



GRACE
METHODIST
SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

September 25, 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,

What a difference a week can make!

We are excited to report that the sitework is moving along nicely! It is exciting to drive by the property and see activity taking place as our new church home begins to take shape. After years of planning, designing, praying, and waiting, it is a blessing to finally see the transformation happening right before our eyes.

And once again, God's timing has been perfect.

The rain shower we received this week came at just the right time. It provided some much-needed moisture for the site and allowed the earthwork to continue moving forward under favorable conditions. We have been blessed by God again!

The sitework will continue through next week as the Construction Team prepares the property for the next stages of construction. Each day brings us one step closer to seeing the building itself begin to rise.

It is hard not to get excited when we look back at where this journey began. For more than 3½ years, we have watched God open doors, provide resources, give wisdom, change plans, and guide us through every challenge. What once existed primarily as a vision and a set of drawings is now becoming a physical reality on our property.

We are moving from dreaming about our new church home to watching it take shape.

As we watch the earth being moved, let's remember that the most important work God is doing through Grace Methodist Church isn't about a building. The building is a tool—a place where we will worship, serve, teach, fellowship, reach our community, and share the love of Jesus Christ with generations to come.

We are so thankful for our Grace family and for the continued prayers, support, generosity, patience, and excitement you have shown throughout this journey. Your faithfulness has been a tremendous encouragement, and we are grateful that we get to experience this exciting season together.

Please continue to pray for our Construction Team and everyone working on the site. Pray for safety, good weather, wisdom, and for each phase of construction to move forward smoothly. And as you drive by and see the equipment and activity at our site, take a moment to give thanks. Give thanks for God's faithfulness. Give thanks for our church family. And give thanks for the opportunity God has given us to build a place that we pray will impact lives for generations.

The dirt is moving.



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 **GODLY OBEDIENCE**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22

CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS



What a great opportunity to "Make a Joyful Noise to the LORD"! If you can sing, hum, whistle, croon, strum, tap, chirp, yodel, warble or can make a melody in any form, come sing with the Grace Choir.

This Wednesday, September 30 they will be rehearsing at Shooks Chapel at 6:00, in preparation for their Christmas Cantata.

If you have questions, please

email James Wilson at james1836wilson@gmail.com or text 713-478-3238

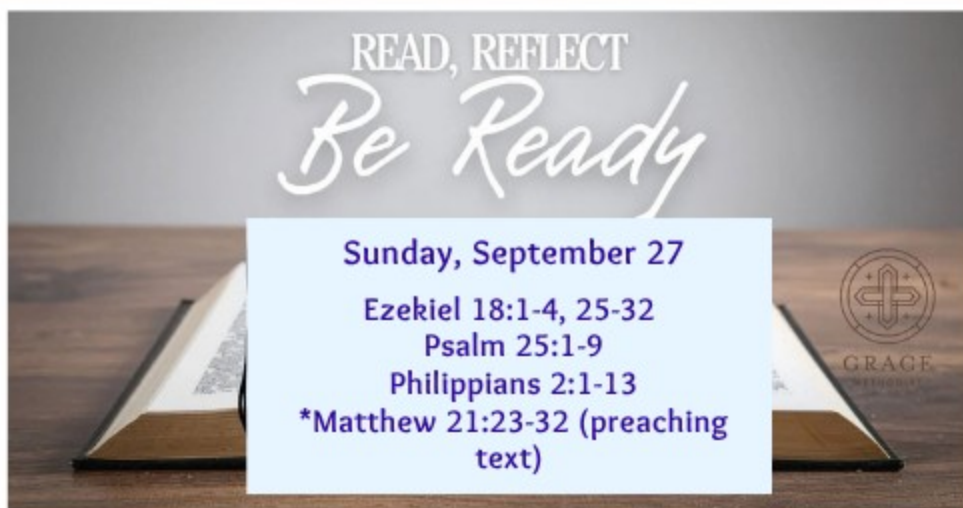
READ, REFLECT AND BE READY

In a world of competing voices and shifting sands, God's word leads us and steadies us. As the Psalmist says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Ps. 119:105).

I invite you to begin reading and reflecting on these texts for Sunday, September 27. May God's word illumine your way and your heart this week.

Blessings,

Ed Lantz



GET READY 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.

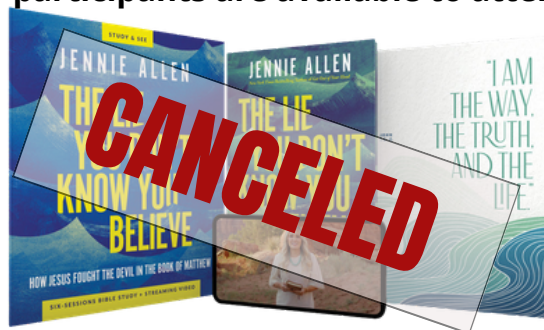
If you are age 19 or over and willing to take on this challenge, please sign up in the lobby. All we need is your name. In a week or two, we will hand out to everyone who signed up, an envelope containing a card with the student's name, picture, and graduation year. We ask that you put the student's 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

This study is being canceled and another study opportunity will be offered when more participants are available to attend



GRACE LADIES **BRUNCH** OCTOBER 8



GRACE
METHODIST

Ladies **BRUNCH**



WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 8,
10:00 AM



TEXT AMANDA THOMAS
AT 903-348-1726 TO
RSVP AND FOR LOCATION.



TRUNK OR TREAT

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

LOCATION:
GSC PARKING LOT
1301 MAIN ST.

- GAMES
- REFRESHMENTS
- FUN, FELLOWSHIP & MORE!!!

TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



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.**



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

KEYNOTE SPEAKER~ DEBBY EFURD

Grace Methodist members 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!

ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

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.

September 6 - 145
September 13 - 160
September 20 - 163

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

September 27 - Harold Cowley
September 29 - Dick Stanley
September 30 - Janette Watson
October 3 - Dee Bandell & Brady Jackson

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.



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)

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 29, 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!!!

**NEW
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.

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

SEPTEMBER 29 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 10:00am

SEPTEMBER 30 - GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS - Children's Activities, Youth Refuge, Parent/ Young Adult Class and Pastor Ed's Text of the Week Class.

SEPTEMBER 30 - GRACE CHOIR PRACTICE - Shooks Chapel - 6:00pm

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

OCTOBER 17 - FLOOD BUCKET PARTY - Como Methodist Church

OCTOBER 28 - TRUNK OR TREAT - Grocery Supply Parking Lot

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."