



GRACE
METHODIST
SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

July 24, 2026

COME WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY AT 10:00AM
876 Wildcat Way, Sulphur Springs, TX

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - COME PARTY WITH US



We invite everyone to come spread Christmas cheer to the residents each of these days. Mark your calendars, find your Santa hats and make plans to be there!!!

BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING!

TEXANS ON MISSIONS NEEDS HELP NOW!

Due to the severity of the recent Texas Hill Country floods, teams are preparing to deploy for flood assistance. Please make plans and clear your schedule for deployment in the next few days. Teams will be sent to the Kerrville, Uvalde and Boerne areas for flood recovery.

At this time, details are few, but more information will be coming very soon as plans develop. Please PRAY for these victims!!!

If you would like to join in this effort, please contact Miles Hoover at 817-371-3164.

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 **TO UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THE VALUE OF GOD'S KINGDOM**

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider
them garbage, that I may gain Christ.
Philippians 3:8



GRACE METHODIST CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are excited to share another positive milestone in the journey toward our new church home! Our architect has officially delivered the 95% construction drawings to Grace Methodist Church. This is a significant step because it allows the permitting process with the City of Sulphur Springs to begin. While permits are being processed, our construction team will also be completing updated cost estimates, which we expect to receive by the end of this month.

At this time, everything continues to move forward as planned, and we remain on schedule for construction mobilization at our new facility site in August. It is exciting to see the vision God has placed before our church becoming a reality, one milestone at a time.

We are incredibly thankful for the faithful prayers, generous support, and encouragement of our Grace Methodist Church family throughout this journey. Your commitment has made a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for the unity and faith that continues to guide this project.

Please continue praying for wisdom for our Building Team, our church leadership, the architects, engineers, contractors, and city officials as we move through these final pre-construction steps. We look forward to sharing more exciting updates as we prepare begin building a place where lives will be changed for generations to come.

SIMPLIFIED BOARD MINUTES FROM JULY 21

Grace Methodist Simplified Board Minutes
(To be presented for approval at the next Board Meeting)

July 21, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Grocery Supply Training Room

Present Board Members: Chair: Randy Dunn, Lay Leader: Tammy Dougan, Lay Member: Amanda Thomas

Finance Committee: Matt Coker, Jason Thompson, James Wilson

Trustees: David Watson, Joel Dougan, Michael Franklin, Ryan McKenzie, Lynn Emmert

Absent:

SPRC: Whitney Preas, Mandy Kennedy, Andrew Yoder; Board Secretary: Hope Walker

Ex Officio Members present (w/out vote): Pastor: Ed Lantz, Executive Minister: Jason Dietze

*In Hope's absence, minutes taken by Executive Minister: Jason Dietze

Opening

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Prayer led by Randy Dunn

Approval of Minutes (June 16, 2026 Board Meeting)

- **Motion by Joel Dougan to approve: June 16, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by James Wilson, motion carried unanimously.**

Lay Leader's Report

Lay Leader Report given by Tammy Dougan and Lay Member Amanda Thomas:

- **Tammy reported on the Sewing Ministry having a special guest and celebrating all the work and ministry they do. They are doing so much more than just sewing, but making real impact on people's lives.**
- **Tammy is working to set the dates for Prayer over the schools prior to the new school year.**
- **Christmas in July starts this week. Amanda Thomas invited all to come join in the fun. 230 residents will be given Christmas Goodie Bags at 3 different nursing homes.**

Finance Report

- **Financial Update & Budget report by Matt Coker & Jason Dietze**
 - **We are blessed... all financials for June 2026, as well as year to date, were presented... the church is on target with annual giving and budget expenditures.**
 - **All but \$5,000 of the Building Fund was transferred over to TMF last week as we closed on the loan documents with Texas Methodist Foundation.**
- **Motion by Joel Dougan to approve June 2026 Financials, seconded by David Watson, motion carried unanimously.**

Trustees Update

- **Building Project Update provided by David Watson**
- **Submission of 95% drawings to the builder from the architect**
- **Builder pursuing all city permits with SS**
- **Working towards a Guaranteed Maximum Price**
- **Builder wants to schedule a meeting for next Wednesday 29 th of July for presenting their GMP to the church**

SPRC

- **SPRC Staffing Update presented by Ed Lantz, since no SPRC reps available Ed presented.**
 - **SPR asking for a potential 3.2% increase to the budgeted Lay Staff Compensation as they look to fill the Music ministry position as well as add to the compensation of specific positional salaries.**
 - **Motion by Ed Lantz to increase the overall lay salary budget up to 3.2% of current budgeted amount, seconded by Joel Dougan, motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

No new business was discussed

Pastor's Report

- **Pastor's Report presented by Ed Lantz**
 - **Summer is in full swing... lots of great ministry going on. Very encouraging.**
 - **Great VBS at Shooks Chapel. Mara and her team did great job.**
 - **Youth had send-off for Emmert Family with a pool party.**
 - **New member joined this past Sunday; several others are asking about joining.**
 - **Planning for Fall is in process**

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Prayer led by Ed Lantz

Meeting adjourned at: 6:19 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 27 - GRACEFUL GREETINGS at the Book Nook on Main - 10:00am

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

JULY 29 - CHRISTMAS IN JULY at ROCK CREEK NURSING & REHAB - 1414 College St. - 10:00am

AUGUST 4-8 - SWAT WEEK - Student Welcome and Transition Week

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5 - 2026 Global Methodist Church | 2026 General Conference - Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

SEPTEMBER 6 - 13 - 24-7 GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER - Christus Trinity Mother Frances Chapel



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE

40 DAYS OF PRAYER



Please join in prayer for the upcoming Global Methodist Church's General Conference that will be in Johannesburg August 30-September 5.

On the following pages, will you join with a multitude of brothers and sisters across the Global Methodist Church, praying each day, for 40 days, together. Though we may be separated by distance, we are united in purpose. And we hold onto this promise: "The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect" (James 5:16).

We have collected 40 prayers from people all across the world who sense God calling them to be part of this movement of the Holy Spirit through the Global Methodist Church. It is our hope that you will not only use this 40 Days of Prayer Guide personally, but also share it with friends, family, and fellow believers. As we prepare to gather for General Conference 2026, we pray that our hearts will already be united — covered in prayer before we ever arrive.

May these 40 days draw you closer to the Lord. May they unite us as one body. And may the Holy Spirit move in powerful ways as we prepare for what God has ahead.

Acknowledgements

The Prayer Committee of the Commission on General Conference and the GM Church Prayer Network acknowledge with abundant thanksgiving the prayers offered here in this guide: 40 Days of Prayer for General Conference 2026. Many leaders from conferences across our global connection have graciously contributed to this treasure of collected prayers. Enjoy His Presence as we "gather" around His throne offering "... a pleasing aroma to the Lord."

DAY 11

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." – 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

Pray:

Holy and Always-Faithful God, You are the God of every tribe, tongue, and nation—and Your faithfulness knows no border. We come before You as Your chosen people, gathered from East Texas to East Africa, from the Americas to the ends of the Earth, united not by geography but by the holy calling You have placed upon our lives.

Forgive us, Lord, when we have made Your Church small. When we have confused cultural comfort with holy conviction, or mistaken uniformity for unity. You are calling us into something far greater—a Spirit-filled life that crosses oceans, learns new languages, and lays down its own preferences for the sake of the Gospel.

We thank You for the gift of the global Church. For brothers and sisters in Tanzania, in Central Europe, in every corner of Your world, who are declaring Your praise in their own tongues and testifying to the same Holy Spirit who transforms hearts everywhere. Their faithfulness is our inheritance. Their calling is our calling.

As we gather for the 2026 General Conference, may the beauty of Your holiness be more compelling than our disagreements. May Your Spirit speak louder than our strategies. May we leave not merely with resolutions, but with a renewed surrender to Your mission—set apart, sent out, and filled to overflowing.

Make us, together, a holy people worthy of the world You love. Kila siku, kila saa, Wewe ni mwaminifu, Bwana. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—our Holy and Faithful Triune God, Amen.

Rev. Dr. Tim Turner

Elder/Missionary to Tanzania

Trinity Annual Conference/Tanzania Annual Conference

DAY 12

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. — Ephesians 1:15-17 NIV

Pray:

Heavenly Father,

We pause on this day to confess that we as Your faithful people are still lacking so much in order for Your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. The thought of Your will being done on Earth is so overwhelming, but we believe in the power of Your Holy Spirit to accomplish what is impossible through the lens of human eyes.

We pray with Paul for incredible wisdom and revelation specifically for the Global Methodist Church and the work of the General Conference. We don't want just more knowledge, we want wisdom and discernment to see beyond what is visible. We won't settle for what seems obvious, we want fresh revelation from the halls of heaven. We won't be satisfied with what is normal, we pray for the unexpected which leads us to a vital, impactful place in your Kingdom.

We seek the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that people will talk about the faith of the Global Methodist Church and each and every member. We pray that each of us, as followers of Christ, will know You better and share the beauty of our relationship with others around the world.

It is only by Your power and might we will be used for any benefit to the Kingdom of God. We pray for humility as we seek and discern our participation in unfolding Your will for all people. Fill us with wisdom and fresh revelation.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Alan H. Beasley

Conference Superintendent

North Alabama Annual Conference

DAY 13

Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” — Romans 8:8–15 NIV

Pray:

Heavenly Father, God of glory, we turn to You before this General Conference begins. Aware that we absolutely need Your Spirit, we pray that You may be poured out abundantly upon this assembly.

Holy Spirit, we invite You—come enlighten our minds and guide our discussions so that they may be in perfect harmony with Your will. Remove all misunderstanding, break down the barriers of selfishness, and preserve us from the influence of our weak hearts.

Inspire the leaders, the delegates, and all participants. Fill us with a spirit of brotherly love, wisdom, and discernment, so that we may serve with charity and unity.

May this conference not be merely an administrative meeting, but a time of revival in which Your glory is revealed. May Jesus Christ be at the center of our exchanges. We entrust to You every agenda, every report, and every vote. May everything be done for the advancement of Your Kingdom.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Rev. Elisha Llunga
Pastor/Prayer Coordinator
Grand Katanga Annual Conference

DAY 14

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.” — Psalm 133:1, 3b NIV

Pray:

Our Blessed Triune God,
You are the eternal epitome of unity, existing in a perfect communion of love. We recognize that it is truly good and pleasant when Your people hailing from diverse tribes, languages, and nations gather from every corner of the globe.

As we assemble for this General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, we ask that You knit our hearts together in a tapestry of faith. When we dwell in solidarity for the sacred cause of the extension of Your kingdom, we know You will bestow Your richest blessings upon each and every participant.

Lord, we petition for Your spirit of unity to prevail over this entire community. We ask that You

help us lay down any attitudes of pride, prejudice, or self-interest that may arise within our hearts. We come humbly before Your throne of grace, bringing our one petition for peace within this body of believers. You have promised, “Ask and it shall be given...;” and so we plead for this essential grace of oneness. We pray alongside Jesus that we may be one, just as You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are perfectly one.

Holy Spirit, empower us to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. We pray that we may agree with one another in our speech and that no divisions find a foothold among us. Instead, let us be perfectly united in mind and thought, guided by Your wisdom rather than our own agendas. May this conference be a season of full restoration and deep encouragement. Let us be of one mind, and as we finish our work, may we depart in peace.

We ask these things in the mighty name of God Almighty, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace Rajan
Elder/Conference Administrator
India/Nepal Annual Conference

DAY 15

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. — Philippians 1:3-6 NIV

Pray:

All glory, honor, and praise be unto God Almighty, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who alone is worthy of all worship, adoration, and reverence. We humbly thank You, O Lord, for Your unfailing love—a love that never fails and is renewed every morning.

You are the living God, who reigns forever and ever. May all glory and majesty belong to You eternally. We pray that Your glory would shine upon Your people, and that You would bless and strengthen all who love and serve You with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We ask for Your abundant blessings upon the Global Methodist Church, that it may continue to be a source of blessing to churches and to many people in Thailand and throughout the world.

We earnestly pray for GMC Thailand. Thailand is in need of Jesus Christ. May the people of Thailand repent, come to faith, and place their full trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We pray for the growth and multiplication of the Church, that disciples may be raised up in every district and every province. May believers make believers, disciples make disciples, and churches plant churches, all empowered by the mighty work of the Holy Spirit. May the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ be fully accomplished in our generation. May the name of Jesus be exalted above all names, and may His love be proclaimed and extended throughout the entire world. We ask for Your gracious blessings upon all servants of God—pastors, leaders, and their families. Grant them strength, good health, unity, and peace. May Your abundant grace rest upon them all.

We offer this prayer in the most precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Rev. Dr. Somsri DoungKaeo
Conference Superintendent
Thailand Annual Conference

DAY 16

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 ESV

Pray:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord for the Global Methodist Church. For joy in the Lord, that we may be sustained in the time of waiting for His will and purpose to unfold in these latter days; for patience under trials; and for hope that endures the changes and chances of this mortal life.

For all Global Methodist pastors and all church workers that the words they bear would prepare the way of Jesus’ second advent and be received by all who hear them. For the homes of our land, that God would grant healing and good health and safety and security to all families; and that the faith would be delivered from one generation to the next.

For those entrusted with positions of leadership in The Global Methodist Church and in different governments for service. Men and women who defend us against the enemies of our nations and for those who enact and enforce laws that protect us, especially God’s laws. For the sick and grieving that as the day draws near when blind eyes see, deaf ears hear, lame legs leap and mute tongues sing for joy, God would grant them healing according to His gracious will.

For hearts that trust in the Lord at all times; for courage to confront our doubts and fears with the Word of the Lord; and for strength to fulfill our vocations of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy. For faith and joy to receive the Lord’s Supper worthily this day, as Christ comes as a foretaste of the Lamb.

In Jesus’ Name,
Amen.

Rev. Wilberforce Bwire
Conference General Secretary
Uganda Annual Conference

DAY 17

“Enlarge the place of your tent; Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords and strengthen your pegs.” — Isaiah 54:2 NASB

Pray:

Almighty God, You are the Sovereign Lord; the Great I AM. You rule over Your Church with lovingkindness. It is Your deep desire that we expand to every nation, every tribe, every clan, every family on earth by making disciples of all people.

You have given to us Your Holy Spirit so that we would have the power here on earth to accomplish this work. We are not to keep this treasure to ourselves. Yet too often Lord, that is exactly what we have done. We have expected others to do the work. We have expected someone else to tell of the good news of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard.

Lord God, You have NOT given us a spirit of timidity, but of power (2 Tim 1:7)! You have given to us everything that we need so that we might live lives of godliness (2 Peter 1:4)! Your Holy Spirit is filling us so that we might do what our Lord has commanded us.

We ask that You would forgive us for the ways that we have not lived up to our calling. We have not lived holy lives. We have not walked faithfully with You. We have too often sought the easy way, the comfortable way, the way that conformed to the world.

We ask that You would anoint us and fill us again with Your Holy Spirit. Come Holy Fire! Burn away

everything that is dross, and refine us that we would be pure gold and silver fit for the King of Kings. May we go into all the world as holy vessels, filled with the Holy Spirit, and share with everyone we meet that Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice for sin, and is alive forevermore!

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Allison Woods
Co-Regional Prayer Director
Heartland Annual Conference, USA



24 - 7 GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER

2ND ANNUAL HOPKINS COUNTY COMMUNITY PRAYER ROOM

You are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Global Week of 24-7 Prayer, beginning at 12:00AM on Sunday, Sept. 6th, at Midnight - through Monday, Sept. 13th, at Midnight. Last year's Community Prayer Room was very successful locally, with 100's of God's faithful committing to a 30 minute (or longer) time of prayer, day and night for 7 days. The goal of the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer is to unite Christians worldwide in a continuous, powerful movement of prayer seeking God's presence and declaring His goodness and greatness across every nation on Earth. Last year in 2025, over 2500 prayer rooms in 140 nations were praying non-stop for an entire week...and GOD MOVED all over the world! What's next for 2026?!

Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital at 115 Airport Road in Sulphur Springs has AGAIN opened their beautiful NEW Chapel for use as our Hopkins County Community Prayer Room. Preparations for this event are underway, and you are invited to participate by signing up to pray for 30 minutes or more during the week. Time slots may be filled by individuals, couples, or small groups - no more than 10, please. It is desirable to pray in the Prayer Chapel; however if you are not able to pray in the Chapel, you may sign up for remote prayer.

This link will take you to the online signup Calendar:

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/452ee4/> or you can scan the QR Code below with your mobile device.

Encountering God's presence and seeking transformation: Believers are encouraged to seek God's presence and pray for spiritual and societal transformation, individually and in their homes, towns, states, and nations. The Prayer theme for 2026 is PEACE.

For more information about the local Hopkins County Community Prayer Room, or if we can help with the signup Calendar, please don't hesitate to contact one of us by phone or email. God will be glorified and praised, and His people will be blessed! Prayerfully,

Mandy Kennedy, 903-243-2206, mandy.kennedy1225@gmail.com
Jason Dietze, 903-439-5764, jasondietze@ssgmc.org

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TO SIGN UP

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.

TEXANS ON MISSION - YELLOW CAP GATHERING



YELLOW CAP GATHERING 2026 - SAN ANTONIO

First Baptist Church San Antonio
515 McCullough Ave., San Antonio TX 78215

Aug 8, 2026 10:00 AM - Aug 8, 2026 3:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MANDY KENNEDY AT 903-243-2206

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!

JULY 28, 2026 AT 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 JULY 27, 2026

AT THE BOOK NOOK ON MAIN AT 10:00AM

For more information or questions, contact

SHARON FELDT AT 832-687-6617

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

July 27 - Brandon Williams

July 30 - Blake Jackson

August 1 - Lucy McKenzie & Lesley Williams

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.



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.

July 5 - 118
July 12 - 145
July 19 - 127

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

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.

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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."