



GRACE

METHODIST

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

August 21, 2026

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY - AUGUST 23

THIS SUNDAY



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 their 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 **TO PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
Proverbs 3:5

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: THE TIME IS HERE!

Grace Family,

After 3½ years of prayer, planning, waiting, dreaming, revising, and trusting God's direction,

THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME!

We are incredibly excited to share that Grace Methodist Church has approved the final Construction Documents, and construction of our new facility has been cleared to begin. Our Construction Team is expected to mobilize on our site next week!

This is a tremendous milestone in the life of our church.

When we look back over the past 3½ years, we can see that this journey has been about so much more than constructing a building. It has been a journey of faith. There have been seasons when progress seemed fast and others when we wondered why we were still waiting. There have been changes to plans, budgets, timelines, engineering, site work, and even the vision for how our Phase 1 facility would serve our growing church.

But through it all, God has been faithful.

Our Building Team has worked diligently through every stage—from site preparation and engineering, to architectural design, financing, permitting, and the many revisions necessary to create a facility that will serve not only the needs of Grace today, but also the ministry God has planned for our future. The project has continued to move forward one milestone at a time, and we have repeatedly seen God's timing and provision at work.

To our Grace Methodist Church family: thank you. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your patience during the seasons of waiting. Thank you for your generosity, encouragement, excitement, and willingness to trust God's plan. Thank you for continuing to believe in the vision and, even more importantly, continuing to believe in what God can do through this church.

As we shared earlier in this journey, sometimes God's timeline is different from ours. Looking back, we can see blessings that may have been missed had we simply pushed forward on our schedule.

And now, after all those months and years of preparation, we are moving from planning to building!

Soon, there will be equipment on our property. Soon, foundations will begin to take shape. Soon, steel will rise into the sky. And before long, we will be able to walk through the doors of a new home for Grace Methodist Church.

But let's remember what we are really building.

We are not simply building a church building. We are preparing a place where people can encounter Jesus, where families can grow in faith, where disciples can be made, where children and students can discover God's love, and where GENERATIONS of people can gather together to worship our Lord.

So as construction begins, let's celebrate—not just because a building is finally going up, but because God has been leading us every step of the way.

We are grateful for the past 3½ years. We are grateful for every person who has played a part. We are grateful for every prayer that has been prayed, every dollar that has been given, every hour that has been invested, and every word of encouragement that has helped carry us forward. And now we look ahead with great excitement and great expectation.

The plans are approved.

The team is ready.

The site is ready.

And God has brought us to this moment.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH—IT'S TIME TO BUILD!

Please continue to pray for our Construction Team, architects, engineers, contractors, church leadership, and everyone involved as construction gets underway.

Most of all, let's continue to pray that this new facility will be used mightily by God to reach people, make disciples, serve our community, and proclaim the Gospel for generations to come. God has been so good to us.

God has been faithful through the waiting.

And we cannot wait to see what He does next!

PRAISE BE TO GOD!





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,

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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!



YOU ARE INVITED

To be a blessing,

YOU ARE INVITED

To share in the joy,,

YOU ARE INVITED

To make a difference

YOU ARE INVITED

*To watch our youth & children
grow in the Lord.*

YOU ARE INVITED

To feed our youth & children.

YOU ARE INVITED

*To multiply disciples of Jesus Christ
who flourish in scriptural holiness,
worship passionately, love
extravagantly and witness boldly.*

ANEW 2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Dallas **NOV. 14, 2026**

SEEN
KATHERINE REILEY
Seen and loved by God

SAVED
PAT MCCLAIN
Saved from self-lies and shame

SENT
LAUREN YATES
Sent to love others — family, friends and 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/m/261457384455970> to Register.

SCAN HERE



TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION

Early-Bird \$40 (until Aug 31), \$50 (Sept 1 - Oct 14), Late \$60 (after Oct 15)

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HOPKINS COUNTY HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS THESE MEDICAL TESTS. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO.



100 free PSA (prostate-specific antigen) tests are available courtesy of the Hopkins County Health Care Foundation!

TESTING CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER
CALL (903) 438-4543 TO SIGN UP NOW
ASK FOR THE FREE "FOUNDATION CLINIC"

ELIGIBILITY

1. Uninsured Hopkins County men age 50 and over
2. Uninsured Hopkins County men age 45 who have a father, full brother, or son who had or has prostate cancer
3. Hopkins County's first responders who meet one of the above criteria, regardless of where they live

Sponsored by
the Hopkins County Health Care Foundation
with
Proceeds from Mingo



FREE Mammogram Screenings for uninsured Hopkins County women over 40

Appointments held in **October** - call for details

Ruth & Jack Gillis Women's Center
at
CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital - Sulphur Springs

CALL 903.438.4325

(Limited to first 175 Hopkins County women)



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the Hopkins County Health Care Foundation
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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.
Here are the most recent attendance numbers.

August 2 - 150
August 9 - 181
August 16 - 190

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 25, 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 23 - BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY - Blessing of the Backpacks, Third Grade Bible Presentation and Children's Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale.

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

AUGUST 25 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

August 24 - Nancy Kirkpatrick

August 28 - Marti Busbee & Odis Jenkins

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.



GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS

GRACE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

STARTING
Every Wednesday

SHOOKS CHAPEL
5:45-7:00

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."