



THE GRACEVINE

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<https://tacklehunger.org>

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. **All food & monetary donations collected at Grace Presbyterian Church on Super Bowl Sunday (February 9th) will go directly to our Charity of Choice. We have chosen United Christian Outreach right here in Lafayette, LA.** Donating to UCO is a monthly mission at Grace Church, however, on Super Bowl Sunday we try to go above what we normally donate to them each month.

In 2021 to purchase a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl the cost was \$6 million dollars. (that was up from 2020 by over \$400K according to USA Today) Research has shown that Americans spend \$15.5 billion dollars on snacks for Super Bowl Sunday and that 810 million people around the world are hungry. **What if everyone who bought food at the grocery store gave \$1 to hunger relief?**

Join us on Sunday, February 9th as we collect non-perishables, paper products and monetary donations to help feed the less fortunate right here in Lafayette by giving to United Christian Outreach. Please bring items with you to worship on February 9th. There will also be soup pots set up as you enter for worship where you have the chance to place a monetary donation for which team you wish to win the Super Bowl this year. This year’s teams are *the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.*

Most needed items include: *Can Goods, Rice, Peanut Butter, Sugar/Flour, Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise, Boxed Dinners, Pasta/Spaghetti, Pasta Sides, Dry Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pop tarts, Juice, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Jelly/Jam, Grits/Oatmeal, Baby Formula/Baby Food, Baby Wipes/Baby Diapers, Paper Towels/Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent/Dish Detergent, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Soap/Deodorant*



Sunday Worship Schedule

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Refreshments

Church Office Hours

M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

M-Thur. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SESSION:

Class of 2025: Mary Conner, Jysele Jones

Class of 2026: Sandy Stewart

Class of 2027: Margaret Boone, Tim
Conner & Paul Guillot

Clerk of Session: Sandy Stewart

DEACONS:

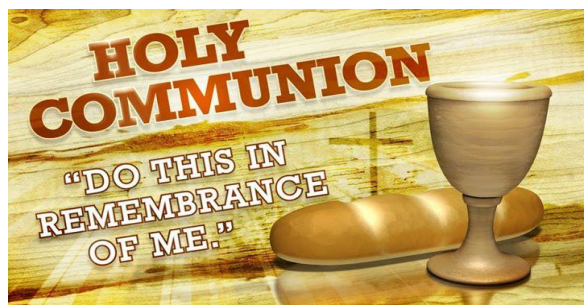
Class of 2025- Carolyn Armstrong, Donna
Causey & Terry Wolford

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Tim Conner (2025)

Margaret Boone (2026)

David Jones (2027)



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service **on Sunday, March 2nd**. As usual, we invite those who watch our worship service online to gather your communion elements ahead of time so you will be able to take communion with us.



Let Sarah know in the Church office if you would like to serve on a committee in 2025. We would love to have more members serve on committees this year. Thanks in advance!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Danny Jones

5 Wayne Elmore

13 Denny Gaspard



Church Directory 2025 Phone Directory

We are in the final stages of making our 2025 directory which includes Members, Non-Members & Regular Visitors. If you have any corrections to make from last year or were not included in our directory and would like to be, please contact Sarah in the Church Office by **February 10th**. She can be reached by phone at (337) 984-6400 or by email at gracpreb@lusfiber.net. A lot of changes have been made since last year's directory, so make sure to pick up a copy of our 2025 directory around mid to the end of February. **If you are homebound and would like a contact directory mailed to you, please let Sarah know so that she can get a copy to you!**

Committee Meetings

SESSION – Our next Session Meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m.** Please let Sandy Stewart know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

MDO BOARD – Our next MDO Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 18th at 2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you are on the MDO Board and cannot attend this meeting.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible Study on the 2nd or 3rd Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Their current Bible Study is titled *“Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts”* by Olive Mahabir.

PW WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING – will be on **Monday, February 24th at 10:30 a.m.** at **Grace Presbyterian Church**. All women that attend Grace Church are invited to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship. Even if you are not a member at Grace, we welcome you to join us for Bible Study.

After Bible Study, anyone who wishes will go out to lunch. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Margaret Boone at marboone@yahoo.com or at (337) 981-2475.



Sanctuary Flowers

If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, please let Sarah in the Church Office or Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. Sarah can be reached at 337-984-6400 or Margaret Boone can be reached at 337-981-2475. We would like to celebrate your special day with you!

BLUEBERRY BANANA BREAD

2 cups all purpose flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
1 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
½ cup vegetable oil
1 tsp vanilla
2/3 cup mashed bananas (about 2)
1 cup fresh blueberries
½ cup chopped nuts

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine flour, salt, baking soda and sugar. Mix well. In a separate bowl, combine egg, oil and vanilla and mix well. Add the dry ingredients and mix. Fold in bananas and blueberries and mix. Add nuts and mix. Pour into a greased loaf pan and cook for about 1 hour. Allow the bread to cool before slicing.

If you have a favorite recipe and would like to share it with the congregation, you can email a copy of the recipe to the church office at gracpreb@lusfiber.net.



Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please feel free to pick one up on Sunday.

You can also get the daily devotionals online. Below are several ways....

*Sign up at go.odb.org/devotional to have your devotional delivered to your email.

*Visit the website at odb.org

*Visit Our Daily Bread on Facebook at facebook.com/ourdailybread



Bette Grubb passed away on January 22nd at Garden View Assisted Living in Lafayette where she lived with her husband Bill. She was 89 years old. Graveside Services were held on Saturday, February 1st in Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Pat Wadsworth officiating the graveside service. Bill & Bette were long-time affiliated members of Grace Church, recently changing their status to become official members. Bette was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Women and enjoyed being involved. Bette will be missed by many at Grace Church. We extend sincere sympathy & prayers to Bill & Bette's other family members during this difficult time.



On the first Sunday of the month we have refreshments after church in our Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to join us after worship on **Sunday, March 2nd** for refreshments and fellowship time. If you would like to bring a snack for everyone to enjoy, please let the church office know, or you can drop your food items off in the church kitchen. Thank you in advance for everyone that continues to make this possible each month.



MARDI GRAS PARADE – MDO will have their annual Mardi Gras Parade on **Thursday, February 27th** at **1:30 p.m.** on the Grace Tennis Court. Everyone is invited to join us for this fun event that the children look forward to each year. The kids are currently working on making floats out of shoe boxes and they will be throwing Mardi Gras beads to everyone that attend the parade.

MARDI GRAS BREAK – the Grace MDO Program will be closed the week of Mardi Gras (**March 4th – 6th**) and will reopen on **Tuesday, March 11th**.

MDO REGISTRATION –MDO is currently accepting registrations for their upcoming Summer 2025 & Fall 2025-2026 semesters. Spots are filling up fast, so if you know of anyone interested, please have them e-mail mdoatgrace@gmail.com or call 337-984-6400 for more information.

MDO OPENINGS – we have openings for our current ongoing semester in our Toddler 1 & Toddler 2 classrooms. Please call (337) 984-6400 e-mail mdoatgrace@gmail.com for more information about our MDO program or to register your child/grandchild. This semester will end at the end on May 29th.

MDO PRE-K PROGRAM – The Grace MDO Program is excited to announce that starting in **June 2025**, our Pre-K Classroom will be reopening for the Summer 2025 Semester & the Fall 2025-2026 Semester. Our program did not have enough interest in the Pre-K class for our current semester, but we have now registered enough children to restart our Pre-K Program at Grace. This was very exciting news shared with our MDO Board Members last week!

Meet Our Staff

Nursery Classroom – Traci Guidry & Alyssa Hundley

Toddler 1 Classroom – Kim Menard & Michelle Packer

Toddler 2 Classroom – Evelyn Toups & Mekedda Ewing

Preschool Classroom – Stacey Bravos & Cheryl Simpson

HELLO February

9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am - Refreshments		9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 6:30pm – Al-anon		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Graveside Service for Bette Grubb 1:00 p.m. (Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery)</i>
2 <i>Communion</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Worship 10:30 a.m. & After Church Refreshments</i>						
9 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	10	11	12	13	14 	15
<i>Souper Bowl of Caring Collection</i>						
16 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	17	18 <i>Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.</i>	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Worship 10:30 a.m.</i>	24 <i>PW Women Circle Meeting 10:30 a.m. (at Grace Church)</i>	25	26	27 <i>MDO Mardi Gras Parade 1:30 p.m. (Grace Church Tennis Court)</i>	28	

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