



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!

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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:

“He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28: 6

Happy Easter!

It seems like only yesterday I was writing a letter to say Happy New Year to you and now I am writing Happy Easter! I cannot believe that we have already finished three months in 2024. What does it all mean? It means, just as if I have said it once, I have said it a million times, time flies when you are having fun!

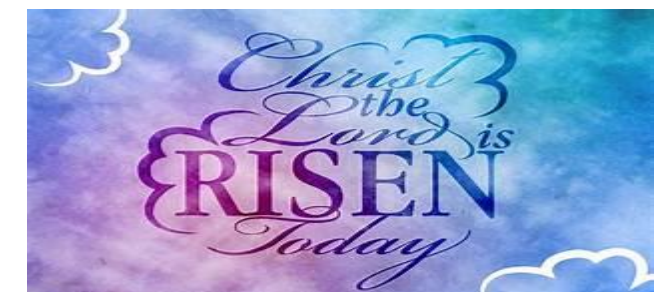
With the political turmoil in the country, knowing that the next hurricane season just around the corner, and life still moving at a rapid pace, I have found myself blown away at how much fun I am having at Grace, and I hope you are having fun with me! We have some great music in worship that our amazing musicians (Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Handbells) have been glorifying God with. New people are showing up regularly in the church and we are enjoying seeing other faces returning. So much is happening, and new exciting adventures are just on the other side of the mountain. So, why has time has flown by? It has flown by because this year has just been, simply put...fun!

But sometimes fun times must come to an end, or at least a pause. If you have not heard, Grace has been blessed for nearly two decades with Jason Williams leading our children and youth programming. On April 7, we will celebrate Jason and his family as they move on to new and exciting adventures as a family. Being in ministry, especially for as long as Jason has been doing it, can be very rewarding but can also be very challenging. On average, a minister only gets to hear a sermon preached by someone else a few times a year. Jason, as one working in youth and children’s ministry, does not even always get to do that because he is shaping the faith of the children and youth of the church, and he does what he does with a smile on his face and a can-do attitude! He takes the children and youth out of the sanctuary, teaches them a lesson, and leaves his family behind. It is time for Jason and his family to worship together, share together, and love together. I know I will surely miss seeing Jason and his family here at Grace, but I know that God has a great plan for them where time flies as they are having fun. So, I hope that you will join me in bidding them a fond adio as we wish them well into the future and their faith journey as a family. Thank you, Jason, for everything you have done for Grace and her members, given to Grace and her members, and what you will do for the community of faith in the future. God’s speed to you on the journey ahead!

However, as we celebrate Easter and the time leading up to Pentecost, let us never forget that in our lives people will come and people will go but God’s love will stand forever. God’s love will stand forever because Jesus is alive! Let us continue to live, love, and celebrate the Lord together and share Christ with everyone we meet. Easter may only be one day a year but sharing that Christ is alive is something we can do with every day of our lives! So, Happy Easter and let us do our part to step up and make God’s love shine in this world forever more!

Blessings in Peace,

Rev. Eric Spoon



Preschool Prom

APRIL 13, 2024

4:30-6:00

\$10/child -- \$15/adult

Tickets can be purchased in the preschool office. (Cash or Check only)

Due to limited space, we will only be able to sell 2 adult tickets per family unit in addition to each child that is enrolled. If more tickets are available after April 5th, we will open it up to more family members.



April 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	John 16:33						
2	Thessalonians 3:16		Isaiah 26:3	Matthew 5:9	John 14:27	Romans 12:18	Colossians 3:15
8	2 Corinthians 13:11	Philippians 4:6-7	Psalm 4:8	Philippians 4:9	Galatians 5:22	Romans 5:1	Romans 8:6
15	Ephesians 6:15	Psalm 39:11	Psalm 85:8	Isaiah 9:6	Hebrews 12:14	Isaiah 26:3	1 Thessalonians 5:23
22	James 3:18	Proverbs 12:20	1 Corinthians 14:33	Romans 14:19	Psalm 34:14	Romans 16:20	Psalm 37:37
29	Ephesians 4:3	Psalm 119:165					



Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to the 13 people who 'Built a Box Online' during the month of February. Two of the boxes were dedicated in loving memory of John and Margaret Pic and George and Louisa Pitts.

May 1 the Grace Bulletin Board in the church foyer will announce an exciting OCC 'contest.' Be sure and check it out!!

From our Missionaries, Bob & Kristi Rice in South Sudan

The South Sudan Presbyterian Church held a workshop last year in a camp for displaced people near Juba. As South Sudan prepares for elections in December, we recognize that these workshops are an important means of healing divisions of the past and the importance to come together as a nation, more workshops are planned to this end.

In early January we celebrated the opening of SSPEC (South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church) Bible School which provides training for locals in ministry. Nile Theological College started their semester and Bob is teaching contextual theology this year. Bob also continues his doctoral research this year.

Your prayers and financial support are vital to our accomplishment here, and we are grateful to you for joining us.

In God's mercy, Bob & Kristi



As many of our Grace family know, Jason will be stepping down as Director of Children and Youth Ministries. His last day will be April 7. We are so sorry to see him go, but understand after 19 years, he needs more family time. We will honor Jason with a reception April 7 after Worship. Everyone is invited. We want to show Jason, Jamie, Jonathan, and Jacob how much we love them and appreciate all they have done for Grace. They will be missed and will always be a part of our Grace Family.

STEWARDSHIP IS A LIFESTYLE 2024

April is the Month for Peace

We filled February with LOVE, March with JOY and now we will fill April with PEACE!

A definition of peace is a state of tranquility, a state of harmony between people, freedom from strife. For Christians, it is casting all our cares on the only ONE who can give perfect peace — our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is so much anger, strife and even wars in the world today, yet we can have peace in the midst of it all.

We have just celebrated the Resurrection of Him who gave all for us. What JOY fills our hearts. Read the verses for PEACE each day that will give us the peace that passes all understanding when we fill our hearts and minds with them. We can share that PEACE, LOVE, and JOY with all we meet as we live out the Stewardship of giving, sharing the blessings our Lord has given to us.

A Note of Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my Grace church family for the many prayers, concerns, phone calls, and cards during my illness and time away from home. I watch the Sunday worship each week and it's so good to see you all during the service. I miss everyone and I am looking forward to getting back to Panama City. After many tests and procedures, it looks like I won't have to have heart surgery and that's an answer to prayers for sure. My daughter, Jennifer Blanks, also sends her thanks for your prayers and concerns for her as well. Thanks, again, for all your loving support and I hope to see you by summer.

Ellen Rumph and Jennifer Blanks



MAY GRACEVINE

Items to be included in the May Gracevine should be sent to Janet Pitts at cookiegirl54@yahoo.com. Deadline for the May Gacevine is.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SUPPERS for APRIL



April 3, 2024 – Covered Dish, Hot Chicken Salad

April 10, 2024 – Pizza/Salad

April 17, 2024 – Goulash

April 24, 2024 – Taco Bar



BOOMERS AND BUDDIES

Simply Seafood at 429 Ohio Ave, Lynn Haven, is our gathering place for April.

Really great seafood at reasonable pieces.... hope you will join us.

Thursday, April 18 @ 12:00pm (noon). Please call the church office by

Tuesday, April 16 to reserve a spot at Grace's table.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8 Jackie Smith

10 Audrey Combs

12 Bonnie Nethero

18 Johnathan Williams

21 Brenda Dye

22 Joyce Bright

23 Gerri Jasperson

23 Joe Wayne Walker

30 Tabitha Speed



APRIL 2024 Team

Susan McQuagge – Chair

Bessie Goodwin

Barbara Smith

Jackie Smith

Melanie Spoon

Meeting for April

Thursday, April 4 – PWCT @ 2:00pm

Monday, April 8 – LNO @ 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 9 – @ 9:30am

The Thursday Circle is meeting with the Tuesday Circle

Grace is the Place Where the Table is Set For You!!!

An alcoholic friend of Philip Yancey once said to him:

“When I'm late to church, people turn around and stare at me with frowns of disapproval. I get the clear message that I'm not as responsible as they are. When I'm late to AA, the meeting comes to a halt and everyone jumps up to hug and welcome me. They realize that my lateness may be a sign that I almost didn't make it. When I show up, it proves that my desperate need for them won out over my desperate need for alcohol.”

Let's make sure that people know how welcome they always are, that the Lord's table has infinite space, and that there is always a seat at the table with their name on it.

APRIL SERMONS

April 7, 2024 (2nd Sunday of Easter/Communion)

Sermon Scripture: Acts 4: 32 – 35/John 20: 19 -31

Sermon Title: “What Else Do You Need?”

April 14, 2024 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Sermon Scripture: Acts 3: 12 – 19/Luke 24: 36b - 48

Sermon Title: “Right in Front of Us”

April 21, 2024 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Sermon Scripture: Acts 4: 5 – 12/John 10: 11 - 18

Sermon Title: “Lay Down Your Life”

April 28, 2024 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Guest Pastor – Rev. Mark Broadhead

Joyce Bright – Elder in the Pulpit



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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GRACE PRAYS AT 2!