GRACE METHODIST
SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

COME AND SEE

October 29, 2026

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1

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.

Over the last 3 years, Grace has generously donated almost 300 boxes to help spread the Good News of Jesus through Operation Christmas Child. This year with the online option, it's even easier. Please consider how you can help.

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 REPENT AND RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE.

"Come now, let us reason[a] together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Isaiah 1:18

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: BUILDING ON FAITH, MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Grace Family,

What a special and memorable Sunday we shared on October 25! As our church construction project continues to move forward, we had the opportunity to celebrate a milestone that was about much more than concrete and construction. It was a beautiful reminder of the faith, prayers, and people that make Grace Methodist Church what it is today.

A Foundation Built on Faith

On October 25, our children and congregation gathered to place the decorated foundation stones on the altar. Each stone represented a personal expression of faith, a prayer, a Scripture, or a message of hope for the future of our church. It was a meaningful moment as we reflected on the spiritual foundation upon which Grace Methodist Church is built—Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

The following morning, those stones were delivered to our builder and placed within the foundation support beams of our new facility. What a wonderful thought that these expressions of faith from our church family will become a permanent part of our new church home! Long after the construction is complete, those stones will remain as a reminder of the prayers, love, and commitment that helped bring this vision to life.

Construction Progress: Another Major Milestone!

We are excited to report that the concrete trucks arrived, and the foundation support beams have now been filled with concrete. It is exciting to see the physical foundation of our new facility taking shape!

Meanwhile, utility construction continues as the contractor installs the water and sewer lines that will serve our building. Each of these important steps brings us closer to seeing the structure of our new church home rise from the ground.

What's Coming Next?

Our next major milestone is the pouring of the concrete slab, currently scheduled for early November. Following that, the steel structure is expected to be delivered to the site in mid-November.

Just imagine what the coming weeks will bring! After years of prayer, planning, preparation, and anticipation, we are approaching the point when the steel framework will begin to rise and the building we have envisioned for so long will become visible right before our eyes.

The progress we are seeing is exciting, but the purpose behind it is even more important. We are not simply constructing a building. We are preparing a place where people will worship, children and students will grow in faith, families will find community, disciples will be made, and lives will be changed through the love of Jesus Christ.

As we watch the physical foundation take shape, let us remember the spiritual foundation that will sustain our church for generations to come.

Thank you, Grace Family, for your continued prayers, generosity, patience, and enthusiasm throughout this journey. We are grateful for everyone who has contributed time, talent, resources, and encouragement to make this vision a reality.

Please continue to pray for our Construction Team, contractors, engineers, church leadership, and everyone working on this project. Pray for favorable weather, continued progress, and God's guidance in every decision and every step ahead.

The stones have been placed. The foundation beams are filled. The utilities are going in. And soon, the steel will begin to rise!

God has been faithful through every season of this journey, and we look forward with great excitement to what He has in store for Grace Methodist Church.

We are moving forward, building on faith, and preparing for a wonderful new chapter in the life of our church!

To God be the glory!

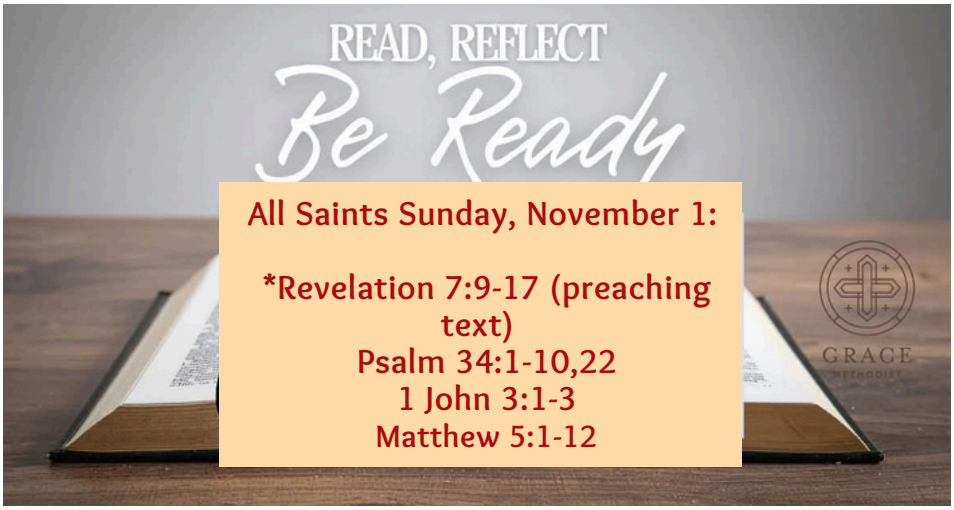
READ, REFLECT AND BE READY

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



GRACE LADIES LUNCH

OUR NURSERY IS EXPANDING

What a blesssing to announce that our nursery is doubling!!! Starting Sunday, November 1, we will have one room for the babies and one room for the 2 and 3 year olds.

We thank God for the babies and the families who are part of Grace and we know as God grows us he will equip us.

Two nurseries means double the volunteers needed. Would you prayerfully consider taking a Sunday to snuggle, cuddle, nurture, comfort, plan and love on our nursery kids? It is a blessing for sure and of course, the more volunteers we have, the fewer Sundays each one will have to work.

Contact Mara at 972-974-3406 to let her know that you would love to help.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

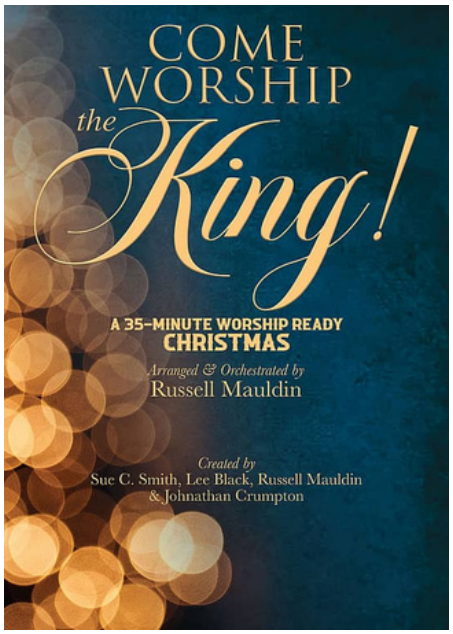
Given in loving memory of G.V. Hughes by Susanne Lindley Family

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

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

COME WORSHIP THE KING - CHRISTMAS CANTATA



You definitely want to be in worship on Sunday, December 13 when our Grace Choir presents our Christmas Cantata; "Come Worship the King".

This cantata is filled with your favorite carols, along with top Christmas songs, "Mary Did You Know?" by Mark Lowry, "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle and "Behold" by Phil Wickham.

It will be a joyous, meaningful presentation that will help prepare us for the celebration of the birh of our King. Come Join us and invite your friends for this Inspiring musical message.

Special thanks to Jame Hargus of the WCA Community Choir for graciously volunteering to help lead, prepare and direct our Grace choir for this very special program.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 21 to be blessed and be a blessing by helping at

BE THE SERVICE.

This is a great time where our entire community joins together to help those who need a little help!!!

I promise you will be glad you came!!!

4 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
Matthew 25:34-35

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3 - SEW MUCH GRACE - Shooks Chapel 10:00am

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

NOVEMBER 16 - GRACEFUL GREETINGS at the Book Nook on Main - 11:00.

NOVEMBER 21 - BE THE SERVICE - SSHS Parking Lot - 10:00 - 1:00

DECEMBER 13 - GRACE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONTATA

DECEMBER 13 - FAMILY GINGERBREAD NIGHT - SHOOKS CHAPEL

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 5:00pm

GET READY FOR WORSHIP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE

November 3 - Paul Dinkel

November 5 - Kristy Johnson

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!

NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 3, 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 MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16
AT THE BOOK NOOK ON MAIN AT 11:00AM

For more information or questions, contact

SHARON FELDT AT 832-687-6617

GRACE ON WEDNESDAYS

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

October 11 - 160
October 18 - 149
October 25 - 184

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."