



2026

Come Experience Grace!
It is the purpose of Grace,
to share the gospel, to
equip the saints, and to
serve others so that all
people may experience the
love and joy of Jesus!

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grace Cares Ministry

FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAY
8:15am – 11:30am

FINANCIAL AID
THURSDAY
9:00am
(By phone only)

“Small enough to feel like family...
Big enough to make an impact!”

To My Church Family:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”
 Matthew 11: 28

One day I was sitting at home and watching sports on the television. I found myself getting sleepy and before I knew it, I was asleep. One time (okay, I admit it is every time) I was flying on a plane, and I found myself getting sleepy, so I took a nap. One day I was sitting in worship, and it had been a late night the night before at work. I found the music soothing, the sermon calming, and myself getting sleepy, and I fell asleep. Has anything like this ever happened to you before? You felt like you could handle the pace of life, but life found a way to outpace your ability to keep up, and you just needed a nap, a chance to close your eyes and find some peace and quiet? How did this impact your giving for the Lord and for the church?

Jesus knew that our lives would be crazy and hectic. Jesus also knew that we would not do a very good job taking care of ourselves when those hectic moments came. Jesus knew that we would need more than ourselves to be able to carry on every day. And here is the beautiful thing, feeling the Lord’s calm, it really requires nothing more of us, as Christians, than to simply come to Jesus. Now we cannot be misguided by these words. When Jesus tells the world to come to him, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and he will give us rest, this shows up in the form of a quiet moment inside of you. When you fall asleep while watching television, traveling, or even in worship, this is not a lack of faith, this is an acceptance that you need something stronger than your control to help you carry on through the trials and tribulations. Those moments of peace come when we allow Christ to be our soul, and sole, guide. When Christ is in charge, our desire for giving increases.

The church is the same way, just on a larger scale. We find ourselves often falling asleep, simply going through the motions, and thinking that we are not as faithful as we should be towards the Lord. Now, we do not want to ever become a lukewarm congregation but having time to allow for the pause and regeneration is part of God’s design for the body and for the body of believers. The ebb and flow of the church, through good times and tough, is part of God’s purpose for our faithful living and part of our call in faithful living is giving back for the Lord, no matter what our circumstances, because God first gave for us.

Where are you in your journey of faith? Are you in a time of needing to rest and rejuvenate or are you in a time of ready to go out and make disciples? Where do you think the church is – are we simply resting to allow the Lord to lead us or are we questioning if the children should be allowed to come to Jesus? No matter how you answer these questions, we can never forget that the world will continue to turn and that through the ups and downs of life and faith, we must continue to live the model of Christ through love. If you need it, go and take your rest. If you are ready, go and serve. But always, no matter what you may be experiencing, go and be the church and give of God’s tithes and your offerings in your rest and in your service.

Blessings in Peace,
Rev. Eric Spoon



Dear Parents,

We have had such a GREAT start to the school year, and we are so excited about all that September has in store!

One new thing we have implemented this year is to have our entire school learning the same letter of the week! This has allowed us to have even more fun with school-wide, letter-themed days! In September, we'll have a "D" Dance Party, wear our favorite football jersey for the letter "F," and so many more fun letter days! We can't wait for another fun-filled month of learning, growing, and making memories together! Grace will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

Jaden Duncan
Interim Preschool Director

SEPTEMBER SERMONS

September 6, 2026 (15th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Sermon Title: "Loving A Sinner"

September 13, 2026 (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 84: 21 - 22

Sermon Title: "Forgiveness Has A Stopping Point"

September 20, 2026 (17th Sunday after Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 20: 1 - 16

Sermon Title: "First Things First"

September 27, 2026 (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Sermon Title: "Building the Church"



The Ministry of Care is now collecting candy and treats for our annual Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 21. Please make plans to participate by decorating your automobile and giving out goodies to all the children. You can bring your candy or treats to the church office or preschool office where we will have a collection box waiting to receive it. Thank you in advance!



September 9 – Back to Wonderful Wednesday Kickoff - Taco Bar and Cake

September 16 – Baked Chicken, Yellow Rice, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

September 23 – Baked Spaghetti, Ceasar Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert

September 30 – Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

**BAY WIND COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
At 3:30pm**

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1415 Airport Road**

**A TOY OR
MONETARY DONATION
APPRECIATED!**



New Chairs for Bell Hall!!

New chairs for Bell Hall have been ordered! The old brown chairs that have served us for many years are being replaced with new gray chairs! If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new chairs at \$25 each, please see Beverly in the office or Janet Pitts, Chair of Building and Grounds.



PROVERBS 31 Women's Guild Yard Sale

The ladies of Proverbs 31 and Grace Presbyterian Women will sponsor a Yard Sale in Bell Hall. The dates are Friday, September 25, from 7:30am – 3:00 pm and Saturday, September 26, from 7:30am – 12:00pm. Proceeds from this yard sale will benefit Humble House Ministries. If you would like to donate items to the sale contact Ronnie Wilson to schedule a time to bring you items to the shed at the church for storage. Donations will be accepted beginning September 1. NO CLOTHES PLEASE; however, shoes and purses are welcome. For large items you must be able to unload your donations yourself or prearrange for assistance.

If you have any questions, you can contact Gerri Jasperson or Ronnie Wilson. Come and shop the sale and meet some of the ladies you will supporting in this Christian based program. Thank you for your continued support!



Come Sing with Us!

Adult and children's choir will resume on Wednesday, September 9 immediately following the Wonderful Wednesday meal. Handbells will resume in October. If you would like to join either of these music programs, we have room for you! Just show up on Wednesdays and be a part of our music ministry!



Sunday, September 20

Your Session has called a special meeting of the congregation on September 20, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders for vacancies in the Class of 2028 and for the Class of 2029.

GRACE CARES FOOD PANTRY

Week after week, the Grace Food Pantry helps to feed many of our neighbors throughout the community of Panama City. Although we get some help with the food needs that we distribute, we could always use more. Green beans are something we consistently need, so keep bringing them in! Also, anytime you see a BOGO at the grocery store for an item you think people would like, pick it up, keep one for yourself, and bring the other one to the church! We rarely turn anything down. We appreciate all of the food items that we receive, and we know our neighbors appreciate them also! Thank you!



Grace's Prayer Request

Please be in prayer this month for our brothers and sisters in faith requesting prayer.

Pam Ramsden
Cheryl Picken
Jerry & Peggy Lewis
Sandy Kalata
George and Claudia Henderson
Martha Patterson
The Pipkin Family
Our Missionaries
Our Community & Neighbors
Our World

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch at Alice's Restaurant in St. Andrews on Thursday, September 10, at 12:00pm. Please let Corey or Beverly know to make sure we save you a spot! Hope you can join us for food, fun, fellowship!!



Children's Church



Happy September, Families!

As we approach a new season, we're excited to spend this month learning about different seasons of life and how God is with us through them ALL! The kids will discover that God's word is always in season, He will always lead us, God will always listen to us, and we must remember to thank him for every season! We're going to remind them that even when life changes around us, or seems hard, God's love and guidance will never change!

Join us on September 18 at 6:30pm for a fun night watching The Emperor's New Groove on the lawn! Bring a blanket or chair, enjoy some free popcorn, fellowship, and family fun together! We can't wait to see you all there!



Blessings,
Lily Hoisington

September Birthdays

6 Tony Ramsden
11 Morgan Klems
18 Nathan DeWall
19 Ellen Rumph
27 Steve Smith
28 Samuel Spoon
29 Fiona Brooks
29 Grady McDaniel



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEPTEMBER TEAM 2026

Janet Pitts – Chair
Brenda Dye
Karen Williams

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - 9:30am in Parlor

Monday, Sept. 14 - LNO, 5:15pm at Newk's followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm in Grace's Parlor



Grace Is a Praying Church!!!!

Have you ever thought, "What can I do to help?" Maybe you have thought, "I am too old," or "I am too young," or "I am too busy," or "No one has ever asked me to help." Every one of us has the power to pray. If you would like to pray for others, please email Jim McQuagge at jimmcjr@gmail.com and he will add you to the email prayer list. But please make sure we do have a correct and current email address for you and just pray to the Lord! It is as simple as that. Just wait for an email and pray and let God take care of the rest. What are you waiting for, and remember, GP2 – Grace Prays at 2!

EVERY TUESDAY STOP AND PRAY!

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