



GRACE

METHODIST

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

April 24, 2026

DIAPER DRIVE FOR ALL THE GRACE BABIES

What a great way to show some EXTRAVAGANT LOVE by hosting a DIAPER AND BABY WIPE DRIVE!!!

We have had SIX Grace babies in the last 2 months and guess what??? THERE ARE MORE TO COME!!!

If you are able and willing, we think it would be a great gift for us to hold a diaper and baby wipe drive for all these families. We will collect diapers and baby wipes in the lobby for the next 3 Sundays and then divide among the families.

These families would probably benefit most from size 2, 3 or 4 diapers and LOTS OF BABY WIPES!!! What a fun thing to do and a sweet way to celebrate all these growing families.



SPRING CLEANING TO BENEFIT SAFE-T



SAFE-T

Are you in the middle of spring cleaning and have a truckload of stuff that you don't know what to do with???

The Go and Serve Team is partnering with SAFE-T who helps displaced women and families who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by collecting items for their Thrift Store.

SAFE-T Crisis Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that opened in 1994 to serve victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault here in East Texas. Now SAFE-T covers 9 counties, including Hopkins, with 4 offices, one shelter, and a Thrift Store.

Start packing up your gently used household items and clothes. So that we can all be a help to these victims.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING TO MURRAY ORWOSKY UNTIL WE SCHEDULE A PICK UP TIME!!!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

Join the Grace Prayer Band as we unite in daily prayer and a shared weekly focus. Wherever you may be, take time each day to pray for the weekly Prayer Focus, and especially pause each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. to pray together as one body. Set an alarm if that helps, and dedicate this moment to center your heart and mind on God. If you are able, please also consider fasting in some form on Wednesdays.

This week, our Prayer Focus is FORGIVENESS

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32*

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



CONSTRUCTION IS BEGINNING!!!

The Contractor has started clearing the sewer line easement. They are preparing the easement site while waiting for additional materials to be delivered.

The Developer has formally agreed to the Land Sale Contract Amendment and has met its financial requirements.

Moving Forward!

LOVE GRACE METHODIST? TELL THE WORLD!!!

Scan the QR Code to the right to direct you to Google Reviews. Please leave a review and let people know what you think about Grace Methodist Church. Sharing your review is a wonderful way to grow our church and potentially grow God's Kingdom. By including your personal experiences, you can guide new families to be a part of what we are doing at Grace. Your feedback not only helps us improve but also serves as a form of evangelism, reaching those who are seeking a church home. Your opinion can help reassure others and encourage them to join us on their spiritual journey with confidence at Grace Methodist



ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

What a joy it is each Sunday to see old and new faces joining us at Grace for worship. We have been asked to include our Sunday Attendance in the Come and See Newsletter.

Here are the most recent attendance numbers.

April 5 - 303 - Easter
April 12 - 141
April 19 - 123

MINUTES OF THE SIMPLIFIED BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Grocery Supply Training Room

Present Board Members:

Chair: Randy Dunn – via Zoom call, Lay Member: Amanda Thomas
Trustees: David Watson, Lynn Emmert, Michael Franklin,
Finance Committee: Matt Coker, Jason Thompson, James Wilson
SPRC: Whitney Preas, Mandy Kennedy, Andrew Yoder

Ex Officio Members (w/out vote):

Pastor: Ed Lantz, Executive Minister: Jason Dietze Board Secretary: Hope Walker

Absent:

Lay Leader: Tammy Dougan
Trustees: Joel Dougan, Ryan McKenzie

Opening

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM
Prayer led by Ed Lantz

Approval of Minutes (January 20 th , 2026 Board Meeting)

Motion by Whitney Preas to approve: January 20 th , 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Seconded by Andrew Yoder, Motion carried.

Go and Serve Committee Update

Mandy Kennedy & Amanda Thomas gave brief updates

Finance Report

Financial statements/Assets presented by Matt Coker
Motion by Lynn Emmert to approve February Financials:
Seconded by Whitney Preas, Motion carried

Trustees Update

Building Update provided by David Watson

A slideshow presentation covered:

Sewer Line Update

Approved by the City of Sulphur Springs

Developer Update

Q&A

Building Update

New Rendering Photos

Q&A

Motion by David Watson to approve: Hiring Bottom Line Contracting for the Sewer Line
Seconded by Matt Coker, Motion carried.

Motion by David Watson to approve moving forward with the Updated Budget of the Building Project and amendment to the proposal with Dennis Head “to extend the contract to on or before 11/17/2026. \$100,000.00 will be wired by buyer (Dennis Head) and immediately released to seller (Grace Methodist Church). If Buyer closed the transaction on or before 11/17/2026, Seller shall credit buyer \$75,000.00 towards the final sales price. If buyer fails to close the transaction on or before 11/17/2026, then Seller shall retain the \$100,000.00 and the contract shall be cancelled or amended if both parties agree on the terms.”

Seconded by Jason Thompson, Motion carried.

SPRC

SPRC update presented by Whitney Preas

SPRC is prayerfully considering transitioning the part time children's director position to a full-time position.

Discussion is being held over the possibility of a part time nursery worker

New Business

None at this time

Pastor's Report

Pastor's Report presented by Ed Lantz

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Prayer led by Martha Cox

Meeting adjourned at: 7:07 PM

SULPHUR SPRINGS WORK CAMP

Sulphur Springs Work Camp is scheduled for June 1 - 4 and our church is joining in the fun. For those who aren't familiar, Work Camp is a whole community effort where our local youth get together and paint houses of people who need the extra help. These youth share the Gospel and show the love of the Lord through this mission ministry.

There are many ways to help. As the date gets closer, please bring any ladders that you would be willing to let them borrow. Also, pray for these kids. Pray for the homeowners. Pray for good weather and safety. And pray that this mission will transform lives.

Grace will be in charge of "FEEDING THE WORK CAMP" on Wednesday, June 3. It is a great time of fellowship and service as we get together and feed those hungry workers!!! More details will be coming about how you can help when we have more details of how many we are feeding. It is always a fun and memorable night!!!

COMMUNION MINISTRY - NURSING HOMES



Grace has heard and seen a need for serving Communion in some of the local nursing homes. We need committed servers who would be willing to do this once a month or maybe once a quarter so these people will have a way to receive communion.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Tammy Dougan at 903-440-0557 or Silvina Epperson at 903-456-0207.

SUNDAY MORNING CHECK IN



Don't forget to "check in" every Sunday morning. It's very easy. Just enter your phone number on the computer tablet when you pick up your worship bulletin.

Your checking in helps us keep accurate attendance records and more importantly it lets us know who is missing and might need prayers or pastoral care.

If you have any questions, any of the greeters or ushers will be glad to help.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Grace Methodist Church Spring 2026

ALL ORDERS DUE BY: 5-1-26

STORE WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON DATE ABOVE.



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THE NEW GRACE WEBSITE

Check out the “New Improved” Grace Website.

SSGMC.ORG

More info, more pics, More about GRACE!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

April 27 - Joel Dougan, Juanice Tomlinson

April 28 - Bryan Hurley

April 29 - Melissa Johnston

May 2 - Lisa Lantz

If we don't have your birthday information, please send it to info@ssgmc.org or fill out the card on your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

**SAVE
THE
DATE!!!
VBS 2026**



DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 28 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 10:00am

MAY 4 - GRACEFUL GREETINGS at the Book Nook on Main - 10:00am

JUNE 1-4 - SULPHUR SPRINGS WORK CAMP

JUNE 3 - GRACE FEEDS WORK CAMP - at the ROC at 5:30

JULY 12 - 16 - GRACE VBS - Rainforest Falls - 5:00 - 8:00pm

SEW MUCH GRACE

Sew Much Grace is a ministry of both women and men who use their talents to serve the needs of our community and church. You don't need to be an expert seamstress to get involved; people of all skill levels are welcome to contribute. If you feel this is a place you'd like to be part of, you will be blessed!

**APRIL 28, 2026
10:00AM**

If you're interested in joining or have any questions, please reach out to

DEE BANDEL AT 903-739-3245.

GRACEFUL GREETINGS - GREETING CARD MINISTRY

The Graceful Greetings is a ministry of handmade greeting cards to be sent to those who are ill, grieving, alone, shut-in, celebrating a birthday or special event, or recovering from an illness or surgery. Just a way to let them know they are being thought about, prayed for, and that they matter.

All materials are provided, and those new to crafting or card making will be shown step by step procedures to create the cards. There is no fee. Since most businesses are closed on Mondays, you will have plenty of places to park in front of the Book Nook.

What a great opportunity and ministry. Everyone is invited and is guaranteed to have a great time!!!

**NEXT DATE IS MAY 4, 2026
AT THE BOOK NOOK ON MAIN AT 10:00AM**

For more information or questions, contact

SHARON FELDT AT 832-687-6617

THE VISION STATEMENT OF GRACE METHODIST

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly.

GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS

Text of the Week Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00
GSC Corporate Office
130 Hillcrest

YOUTH REFUGE
Every Wednesday
food, fun fellowship and study.

**GROCERY SUPPLY
TRAINING ROOM**

1301 Main Street
6:00 TO 7:30pm

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES WEDNESDAYS

5:45 - 7:00pm Shooks Chapel
31 CR 1104

Contact Mara for more information
972-974-3406

PARENT / YOUNG ADULT CLASS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
**NOT MEETING UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

5:45 - 7:00pm Contact Jason Dietze
for more information
903-439-5764

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"We believe God planted Grace Methodist to nurture generational and intergenerational relationships, to be formed by God's Word, to hear the call of God upon our lives and be led by the Holy Spirit to respond as disciples of Jesus Christ, and to experience and live out scriptural holiness - loving God and loving our neighbors."