

# THE GRACEVINE

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## Which Comes First?

Luke 5:1-11

As many of you are aware, we have begun a study on Wednesday nights of Adam Hamilton's book, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*.

In the first chapter of the book, Hamilton describes Peter's call from fishing on the lake to "fishing for people," as Jesus called it.

Many of you recall the story of how Jesus had instructed Peter to cast his net one more time, following a hard night of fruitless effort; and how, to Peter's amazement, he caught an unimaginable quantity of fish.

I would like to point out to you that Jesus did not first train Peter to do evangelism, and then call him to the work. Jesus first called Peter (along with James and John) to become a "fisher of men," then, after these fishermen had dropped their nets and left everything behind, Jesus went on to train them for the work for which he had called them on that day by the lake.

This is an important point for any of you who read my column last month, in which I urged you to consider the unique ways in which God may be calling you into mission. It is counter-intuitive, but true, that God often has called, and continues to call people into service of one kind or another before they are equipped or trained to perform that service for him.

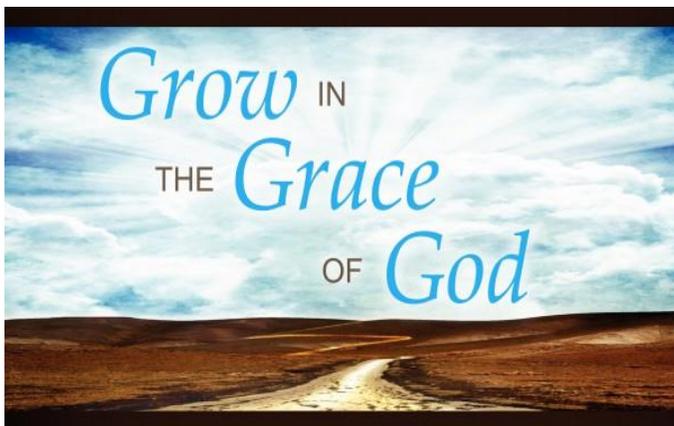
It seems that God chooses people on the basis of his own criteria, which may not be obvious to them or other people, and then proceeds to prepare them for the work which he has in mind for them. This method can make some of God's choices seem strange to us, and it may even discourage many people from answering God's call.

I am suggesting that any of us may miss God's call merely because we don't feel qualified to do so, when, in fact, God has chosen us for other reasons, and has his own plans for preparing us to do the work.

Worse yet, we may inadvertently discourage someone else, including our own children or grandchildren, from answering a call to service from God because we don't believe they are qualified or suited to that service.

Remember that day on which Jesus called three successful fishermen away from their trade because he had other plans for them. How foolish they must have looked to their peers, but what a success they became in the new direction Jesus had chosen for them!

--Rev. Pat



## Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:45p.m. - Wonderful Wednesday

### Church Office Hours

M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY: Room 4

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

VINEYARD: Lenten Study titled  
“Qualities of Discipleship”

*A Nursery is available every Sunday during  
Sunday School and Worship in Room 4.*



COMMUNION - will be on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. If anyone who is home bound would like to receive communion, please let us know in the church office so that we can get communion to you.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

### Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship Service: **10:30 a.m.**  
At Grace Presbyterian Church

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship Service: **5:30 p.m.**  
At Grace Presbyterian Church

### Good Friday, April 19

Worship Service: **5:30 p.m.**  
At First Presbyterian Church

### Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship Service, **10:30 a.m.**  
At Grace Presbyterian Church

**One Great Hour of Sharing special Easter offering: Hunger program and disaster relief and self-development of people**



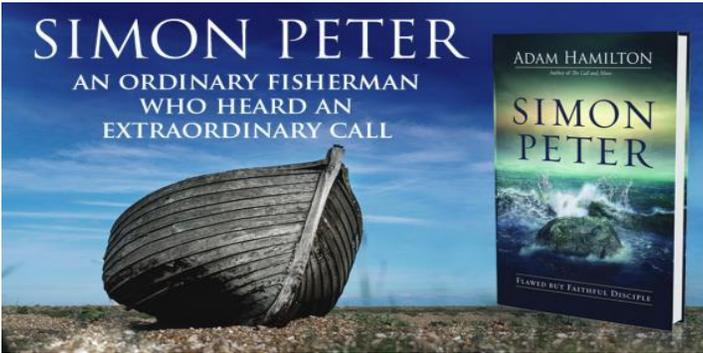
sharing resources. changing lives.

On Easter morning, April 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The Presbyterian Church invites you to follow God’s call and take action to help those who are hungry, thirsty, without shelter or a safe place to call home. From people living in your community to those around the world, your gifts have a global reach, providing food and water, relief from the effects of crises and catastrophic events, and assistance for those stricken by oppression. This is a great cause to donate to. **Make checks payable to GRACE.**  
[www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)



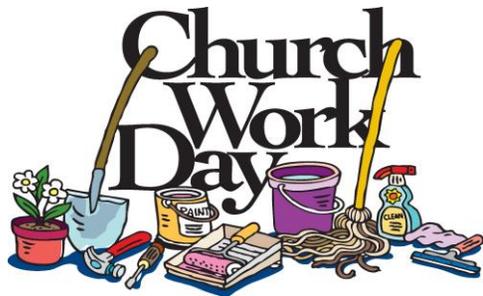
**Easter Lilies** will be available for purchase in memory/honor of a loved one on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> after worship** – a table will be available in the narthex or you can call the Church Office to place your order. Cost for Lilies is \$15.00. If you will not be at worship on April 7<sup>th</sup> and would like to purchase a lily, please call Sarah in the Church Office **NO LATER** than Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Easter is on April 21<sup>st</sup> this year!

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We invite everyone to join us on **Wednesday evenings** for four more weeks. We are studying Adam Hamilton's new book, *Simon Peter* during the season of Lent.

Our study is on **Wednesday Nights** at **4:45p.m.** until May 1<sup>st</sup>. We view the videos on the big TV and have our discussion in the library, then adjourn to the fellowship hall for supper. There will be **NO** Wonderful Wednesday on April 17<sup>th</sup> due to Holy Week. Please consider joining us for a great small group study.



We will have a Church Work Day on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm**. Light lunch will be provided for all our workers. Even if you cannot stay the entire time, we would love for you to join us while you can. There will be a job for everyone! Bring your favorite tools and consider helping out your property committee in getting our property ready for Spring. Please contact Terry Wolford at 233-8071 with any questions.

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The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable canned goods and paper products on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Our next collection will be on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider donating to this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.

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After worship on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will go out to lunch as a group at **El Potrillo**. (1934 Moss Street, Lafayette) Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship! Contact **Ellyn Machperson** if you plan to attend so she can make reservations.

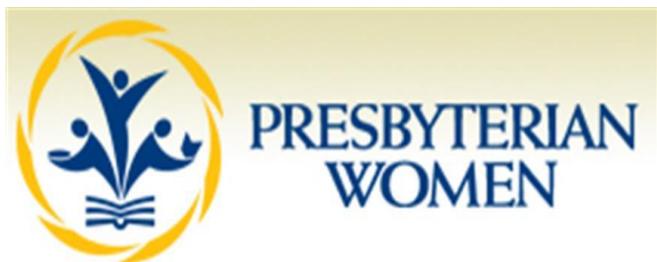
# Committee Meetings

**SESSION MEETING** – will be on **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** at **6pm** in the Session Room. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.

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Our Church Website, [www.gracelafayette.org](http://www.gracelafayette.org) has a new look. If you have any current photos from Grace events, worship, etc., please email them to [gracpreb@lusfiber.net](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net) or text them to 337-652-5024. Sarah is our new webmaster for Grace. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions for our church website, please let Sarah know.



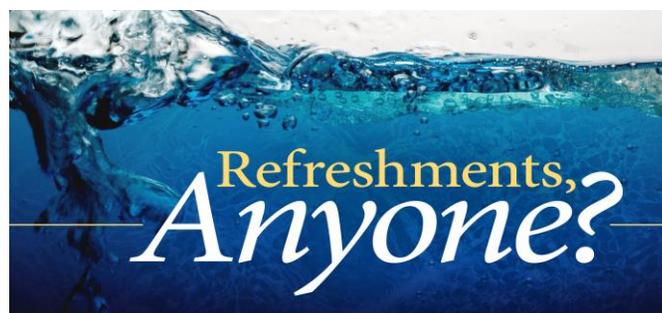
The **2018—2019 PW/Horizons Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You***

**Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting** – will be on **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at **2:00 p.m.** in the Church Library.

**PW Home Circle** – will be on **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 a.m.** at the home of Mary Lou Montgomery (106 Whisper Wood Lane, Lafayette). All women of Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study.

**PW Day Circle** – **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Church Library. All women of Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study.

**PW Spring Gathering** – will be on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge. This gathering is to install all of new officers, for birthday offering promotion, and for worship & fellowship. They will be having an offering for restoration in Puerto Rico along with collecting personalized pillowcases. Contact Margaret Boone for more information.



We would like to continue having After Church Refreshments on Sunday Mornings, however no one is signing up for this duty. Members have been contributing cookies which are available in the kitchen cabinet. We need members to sign up to put the cookies, lemonade and water out after church and clean up afterward. You can bring something to add to the cookies if you choose to. If we cannot get members to volunteer for each Sunday, we will need to discontinue having refreshments after church. This is a good time to greet visitors who might become future members. **Please consider signing up to help on Sunday Mornings. Signup sheets are located outside the church office or you can call/email the office to volunteer.**



## The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering

Grace's Presbyterian Women will celebrate their Birthday on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. They will serve refreshments after worship on this day.

The 4 birthday offering recipients this year will be:

---**Disaster Response Team of Charlotte**

They plan to expand their ministry to support people affected by human-made or natural disasters. PW's grant will help provide a warehouse for supplies, parking lot and security fencing. In a child's early years' inclusive play environments set the tone for successful future relationships.

---**Effingham Child Development Center**

It will serve children and families of differing abilities and will pave the way for all kids to learn and play together. The Birthday Offering will improve the center's playground by helping to provide a protective play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.

---**Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc.**

Provides care for people who are sick, poor, lonely or vulnerable due to infirmities of age and poor health. It will also improve the quality of life and safety for nursing center residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. PW's grant will help provide new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.

---**Wings of Refuge**

Will provide a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking. Without safety and shelter, there is little healing. PW's Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living.

**There will be a basket in the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for those who wish to donate to the Birthday Offering. Please make checks payable to Grace PW Women.**

### UPCOMING EVENT

The Grace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Committee will host a fish fry on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** More information will be on our emails and bulletins as the event gets closer.



### MASH (Mature and Young at Heart)

This group met on March 19<sup>th</sup> to organize the group and plan future events. Everyone 50+ is invited to join our group!

**BOAT TOUR** - we will take a 2-hour boat tour on Lake Martin on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please contact Betty Couch at 337-984-0418 or Pam Fontenot at 337-706-7031 if interested. The cost of the boat trip will be \$20.00 per person. We will meet at Grace at **9am**. There will be a signup poster at Grace also.

**BIRTHDAYS** - MASH will be providing a birthday cake after worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month to celebrate members' birthdays. If we do not have your birthday on our church calendar, please email it to [gracpreb@lusfiber.net](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net) or call Sarah in the office at 337-984-6400. We would love to include everyone on our list.



**Our 2019 phone directories are printed and ready for pickup.** If you have not received a copy yet, there are still some available outside the church office. If you are not able to pick one up, please let us know in the church office so we can get you one. A lot of information has changed since our last directory, so make sure to get our updated directory for 2019.

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**EASTER EVENTS** – MDO will have their Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Parties on **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**SPRING BREAK** – MDO will be closed **April 16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>** for Spring Break. MDO wishes everyone a blessed Easter!

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA** – will be on **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at **9:15am**. This is always a well-attended event. Each child's mother gets to enjoy breakfast with their child while receiving many projects their child has made for Mother's Day.

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The Presbyterian Women will host a bake sale after worship on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. The proceeds from this sweet sale will help to offset the cost of the youth going to Camp Agape & Synod Youth Workshop this summer. Please consider purchasing sweets and helping out our youth of Grace.

***The below letter was presented to Bob Hess during worship on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> for all he does for Grace Church.***

Today, we are celebrating the ministry of a person whose work is vital to the Grace Church family.

What has Bob Hess done for Grace Church? Well, let's list some of them because we don't have time to list all of them.

Need a cup of coffee before or after church? Well, Bob probably prepared it since he is one of the first persons here on Sunday morning.

Notice what's on the screen during worship services? The Bible passages, order of worship, etc.? Bob's job.

Amplification of worship services? Bob does that, too.

Sings in the choir? Well, you know the answer. Solver of church computer difficulties. If we had to hire someone to do this, it would really cost us. Bob also works on the computer in the evening after a full day's work.

Served diligently as an elder on the Session and Nominating Committees.

And? There may be other work that we just don't remember or just don't know about.

True to his understated Yankee heritage and upbringing, Bob is not one to blow his own horn, so the Session decided we needed to do this for him.

Bob, Grace church has been richly blessed by your diligence, care, and hard work over a span of many years. We thank you for your loyal service to our church. As a token of our gratitude and appreciation, we have a small gift for you.

With our love and gratitude,

*Session of Grace Presbyterian Church on behalf of the congregation*

*Lynne Castle, Clerk of Session*



# Synod Youth Workshop

**When: July 8-13, 2019 (Monday-Saturday)**

**Where: University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK**

**Who: Youth going to 9<sup>th</sup> grade to Graduated Seniors**

**Website: [synodyouthworkshop.com](http://synodyouthworkshop.com)**

**Early Registration began on February 1, 2019.**

**Cost: \$395 for youth and adults with a Home Group  
\$495 for individual youth without a Home Group**

***\*\*\*Registration forms are available in the Church office.***

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## CAMP + AGAPE

**When: June 9-15, 2019 (Sunday-Saturday)**

**Where: Feliciana Retreat Center**

**Who: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

- **Explorer Camp** – those who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Pathfinder Camp** – those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Adventure Camp** – those who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Senior Intern Program** – those who have completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
(these campers assist the counselor's while still enjoying everything Camp Agape has to offer)

**Intro Camp – will be March 29-31. This camp is for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.**

***\*\*\*Registration forms are available in the Church office.***

***\*\*\*Fundraisers to be held to help with the cost of camp. Contact the Church Office for more information.***

**\*\*\*The Presbyterian Women will hold a sweet sale on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to help with the cost of camp!**

**\*\*\*Let Sarah know in the Church Office if you have plans to go to either camp so we can make sure to get you registered and paid!**

# Communion

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Pastor's Office Hours

Rev. Pat will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3:30pm and Wednesday from 1pm – 7pm. He can be reached at 337-781-1806 or [wadpl@lusfiber.net](mailto:wadpl@lusfiber.net).

### Liturgists

7 Ellyn Macpherson  
14 Danny Jones  
21 Paul Guillot  
28 Margaret Boone

### Greeters

7  
14  
21 Betty Adams  
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### Refreshment Hosts

7 Donna Wadsworth  
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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Lynne Castle  
12 Connie Elmore  
18 Pat Cotini  
19 Jean McLain

# APRIL



9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	6:30pm – Ala-non	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 9am – UL Writing Class 6pm – Co-Dependence	9am-2pm MDO 5-6:45pm – AA 7-8pm – Ala-non	1:30pm – Ala-non	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Junior League of Lafayette (overnight event) 5pm-7am	3 Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm	4	5	6
7 Communion  UCO Collection  Les Amis (El Potrillo)	8	9 PW Day Circle 10am	10 Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm	11	12	13 Church Work Day 9-1
14  PALM SUNDAY	15 PW Home Circle 10am  Session 6pm	16 PWCT Meeting 2pm	17 <u>NO</u> <u>Wonderful</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	18  Maundy Thursday 5:30pm Service (at Grace)	18  Good Friday 5:30pm (at First Pres)	20 Outside Group Event on Playground 10-12
21  Easter Sunday  10:30am (at Grace)	22	23 MASH Boat Tour (Lake Martin)	24 Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	1 Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm	2	3 Fish Fry 6:30pm	4

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