



GRACE

METHODIST

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

August 14, 2026

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY - AUGUST 23



GRACE
METHODIST

Blessing *of the* Backpacks



♥ Sunday, August 23,
during worship at Grace Methodist.

All school employees are encouraged
to bring a backpack, lunchbox,
briefcase or any bag to be blessed.

**PRAYING FOR A YEAR OF LEARNING,
GROWTH, AND PURPOSE.**



Third Grade Bible

✝ Presentation ✝
August 23



"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105



Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale



Please help our children raise money
for thier future playground

Sunday, August 23

after worship
BY DONATION



THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

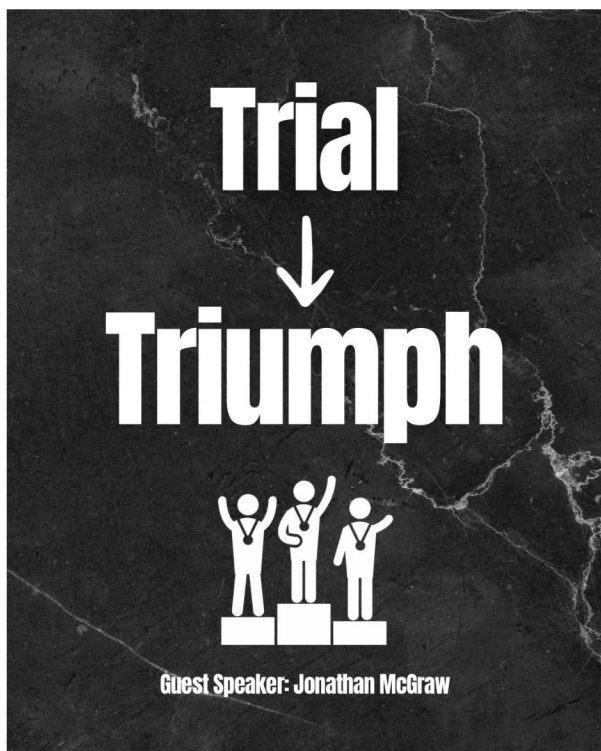
Join the Grace Prayer Band as we unite in daily prayer and a shared weekly focus. Wherever you may be, take time each day to pray for the weekly Prayer Focus, and especially pause each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. to pray together as one body. Set an alarm if that helps, and dedicate this moment to center 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 FOR FAITH THAT WON'T GIVE UP.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

THIS WEEK AT REFUGE



Grace Methodist REFUGE Youth:

We are excited to announce that this coming Wednesday, 08/19, Jonathan McGraw will be our guest speaker. Please invite your friends because he's gonna bring the heat. There will be dinner, games, and worship. Hope to see all our youth there!

GSC Training Room 1301 Main St 6:00-7:30 pm

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

THANK YOU GRACE METHODIST

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank you all for the scholarship money I received. It is going to be so helpful while I am obtaining my teaching degree. Being a part of this Church has been uplifting in so many ways. As well as, being in fellowship with such a caring community. Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible for me!
- much love & care,
Lillian Johnston

Life is good
Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas in July bag for my brother Patrick Rm 104 Rock Creek.
He loved it!
Laura Theriault



SIMPLIFIED BOARD MEETING

The Simplified Board of Grace will be meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30 pm in the GSC Training Room, 1301 Main St. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.



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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 18 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 10:00am

AUGUST 18 - SIMPLIFIED BOARD MEETING - GSC Training Room - 1301 Main St, 5:30pm

AUGUST 24 - GRACEFUL GREETINGS at the Book Nook on Main - 10:00am

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

NOVEMBER 14 - 2026 WOMEN'S ANEW CONFERENCE - Tyler St. Church, 927 W 10th St, Dallas, TX, - 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM



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 33

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5 NIV

Pray:

Heavenly Father, who spoke the universe into being by Your powerful Word, empower us to be faithful through that same Word. Your Word alone is the light of our lives, guiding our paths in righteousness and holiness. As we began this movement grounded in Your Word, grant that we may hold fast to it as we move forward.

Lord Jesus, Savior and Lord of life, as we prepare for the General Conference of the Global Methodist Church, grant that every delegate and servant of your church may earnestly seek the mind and heart of Jesus. Teach us humbly to follow Christ, who emptied Himself, took the form of a servant, and humbled Himself, even to the point of death on a cross.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us courage to renounce worldly power and the temptations that place prosperity and success above obedience and love. As children of God, enable us to stand firmly against injustice, violence, and wars that perpetuate discrimination. May we live by the law of life and the Spirit, united to bear faithful witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness throughout the world.

May the 2026 General Conference bring honor and praise to Jesus Christ alone, the name above all names. Together, we kneel before the cross, confessing with one voice that He is the Savior, giving all honor and glory to God the Father. Help us fulfill our calling to reach people one by one through the witness of the good news of the cross.

Fill us with the compassionate heart of Jesus, who welcomes strangers and stands alongside

those who suffer. We especially intercede for persecuted Christians worldwide; open paths for our connection and enable our churches to bless, support, and stand firmly with them. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Rev. Keihwan Kevin Ryoo
Conference Superintendent
The Korean American Annual Conference

DAY 34

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.”
Psalm 96:9 KJV

Pray:

Gracious and Holy God,
We come before You with humble hearts, remembering Your Word that calls us to worship You in the beauty of holiness. We thank You for the privilege of gathering as the Global Methodist Church in this General Conference. We are grateful for Your faithfulness and for the opportunity to seek Your will together. May the guidance of Your Holy Spirit be present in all preparations and throughout every session of this Conference.

Lord, we pray for unity among us. As Your Word reminds us that we are one body in Christ, help us to listen to one another with grace, humility, and love. Remove every spirit of division and selfishness, and pour Your holiness and peace into our hearts. Bless the General Leaders, the Bishops, Conference Superintendents, Pastors, Lay Leaders, and all members of the Global Methodist Church.

Father, grant us Your divine guidance in every moment of this gathering. Give wisdom to those who lead discussions, clarity to those who make decisions, and patience to all participants. May Your Holy Spirit guide our deliberations so that everything we do may honor Your name and strengthen the unity, growth, and holiness of Your Church.

Lord, bring renewal among us. Renew our commitment to holiness, deepen our love for one another, and strengthen our passion for mission. May this Conference not only produce decisions, but also inspire us to live holy lives and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

May the beauty of Your holiness shine through our lives, our churches, and our witness.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Zaqueu Silva Ranchaze
President Pro Tempore
Mozambique Provisional Annual Conference

DAY 35

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17 NIV

Pray:

Lord, Thank You for the opportunity to serve You and to bring everything before the cross. We are nothing without You. We do not want to build or plan anything without You. Lord, I ask that You bless our human efforts. You alone have the power to establish— establish the work of our hands, Lord. Guide every section of our program and establish our new church so that it may do Your work with impact.

Lord, we surrender the General Conference into Your hands. We surrender to You, the One who establishes all things. In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Rudo Dzenga
Prayer Leader, Central African Annual Conference

DAY 36

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17 NIV

Pray:

God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we acknowledge you as our Creator, as our Redeemer, as our Comforter and as the One who calls us to repentance.

We confess that in our striving for holiness and sound true doctrine, sometimes we forget that You came to save the world. We long for truth and mercy, for justice and compassion, for orthodoxy and orthopraxy- But most of all, Jesus, we long for you. Like you, may we be quick to condemn sin, but may we always be open to the idea that you love sinners.

Thank you, Jesus, that Your grace is always ready to save. Thank You for Your life. Thank You for Your death. Thank You for the cross. Thank You for your forgiveness.

Thank You for Your freedom. Thank You for Your resurrection. Jesus, we need You, today.

Holy Spirit, we ask You to break our hearts for the 3.2 billion people around the world that do not know they are forgiven and loved. Would You use us as Global Methodists to reach them with Your good news? We ask You to empower us. We want to be Your body in our homes, in our churches, in our communities and around the world. Would you come inhabit Your Church- that we might bring your gospel to everyone who has not heard about You?

In Your name we pray. Amen

Elizabeth Sullivan
Retired Elder
South Carolina Annual Conference

DAY 37

“with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:2-3 ESV

Pray:

Heavenly Father,

We humbly come before You, lifting up the Global Methodist Church as it prepares for the General Conference. We ask that Your Holy Spirit would be present in every moment, guiding all discussions, decisions, and discernment for the glory of Your name.

Lord, we pray for all delegates, leaders, and participants. Grant them wisdom, humility, and spiritual discernment. May they seek not human preferences, but Your perfect will. Lead them to recognize and affirm leaders who are faithful, Spirit-led, and committed to shepherding Your people with integrity and vision.

We entrust to You the future of every conference, including the Congo Conference. You know our needs, our hopes, and our calling. We pray that You would establish leadership that will strengthen Your Church, bring unity, and advance Your mission in our region and beyond.

Father, may this General Conference be more than a gathering, may it be a moment of true spiritual renewal. Pour out Your Spirit afresh upon all participants. Speak clearly, move powerfully, and draw hearts closer to You. Let Your voice be above every other voices. May all that is done bring honor to You alone.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen!

Reverend Kabah K. Mwenze
General Secretary
DR Congo Annual Conference

DAY 38

**Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell forever (throughout all my days) in the house and in the presence of
the Lord. Psalms 23:6 AMP**

Pray:

Heavenly Father,

**We exalt your name high; we thank You for having an encounter with You through Your mercy.
You are a glorious God. We thank You for the opportunity to be called Your children through
Your grace. Allow us to walk according to Your will and purpose.**

**Thank You for your unfailing love, kindness and mercy. You love us with our sinful behavior; we
humble ourselves and adore You, Lord. We are in Your Presence, with fullness of joy. Your Word
in the book of Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) says let us come to You with confidence, draw near the throne
of grace, receive mercy and find grace to help in a time of need. We desire to be in Your Presence
all the days of our lives.**

**Purify our hearts Lord, have mercy on us Lord. We pray for a peaceful 2026 General Conference,
full of wisdom and ideas to rebuild Your Kingdom and make more disciples for the
transformation of the world. May we grow from strength and wisdom in knowing you. Your Word
speaks of praying for one another and forgiving each other as You forgave us. Lead us not into
temptation Lord. We surrender it all to You.**

**May Your love, kindness, humility, grace and mercy follow us all our days. Wash us and cleanse
us with Your blood. Guard our hearts, protect us from harm, lead our Christian Faith. Direct our
paths, Lord. May Your mercy cover us. Your unending love and grace lead us. I pray.
In the Name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Saviour, Amen**

Nonhlanhla Mbonisweni

Prophesying member, SA Chairwoman

South Africa Annual Conference

DAY 39

**So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his
disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and
took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go
and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” Matthew 28:8-10 ESV**

Pray:

Good and gracious God,

**We come before You as Your children from all nations, cultures, and ages. As we begin to prepare
for the work before us and as we prepare to descend upon Johannesburg, South Africa, may we
prepare our hearts, minds, souls and spirits to be one with You.**

**God of grace, when Mary heard from the angel Gabriel, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is
with you!” she trusted. As we “greet” one another, may we remember you are with us and to trust
in you.**

**God of love, when the disciples heard Jesus say, “Greetings,” the disciples came together and
worshiped Him. As we “greet” one another, may we as brothers and sisters, fall on our knees and
worship Jesus Christ as one body.**

**God of mercy, throughout the gathering, may we “greet” one another with the hope, trust and
humility of Mary and may we “greet” one another with the hope of the risen King Jesus.**

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

Darla K. Hadrick

Presiding Elder. Upper Midwest Annual Conference

DAY 40

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35 NIV

Pray:

Almighty God,

We thank You for loving us and bringing us this far. We are a young denomination seeking to be obedient to You, by making disciples of Jesus Christ who spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Holiness has become a word that many have shunned, as though being set apart to You is just too much to ask. But it is because You love us that You want us to be holy.

You know that in holiness we will experience the full life that Jesus came to not only demonstrate, but to give us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to embrace the beauty of holiness, as You have embraced us.

We are a mixed bag, Lord. We don't always see things the same way, and we grow frustrated with one another to the point of mutual blindness. Help us to be united in our vision, to be a people dedicated to You, filled with Your Spirit, who truly love one another.

We are grateful, Jesus, that You did not leave us alone, but that You sent Your Holy Spirit to fill us to the point of overflowing. As the General Conference gathers in South Africa, may the streets of Johannesburg experience an overwhelming sense of Your Presence. May the doors of the Sandton Convention Centre open to release not just a crowd of people into the streets, but a powerful wave of Spirit-filled agents of God's Kingdom. May the way that we love one another be a witness to all the world that we are Your disciples.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

David Shumaker

Elder, Mississippi-West Tennessee Annual Conference

ANEW 2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



The graphic features three vertical orange panels with white text. The first panel is titled 'SEEN' and lists KATHERINE REILEY with the subtitle 'Seen and loved by God'. The second panel is titled 'SAVED' and lists PAT MCCLAIN with the subtitle 'Saved from self-lies and shame'. The third panel is titled 'SENT' and lists LAUREN YATES with the subtitle 'Sent to love others — family, friends and strangers'. To the left of the panels is a logo for 'Anew 2026' with the text 'ANNOUNCING OUR SPEAKERS' below it. At the bottom left is the text 'Dallas NOV. 14, 2026'.

This year's theme will be...

SEEN

Seen and loved by God

SAVED

Saved from self - lies and shame

SENT

Sent to love others – family, friends, strangers

Make your plans now for a special day or refreshment, inspiration, and fellowship!

This year's ANEW will be hosted in Dallas at Tyler Street Church, 927 W 10th St, Dallas, TX 75208 on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Register by August 31 to get the "Early Bird" Discount price of \$40. Scan the QR Code or go to: <https://midtexasgmc.jotform.com/261457384455970> to Register.

REGISTRATION

Early-Bird \$40 (until Aug 31)

\$50 (Sept 1 - Oct 14)

Late \$60 (after Oct 15)

SCAN HERE



TO REGISTER

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!

AUGUST 18, 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 AUGUST 24, 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

August 16 - Matt Russell

August 17 - Meredith Caddell

August 18 - Barrett Ingram

August 21 - Corrine McAnally & Michael Williams

August 22 - Deanna Landers

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

August 14 - Amy Jo Nunley

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.



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.

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 26 - 170
August 2 - 150
August 9 - 181

HONORARIUM GIFTS

Given in honor of Marilyn Williams by Jo Ann Johnson

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."