



GRACE
METHODIST
SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

October 23, 2026

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

TRUNK OR TREAT THIS WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 28



Get Your TREATS!!!

Get Your TRUNKS READY

**Bring your GOBLINS
and SUPER HEROES**

IT'S GONNA BE A FUN NIGHT.

**COME EAT SUPPER, PLAY GAMES AND
ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP**

GSC SOUTH PARKING LOT 1301 MAIN ST. - 6:00 -7:30
WE NEED YOUR TRUNK PLEASE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's that time of year again where we get to spread the Gospel and share the Love of God through Operation Christmas Child.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES WILL BE READY FOR PICKUP THIS SUNDAY!!!

Grab a box on your way out and return it to Church before **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**. if you don't have time to shop, but want to help, you can have Samaritan's Purse fill your box for you. Scan the QR Code to sign up to get your box done online for only \$30.



For those of you who don't know, Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we get to be a part of that!!! The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Over 27 million lives have turned to Jesus through this operation since 1993.

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 LOVE

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: BUILDING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Grace Family,

A Special Sunday – October 25th

Building on the Word of God

As our building project moves toward its physical foundation, we want to take time as a congregation to celebrate the spiritual foundation of our church.

You can create your stone individually, or you can make one together as a family.

We encourage you to be creative! You might write a favorite Bible verse, a Scripture reference, a prayer, a word of encouragement, a name, or a simple reminder of what God means to you and your family. These stones can become a personal expression of your faith and your desire to see Grace Methodist Church built upon the Word of God.

If you take your stone home, please remember to bring it back on Sunday, October 25th.

But there is something very special about what will happen to these stones.

After we collect them, we will deliver the stones to our Construction Team, and they will be placed in the foundation of our new church facility as the concrete slab is poured.

Think about the significance of that!

The words, prayers, Scriptures, and expressions of faith that you place on these stones will become a part of the foundation of our new church home. Long after the concrete has been poured and the building is complete, these stones will remain there as a reminder of the faith, prayers, and commitment of the people who helped build Grace Methodist Church.

On October 25th, we will celebrate this important milestone together and remember that we are building on more than concrete—we are building on the Word of God.

What a beautiful picture it will be: the physical foundation of our new church facility being built at the same time we are celebrating the spiritual foundation of our church.

For more than 3½ years, we have prayed, planned, waited, dreamed, worked, and trusted God. Now we are watching that vision become a reality.

We are building more than a building.

We are building a place where people will worship, families will grow in faith, children and students will learn about God's love, disciples will be made, and our community will be served and reached with the Gospel.

And we want everything we do to be built upon the solid foundation of God's Word. So, as you decorate your stone, take a moment to pray. Pray for our church. Pray for our future. Pray for the people who will one day walk through the doors of our new facility. And pray that everything that happens at Grace Methodist Church will honor and glorify God.

The foundation is coming.
The stones are being prepared.
The building is taking shape.

And God is continuing to lead us every step of the way.

Please continue to pray for our Construction Team, Morgan Anderson and his crew, our contractors, architects, engineers, church leadership, and everyone involved in this project. And especially pray for the weather as we prepare for the foundation work and the exciting days ahead. We have come a long way—but there is still so much more to come!

Let's celebrate what God has done, trust Him for what lies ahead, and continue building our church on the one foundation that will never fail—Jesus Christ and His Word.

To God be the glory!

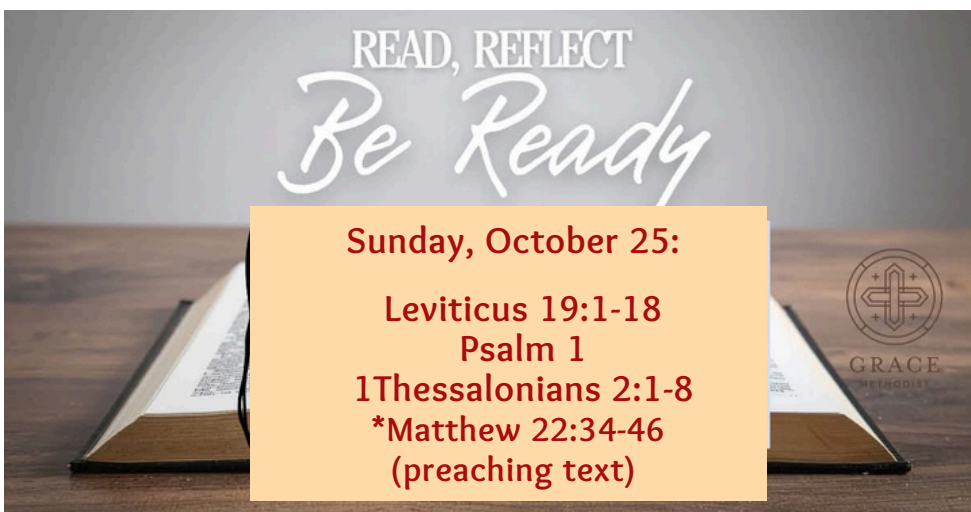


READ, REFLECT AND BE READY

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



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.

THANK YOU FROM OUR PASTORS

Grace family,

Thank you for your overwhelming kindness, generous gifts, and the thoughtful cards during Pastor Appreciation. Your love and constant support mean more to us than words can say. It is a true privilege to serve with you, and we are deeply grateful to walk this journey of faith alongside each of you.

*Paul writes in Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God every time I remember you."
Truly, we thank God for you.*

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."
(Num. 6:24-26)*

*Grace and Peace,
Ed Lantz
Jason Dietze*

CALLING ALL CHURCH

**NO CHOIR PRACTICE ON 10/28
SEE YOU AT TRUNK OR TREAT!**

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.

Every Wednesday 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*

MINUTES FROM THE SIMPLIFIED BOARD MEETING

Grace Methodist Simplified Board Minutes
October 20 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, Matt Coker

Trustees: Joel Dougan, David Watson, Lynn Emmert

SPRC: Andrew Yoder

Absent:

Trustees: Ryan McKenzie, Michael Franklin, Finance: Jason Thompson, SPRC: Mandy Kennedy,
Board Secretary: Hope Walker

Ex Officio Members present (w/out vote):

Pastor: Ed Lantz and Executive Minister: Jason Dietze

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM
- Devotional by Ed Lantz and Opening Prayer by Randy Dunn

Approval of Minutes (Sept 15 th , 2026 Board Meeting)

- Motion by Matt Coker to approve: Sept. 15 th , 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- Seconded by James Wilson, Motion Carried.

Lay Leader's Report

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

Ministry Updates:

- Operation Christmas Child about to start collecting this Sunday.
- Be the Service event coming up and need volunteers
- 400+ cards sent out from Graceful Greetings
- Sew Much Grace helping a group outside the country to make certain reusable feminine products
- Heart of Hope banquet a success
- Diaper party for Mara and baby was wonderful
- Emergency buckets put together for Texas on Mission
- Donated 8 full boxes of canned foods to Food Pantry
- Signed up to provide a meal for teachers at one of the new elementary campuses in May.

Finance Report

Financial statements/Assets presented by Matt Coker

- Financial overview from September.
- Putting back almost \$38,000 for the month
- So blessed

Motion by Joel Dougan to approve September Financials, Seconded by Andrew Yoder, Motion carried

Trustees Update

Building Update provided by David Watson

- Project going great. Morgan Anderson's team doing a great job on dirt work and getting pad made. Morgan has been such an asset for little things that having a church member do is such a blessing.
- He is close to finishing the pad work
- Utilities will be run in next couple of days with foundations poured first part of November.
- You can find images on church website with time-lapse
- Looking for help with cutting down a couple of trees on Elizabeth Lane
- Rock ceremony Sunday, 25 th to be placed in under the foundation.
- Land Developer Specific Update: No new information to report after last meeting. He has yet to respond to the new contract proposal to extend his rights to the property.
- No motions needed

SPRC

SPRC Update presented by Anderw Yoder and Ed Lantz on behalf of SPRC members

- Whitney is doing great job leading worship
- Choir leader volunteer (Jame Hargus) in place and doing well.

New Business

- No new business

Pastor's Report

Pastor's Report presented by Ed Lantz

- Thanks for pastor appreciation gifts
- Several funerals and benevolence work done of late
- Membership Class has gone well in October
- Nov. 1 st is All Saints Sunday... we'll remember all our members who have passed since last year's All Saints Sunday
- Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Dec. 13 th
- Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm at MO
- Update on GMC Conference
- Charge Conference will be held in Leonard on Saturday, Jan. 23 rd at 10:00 am

- Charge Conference forms are due to conference on January 15 th .
- Meaning we need have important Dec. Simplified Board meeting on Dec. 15 th with presentation of budgets, salaries, etc..

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

- Prayer led by Ed Lantz
- Meeting adjourned at: 6:08 PM

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE WALKER FAMILY



Help us welcome baby Rowan and show love to Jed and Hope Walker by joining the Meal Train.

If you would like to provide a meal or a gift card, sign up by scanning the QR code or go to <https://mealtrain.com/6mv1kz>

If you have any questions or need any help, contact Megan Burns at 903-243-0391



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1



Please join us in Worship on Sunday, November 1, as we honor the memory of our beloved members who have passed away and now rest with the Lord.

It is a time for us to celebrate their lives and remember other saints, family and friends who have also joined the Church Triumphant.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Given in loving memory of Mary Petty by Walter Grider & Mary Ann Nichols

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

October 25 - Lou Jane Brandenburgh, Lynn Emmert and Dean Johnston

October 26 - Randy Dunn

October 31 - Ene Ashcroft and Penny West

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.

GET READY FOR WORSHIP



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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.

Visit Our Website



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!

OCTOBER 27, 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!!!

AT THE BOOK NOOK ON MAIN AT 11:00AM

For more information or questions, contact

SHARON FELDT AT 832-687-6617

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 25 - GRACE METHODIST MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Murray Orvosky - 8:45

OCTOBER 27 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 10:00am

OCTOBER 28 - TRUNK OR TREAT - Grocery Supply Parking Lot - 6:00 - 7:30

NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4 - GRACE CHOIR PRACTICE - Shooks Chapel - 6:00pm

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

DECEMBER 13 - GRACE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONTATA

DECEMBER 13 - FAMILY GINGERBREAD NIGHT - SHOOKS CHAPEL

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

October 4 - 154
October 11 - 160
October 18 - 149

GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS



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Grace on Wednesdays

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

GRACE CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES

Every Wednesday

GRACE PARENT/YOUNG
ADULT CLASS

Meets EVERY Wednesday

At the home of Pastor Jim Dietze

400 Briarwood Place

Contact Jason Dietze
for more info
903-439-5764

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ACTIVITIES ON 10/28
SEE YOU AT TRUNK OR TREAT!**

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.

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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."