland Toups, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Trey Watson, Dennisia Williams, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces:

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on July 3 in Jackson Hall at 7 a.m. Please read reflections #141-150 in Richard Rohr's *On the Threshold of Transformation*.

Centering Prayer will be held on July 3 at the Golsan House at 9 a.m.

Vacation Bible School Registration is open for both participants and volunteers! Please register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/gracechurchwfpvbs2019>. We can't wait to for a fantastic week July 8th to the 12th! If you have questions or are interested in helping, please reach out to Alyssa at youth@gracechurchwfp.org or 245-1385. The Donate or Borrow Board is in the narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can make a check payable to Grace Church, memo line Vacation Bible School.

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

Exciting News! We are starting an After-school Ministry Program here at Grace. This program will be 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. Each day students will be dropped off at Grace by the bus and we will provide a snack, help them with completing homework, and have a fun activity to do with them once they are done. The hours for this program will be from 3:00 pm until 5:30 pm and will cost \$75 a month per child. For more information on how to sign up, please email Alyssa at youth@gracechurchwfp.org, call her at 245-1385, or pick up a sign-up form in the office in Jackson Hall. We are so looking forward to this program and being able to better serve you and our community with providing this ministry.

This week we began our summer office hours. They will be Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be closed on Mondays through August 5th.

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, <https://www.gracechurchwfp.org/preschool.html>.

We are in need of ushers to help us during the 10:00 a.m. services. If you are interested, please contact Father Roldan.

A Message from Restore the Mississippi Delta

Restore the Mississippi River Delta is a coalition of the National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, Environmental Defense Fund, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana. Together we work to use the best available science to drive restoration priorities, engage a variety of stakeholders in education and advocacy efforts, develop communications tools that tell our stories effectively and advance forward-thinking policy solutions that will get Louisiana to a sustainable coast as efficiently as possible.

The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana has been a robust participant in advocating for the coastal restoration that we so desperately need here in Louisiana. Clergy and lay leaders have brought an important moral and spiritual aspect to tough conversations about the changes that are coming with or without restoration activities. It is our sincere hope that you will continue to engage in the important and challenging work of advocating for a sustainable future for all of our coastal communities and ecosystems.

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Acolytes: Clara J Hughes, Lilly Higgins, John B. Klein, Hayes Whatley
Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon
10 a.m.: Maria Gerry, Drew Nordgren
Ushers: Dwight Singer, Kelly Ward
Lectors: Trish Toburen, Will Plettinger
Vestry Rep: Leslie Daniel
Altar Guild: Team 1
Children's Church: Carly Whatley
Altar Flowers: Anne Klein
Sanctuary Candle: Carolyn Douglas
Coffee Hour: Beth Smith and Megbe Hughes
Babysitters: Angelina Hardin, Madison Pollet

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Acolytes: Jesse Means, Cecil Means, Joey Peno, Evelyn Pollet
Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey
10 a.m.: Rucker Leake, Drew Nordgren
Ushers: Carl Fontenot, Tony Horn
Lectors: Donna Wright, Landon Anderson
Vestry Rep: Tom Flynn
Children's Church: Renee Wilson
Altar Guild: Team 2
Altar Flowers: Ken and Judy Miller
Sanctuary Candle: Anne Klein
Coffee Hour:
Babysitters: Madie Kane, Madison Pollet

June 30, 2018

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

July 7, 2019

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

Wednesday, July 3

7:00am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00am - Centering Prayer
5 - 8pm - Youth Group Pool Party
5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, July 4

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

Friday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 10

5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 11

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

Friday, July 12

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