



GRACE

METHODIST

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

September 18, 2026

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



GRACE METHODIST MEMBERSHIP CLASS



This class is for those considering joining, as well as current members. It will offer a great opportunity to learn about Grace Methodist, the Global Methodist Church, and what it means to be a member of our congregation. Many have gone through this class or one similar. If you are interested, please mark the card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Or, you may contact Pastor Ed at edlantz@ssgmc.org

This class is not required to join Grace Methodist. However, it is important that Pastor Ed is able to talk with you about Grace and the GMC prior to joining. He loves telling our story. Reach out to him if you're interested.

What: Grace Methodist Membership Class

When: Sunday mornings (Oct. 4,11,18,25) at 8:45 am

Where: Murray-Orwosky

Materials/books: Materials will provided at no cost

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: WE ARE MOVING FORWARD

Grace Family,

Things are happening at the building site!

We are excited to share another milestone in the journey toward our new church home. The Construction Office has now been established on our site, the corners of our new facility have been staked, and earthmoving equipment is beginning to arrive. After 3½ years of planning, praying, waiting, and trusting God's direction, it is incredibly exciting to finally see visible activity taking place on the property.

Sitework is scheduled to begin this next week and is expected to continue for approximately the next two weeks.

For so long, we have talked about the day when we would see construction equipment moving across the property and the footprint of our new facility beginning to take shape. That day is here! As we watch the site begin to transform, it is a wonderful reminder of just how far God has brought Grace Methodist Church. What began more than three years ago as a vision and a step of faith is now becoming something we can see taking shape right before our eyes.

The journey has not always gone according to the schedule we imagined. There have been delays, changes, questions, and seasons of waiting. But through every step, God has continued to guide us and provide exactly what was needed at the right time. As we have said throughout this journey, God's timing is better than our timeline.

Now we get to watch the next chapter unfold.

We are deeply grateful for our entire Grace Methodist Church family. Thank you for your continued

prayers, your generosity, your patience, your encouragement, and your excitement for what God is doing. Your love and support have carried this project forward and have helped make this day possible.

As the equipment begins moving dirt and the site begins to take shape, let's remember that we are building more than a facility. We are preparing a place where people will worship, families will grow in faith, children and students will learn about Jesus, disciples will be made, and lives will be changed for generations to come.

Please continue to pray for our Construction Team, contractors, architects, engineers, church leadership, and everyone working on the project. Pray for safety, wisdom, good weather, and for the work to continue smoothly as we move into this exciting construction phase.

And when you drive by the property and see the activity taking place, take a moment to celebrate! Remember the prayers that have been prayed, the work that has been done, and the faithfulness of God that has brought us to this point.

The vision is becoming a reality.
The site is coming to life.
The work is beginning.
And God is still leading the way!

We are excited, we are grateful, and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the day when we will gather together in our new home.

Thank you, Grace Family, for continuing to walk this journey together.
To God be the glory!



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 **GOD'S GENEROSITY**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

GET READY FOR WORSHIP

Go to our website, ssgmc.org, each week after Wednesday, and get a preview of the music and message that we will be hearing at Grace each Sunday.
Go check out and listen to the music and preview the scripture as you get your heart prepared for worship.

PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Several Christian leaders in our community – across all streams of faith – have started a Prayer Initiative to enlist people to **STAND IN THE GAP** for our High School Students. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to lift **ONE** (randomly assigned) student before God and pray daily for them and their family throughout their high school years as they face the life-altering decisions at this critical time in their life.

If you are age 19 or over and willing to take on this challenge, please sign up in the lobby. All we need is your name. In a week or two, we will hand out to everyone who signed up, an envelope containing a card with the student's name, picture, and graduation year. We ask that you put the student's card in a place where you can see it often, then **PRAY** over the student, their family, and the issues of life they are facing, until they graduate high school.



No physical or verbal contact is necessary. God knows the student, their needs, issues, and problems. All we ask is that you pray for the student daily.

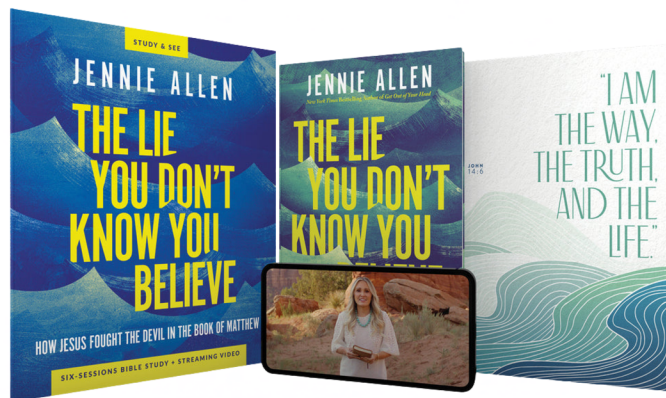
WOMEN'S STUDY WITH LISA LANTZ

In this six week study, *The Lie You Don't Know You Believe*, Jennie Allen pulls back the curtain on the enemy's oldest trick--and shows you how to dismantle it with the spiritual authority you already have in Christ. She guides you through how to:

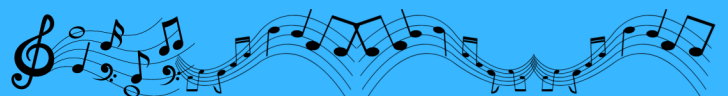
- Spot the three core lies everyone believes--and name the one running your life
- Trace the moment your lie took root and how the enemy has been using it to keep you stuck
- Cut ties with your old narratives so they stop shaping your choices
- Challenge lies in real time and replace them with God's truth

This isn't about behavior modification. This is about transferring your life out of the enemy's kingdom of lies and into the kingdom of light--where joy, peace, and strength aren't fleeting feelings but your everyday reality.

Thursday evenings from 6-7 pm at Lisa Lantz's home beginning October 1 through November 5. Study guides available through Amazon and Christian bookstores.



CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS



We will have a meeting of the Grace Church Choir on Wednesday, September 23 @ 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at:

*72 Elberta Lake Rd,
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482*

(Brad is cooking, so come hungry)

*If you have questions, please email James Wilson @ james1836wilson@gmail.com
or text 713-478-3238*

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP!

What a kind and generous congregation we have. When there is a need, you step up so beautifully. Right now, there are two opportunities to help. This September, we will be collecting for the Food Drive to help the Community Chest and the Cumby Food Pantry. Grace will collect canned and dry goods in the lobby each Sunday in September. We will also collect reusable kitchen gloves and work gloves for the Northeast District Mission Day Flood Bucket Party.



FOOD DRIVE

COMMUNITY CHEST AND CUMBY FOOD PANTRIES

WILL BE COLLECTING IN THE LOBBY EVERY

SUNDAY

in September

NO DENTED CANS PLEASE!

♥: Thank you for your generosity! ♥

Donations will be shared with

Community Chest and Cumby Food Pantry.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ▶ Peanut Butter
- ▶ Snacks for kids
- ▶ Can Soups
- ▶ Cold or Hot Cereals
- ▶ Proteins
- ▶ Condiments
- ▶ Flour, Sugar, oil
- ▶ Can fruit or vegetables
- ▶ Toilet Paper
- ▶ Canned Meat

ALSO

NORTHEAST DISTRICT MISSION DAY

FLOOD BUCKET PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH



We're coming together as a district family for a hands-on mission day as we assemble Flood Buckets for disaster relief efforts.

Together our goal is to assemble **150** buckets.

More details soon.

WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING THESE KITS AT

Como Methodist Church

1006 First St.
Como, TX

ITEMS NEEDED:

-  **REUSABLE (NOT DISPOSABLE) KITCHEN GLOVES**
-  **WORK GLOVES**
Cotton with leather palm or all leather.
-  We will email a sign up sheet soon.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

NORTHEAST DISTRICT MISSION DAY

"FLOOD BUCKET PARTY"

Together for Others ♥

**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT MILES HOOVER AT 817-371-3164.**

MINUTES OF THE SIMPLIFIED BOARD - AUGUST 18, 2026

Grace Methodist Simplified Board Minutes Approved at September 15 Meeting

August 18, 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: James Wilson, Jason Thompson, Matt Coker

Trustees: Joel Dougan, Michael Franklin, Lynn Emmert

SPRC: Whitney Preas, Mandy Kennedy

Absent:

Trustees: David Watson, Finance: Ryan McKenzie, SPRC: Andrew Yoder

Ex Officio Members Present (w/out vote):

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

Opening

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM

Prayer led by Ed Lantz

Approval of Minutes (July 21 st , 2026 Board Meeting)

Motion by Joel Dougan to approve: July 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Matt Coker, Motion carried.

Lay Leader's Report

A brief Lay Leader Report was given by Tammy Dougan:

- Schools have been prayed over with great responses from teachers and other staff.
- Christmas in July was a great success!

Finance Report

- Financial statements/Assets presented by Matt Coker & Jason Dietze
- Continually blessed and highly favored with strong numbers
- As gifts are collected towards the building fund, they are sent over to TMF – the building fund is currently on track.

Motion by Tammy Dougan to approve May 2026 Financials, Seconded by Joel Dougan

Motion carried.

Trustees Update

- Building Project Update provided by Jason Dietze on behalf of David Watson
- Builders have officially been given the thumbs up from our board for their guaranteed maximum price to get started and build. This includes 2 chosen alternates to the builders original GMP.
- Starting Monday, the 24 th , their remote office will be set up, and everything will be a go.
- It was noted too that additional to the GMP for the building, there is also estimated Design & Management fees, estimated FF&E fees, and contingency fees.

Motion presented by Randy Dunn to accept the trustee's approval of the guaranteed maximum price of the building. Motion approved by Matt Coker to accept the trustee's approval of the guaranteed maximum price of the building. Seconded by Lynn Emmert, Motion carried.

***NOTE: Should any member of the church like to see the specific numbers, you are more than welcome to contact Jason in the church office.

- SPRC**
SPRC Staffing Update presented by Whitney Preas
- No current changes to updates on Staffing currently.
- New Business**
- None currently
- Pastor's Report**
Pastor's Report presented by Ed Lantz
- Minor updates were provided, but there is no major information at this time.
- Closing Prayer & Adjournment**
Prayer led by Randy Dunn
Meeting adjourned at: 6:26 PM

MINUTES OF THE SIMPLIFIED BOARD - SEPTEMBER 15 , 2026

Grace Methodist Simplified Board Minutes
To be presented for approval at the October Meeting.

September 15 th , 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: James Wilson, Jason Thompson, Matt Coker

Trustees: Joel Dougan, Michael Franklin, David Watson

SPRC: Mandy Kennedy

Absent: Trustees: Lynn Emmert, Finance: Ryan McKenzie, SPRC: Andrew Yoder, Whitney Preas

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

Board Secretary: Hope Walker

Opening

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM

Devotional by Ed Lantz

Prayer led by Randy Dunn

Approval of Minutes (August 18 th, 2026 Board Meeting)

Motion by Joel Dougan to approve: August 18 th, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, Seconded by James Wilson, Motion carried

Lay Leader's Report

A Lay Leader Report was given by Tammy Dougan, Mandy Kennedy, and Amanda Thomas:

- Ministry Updates: Sew Much grace making quilts, teddy bears, etc., and a large order of 200 prayer quilt squares for a church in Oregon!
- Prayers for high school students' info coming Sunday
- Mandy presents to us that another successful year was had for the 24/7 Global Week of Prayer; future plans to come from Father Justin Wiley in regard to partnering with the hospital for the event instead of just having the hospital host it next year.

Amanda Thomas with Go and Serve gave several updates from their ministry:

- Food Drive to be held on Sundays
- Heart of Hope Banquet – 10/6/26
- Go and Serve was able to donate \$2,000.00 to the Nepal Relief Fund
- \$50.00 Gift cards were also given to all Grace members who are school
- affiliated staff (homeschool included)

Finance Report

- Financial statements/Assets presented by Matt Coker and James Wilson
- Financial blessings have continued to flow
- Church finance graphs created and presented by James showing giving trends over a calendar year.

Motion by Matt Coker to approve August Financials: Seconded by Tammy Dougan, Motion carried

Trustees Update

Building and Developer Update provided by David Watson

- Currently, the surveyor is working on staking corners for site work at the church's building location.
- Equipment has started being delivered
- A schedule was presented for the building, with Summer 2027 being the goal for everything being complete.
- Monthly planned meetings at the site for church trustees
- Planned special events info to come for church members

Land Developer Specific Update:

- The Land Developer will most likely be asking for another extension to finalize his purchasing of the 96 acre track being offered by the church come November.
- Negotiations and an extension were discussed for more time for the developer through an Amendment to previous agreement.

Motion by James Wilson to approve Amendment #3 (current contract is repeated with extension): Seconded by Matt Coker Motion carried

SPRC

SPRC Update presented by Ed Lantz on behalf of SPRC members

- A full-time music minister position has been proposed instead of a part-time position
- SPRC approached the finance committee for counsel to help create an attractive proposal for a future music minister, and a description of what this position would look like
- A budget increase has also been proposed after counsel with the finance committee.
- To note: No candidates are being reviewed at present

A two-part motion was made by the SPRC committee to transfer the part-time music minister position to full time, and to make a total budget expense increase to 3.9% of the total, and an 11.9% increase to the lay employee budget: Seconded by David Watson, Motion carried

New Business

Good News Sunday School class to be donating to the children of the church's Trump accounts

Pastor's Report

Pastor's Report presented by Ed Lantz

- Membership class to be offered again
- A re-roll out of the capital campaign will be presented in October

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Prayer led by Randy Dunn

Meeting adjourned at: 6:37 PM

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 30 - 168
September 6 - 145
September 13 - 160



HEART OF HOPE FALL FUNDRAISER BANQUET

KEYNOTE SPEAKER~
DEBBY EFURD



When abortion is the outcome, we know one is dead and one is wounded.

Our keynote speaker this year is Debby Efurd. In 2014, Debby founded Initiative-180, a pro-life ministry dedicated to abortion recovery. In 2015, she published *Go Tell It!*, sharing her personal journey of abortion, healing, and redemption. Our banquet theme is "Peace After the Storm". Debby and her husband reside in Pittsburg, Texas. We look forward to hearing the powerful message God has given her to share.

Heart of Hope Fall Fundraiser Banquet

October 6, 2026

6:00-8:30 p.m.

**Hopkins County Regional Civic Center
1200 Houston St., Sulphur Springs, TX**

**Various Members of Grace have 4 tables
Reserved and invite you to join them.**

**If you would like to attend, please
contact Mandy Kennedy
at 903-243-2206**



Peace after the storm!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

September 22 - Keith Brice & Reece Caddell
September 23 - James Cowley & Ron Johnson
September 25 - Clyde Browning
September 26 - Jerry Brandenburgh, Megan
Burns & Terry Iverson

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.

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!

SEPTEMBER 22, 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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
AT THE BOOK NOOK ON MAIN AT 11:00AM**
For more information or questions, contact

SHARON FELDT AT 832-687-6617

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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.

ANEW 2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Anew
2026
ANNOUNCING
OUR
SPEAKERS

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 HERE



TO REGISTER

Scan the QR Code or go to:
<https://midtexasgmc.jotform.com/261457384455970> to Register.

REGISTRATION - \$50 (Sept 1 - Oct 14), Late \$60 (after Oct 15)

GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS

GRACE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Every Wednesday

SHOOKS CHAPEL

5:45-7:00

GRACE PARENT/YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Meets EVERY Wednesday

At the home of Jason & Jill Dietze
400 Briarwood Place

5:45-7:00 **Contact Jason**
Dietze for more info
903-439-5764

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 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 22 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 10:00am

SEPTEMBER 28 - GRACEFUL GREETINGS at the Book Nook on Main - **11:00** 

SEPTEMBER 23 - GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS - Children's Activities, Youth Refuge, Parent/Young Adult Class and Pastor Ed's Text of the Week Class.

OCTOBER 4 - GRACE METHODIST MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Murray Orwosky - 8:45

OCTOBER 17 - FLOOD BUCKET PARTY - Como Methodist Church

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

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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."