



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

**Newsletter for
May 15 & 22 2016**

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Lindsay Weller, Folkes/Bankston, and Order of St. Vincent Scholarships: Grace Graduates 13 High School Students

It is hard to see our beloved kids grow, graduate, and move on to college and other exciting adventures. It is especially sad when so many of the thirteen graduating seniors have been so deeply involved in the ministries of Grace Church. I have seen them grow up into amazing young men and women and I am very proud of them and of their parents. This 2016 class has some of the smartest, sweetest, most amazing kids I have come to know. Of the thirteen, seven are actively engaged in the ministries of Grace Church as acolytes, babysitters, and Vacation Bible School volunteers. I know our town and our church will be in great hands because of the caliber of young men and women we are forming and sending out into the world to make a difference and to continue to grow into the full stature of Christ. We will miss them, but we also rejoice in their accomplishments.

These youth and their peers will move from a fairly small and protective town and church community into a vast and uncertain world where secularism continues to advance and where the Christian church seems to be losing the influence it once had. In order to survive and thrive in this new world, our youth will need our prayers and our support. As a pastor I pray often that our youth might remember their roots, where they came from, the values and traditions that have formed them during their childhood, and the relationships they have built. The world can be a cold place without meaningful relationships and a deep faith in God. Please keep these youth in your prayers, keep in touch with them, and let them know this community will always be here to support them, encourage them, and welcome them back when it is time for them to return to us.

As part of our celebration of these youth's accomplishments, parishioners of Grace Church granted three sets of scholarships to some of them this last week. The first is the Lindsey Weller scholarship, which was established by the Weller family to honor the memory of their beautiful daughter who died when she was a Senior in High School. The scholarship asks kids who are current members of Grace Church to write a small article about how they are involved in the ministries of Grace and about their plans for higher education. The family then reviews the essays and chooses a winner every year. The recipient of the \$500 dollar Lindsey Weller scholarship for 2016 is Claudia Tully. Congratulations!

The second scholarship (set of scholarships) come from the Folkes/Bankston Scholarship Fund. The Folks/Bankston scholarship was started by Puddin' and Walter Bankston many years ago to support West and East Feliciana High School Seniors

who plan to pursue higher education. This year we sought to honor youth who are highly involved in the ministries of Grace Church as Babysitters, Acolytes, VBS Volunteers and/or Ushers. Seven recipients received a \$500 dollar scholarship check for a total disbursement of \$3500 dollars. We celebrated these youth at a brunch in Jackson Hall on May 8, 2016. Congratulations to all recipients and thank you for your service to our church family.

The Order of St. Vincent scholarship was started a year ago through special donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to recognize one Acolyte who has served with distinction and who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to fill in for other youth, to serve at special high feasts like Holy Week services, and who has shown a willingness to assist and train younger Acolytes to vest and learn their jobs. The recipient of this \$500 dollars scholarship for 2016 is Mary Austin Willis. As many of you know, Mary Austin is also the West Feliciana Parish High School Valedictorian for 2016, an honor that is only granted to the best. This is an accomplishment this community would do well to celebrate and recognize. We are very proud of Mary Austin and we will present her with the Order of St. Vincent award on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the 10:00AM service. I hope you can join us in church that day.

May our Lord continue to bless you today and always, Fr. Roldan+

Many thanks to everyone who helped Jan Pourciau with our brunch this past Sunday honoring all Mothers and our 2016 High School graduates from Grace Church. We also baptized **Noelle Rogers**, grandchild of Susan Melancon. High school graduates are Jamie Bankston, Dalton Clevenger, Taylor Ferris, Cora Fuller, Maggie Higgins, Joseph Horn, Natasha Kirschling, Colin Loyacono, Mills McClendon, Sam Nicholas, Claudia Tully, Mary Jane Walker, and Mary Austin Willis. Congratulations to them all.

St. John's Chapel will have a Eucharistic service on Sunday May 15 at 7:30am.

Pentecost Picnic on May 15: Join us for our annual Pentecost picnic this Sunday at the home of Tony and Lisa Horn, 5155 Thompson Cove Dr. The church will provide delicious fried chicken from Feliciana Seafood and you are asked to bring a dish to share. Bring bathing suits for swimming.

Many of you have asked for the address to go see Wayne Blake. Wayne is at Promise Hospital 5130 Mancuso Ln., Baton Rouge, 70809, Rm. #202. He would love to see you.

Another member who has moved is Wendell Wade. He has moved to LaCour House in New Roads, 345 Major Parkway, 70760. His phone is 225 638-7882 and he also enjoys visitors.

Please join us for a reception to celebrate The Rev. **Dr. Roman Roldan's** completion of his Doctorate in Ministry from Trinity School for Ministry. A reception will be held in Jackson Hall on Friday, May 20 from 7-9:30pm. If you would like to help with the food, contact Chris Roldan at 819-7552. All are invite to attend.

Symphony Association: At the last concert this past Friday, Grace Church was presented a donation from the St. Francisville Symphony Association for \$1,000 in appreciation for hosting their concerts for many years. We are very grateful to the local Symphony Board for bringing this cultural event to our community which is enjoyed by so many residents in West Feliciana Parish.

Your prayers are asked for the family of Rob Fisher, who died recently. A Funeral service will be held in Grace Church on Saturday, May 14 at 11:00am. Following the service, the family invites you to a reception at their home at 11833 Ferdinand St. If you would like to bring food to the reception, call Kathryn Ward, 721-2271 who is coordinating the reception.

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

David Barnes, George Black, Wayne Blake, Cecil May Dwyer, Tom Morris, Sara Nelson, Margie Sheets, Wendell Wade, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Judy Nordgren-May 15; Marsha Lindsey, Olivia Elliott, Samantha Copping-May 16; Mary Austin Willis-May 18; Betty Sessions, Heather Howell-May 19; Cecile Means, Sara Nelson, Dwight Singer-May 20; Cindy Seeman-May 21; Karen Dwyer-May 22; Billie Fort, Suzette Daniel-May 23; Susan Roland-May 24; Joe Gerry, Suzanne Beckley, Brandon McIntyre, Rusty Kleinpeter, Colin Loyacono-May 27; Houston McVea, Cindy Robinson-May 28;

Wedding

Anniversaries

Kevin & Lori Griffin-5/10; James & Ashley Fox-Smith-5/13; Abram & Lacey Harvey-5/14; David & Coco Treppe-dahl-5/18; James & Briana Boucher-5/19; Jordan & Liz Truitt-5/21; Hamp & Debbie Willis-5/22; Mark & Eve Clevenger, Miles & Missy Higgins-5/23; Steve & Lynn Gaudet-5/24; Keith & Maddie Watts -5/26; Ricky and Chaille Lambert-5/28.

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Charles Barham, Mercer Barney, Walker Bell, Jolie Berry, MiMi Bornman, Leo Brown, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, John Caruthers, Jenny Clark, Bodo & Kitty Claus, Troy Cothorn, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Molly Douglas, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Elmo Hegwood, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Lindsey Johnson, Jill Joffrion, Mary Jo Kaly, Cecil Kelly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Paul McGuff, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Dorothy Anne Millikin, Jim Mire, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Alice Mier, Mike Morris, Randall Nachman, Emily Neumann, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Peter Purpera, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Glenn Thomas III, Terri Thompson, Denham Turner, Darold Whitmer, Zane Woodward.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, James Boucher, 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.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Charles Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, for Kent Mitchell, husband of Elizabeth Denton Mitchell, on this Thursday, May 12 at 2pm. Please keep his family in your prayers.

4-H day at the Capital: On June 1, 2016 youth from around the state will meet with Louisiana House and Senate representatives and tour the State Capitol. Over 500 4-H youth are expected to attend. West Feliciana has been tasked with the responsibility to provide a meal to include hot dogs, french fries, and a drink. Contributions to defray the cost of this meal are being collected even as we speak. You can write your check to the West Feliciana 4-H Foundation. For more information, please speak to Mr. Dan Klein.

Save the Date: Jazzin' at Jackson Hall on Sunday, June 5 From 4:00-6:00PM. Come and listen to the renown Redwine Jazz Band at this free-to-the-public concert underwritten by two Grace parishioners. Bring the family and a beverage of your choice.

Tremme' Concert at Grace Church: Our Mission and Outreach Committee and several parishioners have been funding the Saint Anna's Arts for Kids Youth Orchestra for several years. On July 22 we will host the Saint Anna's Orchestra accompanied by the Tremmé choir for a free concert in Jackson Hall, starting at 6:00PM. Refreshments will be served. Come and witness first hand the types of programs your contributions fund. You will be impressed and blessed.

VBS From July 11-15, 2016: Please remember that our amazing VBS will be in July and we are already recruiting volunteers for a number of jobs. If you are interested in assisting this year, please contact Christie Reinhardt or Fr. Peter as soon as possible. Every year we get between 55 to 65 children from Grace Church and the community and we always do a pretty good job. To maintain the level of quality we are accustomed to we need many different hands. Please call us soon.

Children's Chapel to End with the Program Year: Children's Chapel will end on May 29 and will start again on September 11, 2016. This hiatus is necessary as many of our volunteers and young families take vacations during the Summer and attendance drops a bit. During the Summer we will be recruiting and training new volunteers for this vital ministry. If you feel interested in joining this ministry please let Fr. Peter know and we will include you in an upcoming training.

Eucharistic Visitors to begin on May 22: Please let the church know if you or a loved one needs a visit from our parish visitors, which begin their ministry on Sunday, May 22 after the 10:00AM service. Fr. Peter and Fr. Roldan will accompany them for the first few visits to do introductions and additional onsite training. Mrs. Anne will be calling some of you by Friday 5/20 to schedule the visit. Please keep our visitors and clergy in your prayers and call us if you have any questions.

Honored Women Presentation: At the recent ECW Annual Gathering in Baton Rouge, Carol Klein Woodward was presented the Honored Woman Award for her work in Episcopal churches wherever she has lived and for her faithful service at Grace Church and our Diocese for the past 25 years. She has also served in the outreach ministry at Country Manor Nursing Home in St. Francisville and our Vacation Bible Schools. She has been dedicated and committed to carrying on God's work in her church ministries and community service. Congratulations, Carol

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Acolytes: Mary Elizabeth Barrow, Mathilde Fox-Smith, Charles Fox-Smith, Logan Reinhardt
Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Bryan McClendon
10:00am: Joey Gammill, Brandie Olsen
Ushers: Sarah Rhody, Austin Roldan
Lectors: Justin Penno, Sara Rhody
Vestry Rep: Tiger Olsen
Altar Guild Team 3
Altar flowers: John Barrow Klein
Sanctuary Candle: Tom and Jeanne Morris
Coffee Hour: Pentecost Picnic @ the Horns
Babysitters: Natasha Kirschling, Mary Willis

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Acolytes: Hayden Howle, Karina Mulkey, Clara Jane Hughes, Mary Jane Opperman
Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Michelle Roth
10am: Landon Anderson, Sara Klein
Ushers: Joe Savell, Dwight Singer
Lectors: Glenn Thomas, Will Plettinger
Vestry Rep: Robert Singer
Altar Guild Team 4
Altar flowers: Ronnie and Pat Martin
Sanctuary Candle: Ronnie and Pat Martin
Coffee Hour: Connie Anderson
Babysitters: Madie Kane, Shelby Griffin

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7:30am - Eucharist
(Grace & St. John's)
8:45-9:45 - Bible Study
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Coffee Hour
4-6 pm - Youth Group

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Wednesday, May 18

9-10:30 am - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"
5:15pm - Holy Eucharist
6-7:30 pm - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"

Thursday, May 19

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

Friday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 22

7:30am - Eucharist
8:45-9:45 - Bible Study
10:00am - Eucharist
4-6:00pm - EYC meetings and supper

Wednesday, May 25

9-10:30 am - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"
5:15pm - Holy Eucharist
6-7:30 pm - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"

Thursday, May 26

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

Friday, May 27

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