

THE GRACEVINE

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Resolution of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

The Racial Reconciliation Task Force of the Presbytery of South Louisiana denounces the threats and hatred against Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) including Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

There has been a rising increase of bomb threats against HBCUs this week motivated by hate and superiority.

We therefore call upon people of faith to speak out against violence and hatred of others.

We denounce and reject any form of racism, terrorism, hatred, violence, ethnic bias, and targeting of minority colleges.

HBCUs have fought for the same liberties as others to educate students who have chosen to pursue an education at their colleges and universities.

African American students and students of other cultures who attend HBCU's have a God given right to higher education.

Genesis 1:27 provides us with an equality clause that tells us that all people are created in the image God. Therefore, any attempt to destroy or eliminate HBCU's through hatred and racism goes against the design of a loving God.

Finally, John 13:34 provides us with the command to love one another as Christ loves us, which dispels all forms racism, terrorism, hatred, violence, ethnic bias, and superiority thinking.

Therefore, we ask that our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in denouncing and acting against all forms of hatred and racism.

Passed by the Presbytery of South Louisiana, February 15, 2022

Endorsed by the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

Proposed and Endorsed by the Racial Reconciliation Task Force of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

The Presbytery of South Louisiana is a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is a gathering of 48 congregations from across South Louisiana, seeking to be faithful to God's call to love all of our neighbors.



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

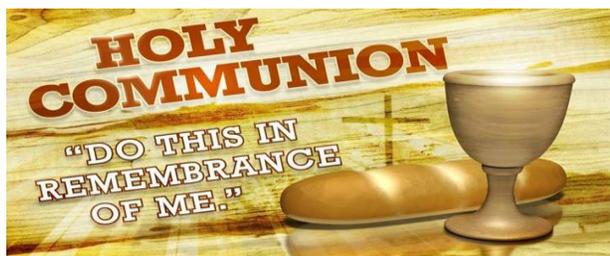
10:30 a.m. Worship

Church Office Hours

M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **Sunday, March 6th**. As usual, we invite those who watch our worship stream to gather your communion elements ahead of time so you can take communion with us.

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – will be on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6pm. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

The Vineyard Sunday School class is finished with their break. Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, March 6th** with a Lenten SS Series. Please join us at **9:30 a.m.** on Sunday Mornings.



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products on the 1st Sunday of each month. Our next collection will be on Sunday, March 6th. Special thank you to everyone who donated on Super Bowl Sunday. When the donations were delivered in February, Sarah was able to fill up 2 grocery carts full of food. UCO was very grateful of all the donations.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Bill Grubb
10 Donna Causey
15 Bob Hess
27 Betty Adams



Easter Lilies will be available for purchase in memory/honor of a loved one on **Sunday, March 20th, March 27th & April 3rd after worship** – a table will be available in the narthex or you can call the Church Office to place your order. Easter is on April 17th this year!



sharing resources. changing lives.

On Easter morning, April 17th, 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. **Please make checks payable to GRACE.**

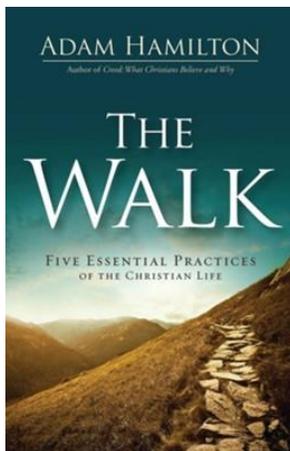
www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs

Grace Presbyterian Church will have a brief Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for the start of Lent.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession. Acknowledging that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, we repent and return to our loving creator. Acutely aware of our failure and frailty, we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace.

Ash Wednesday developed in the medieval period as a time when penitent sinners were presented for church discipline during the season of Lent, to be reconciled with the community of faith on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday also came to be the occasion for new believers to enroll in the catechumenate, a period of preparation for baptism at Easter. For those who undertake spiritual disciplines, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten fast.

Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow, and sacrifice. Traditionally, the ashes for this service are made from the palm branches of the previous year; thus the ashes and palms together frame the season of Lent.



We will begin a new study – *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton starting **Next Wednesday, March 9th**. We will meet for six weeks on Wednesday Night in the Grace Library. Anyone wanting us to order the book for them should let us know ASAP. The cost is \$8.99 before tax.

We began this study in 2020 but were interrupted by the pandemic. Last week the group decided they would like to start over and finish, as they already have their books, and we already have the DVD.

Please let Pat or Sarah know if you would like for us to order you a book.



If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, please add your name to the signup sheet located outside the Sanctuary or let Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. You can reach Margaret at (337) 981-2475. We would like to see more people bring chancel flowers in 2022.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



The Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible Study. The ladies meet in member's homes on the 2nd or 3rd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is not expected to host.

PW CIRCLE MEETING – next meeting will be on Monday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sandy Stewart. (111 Buffalo Run) 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.



Church Directory 2022 Directory

New Directories will be printed by the end of March. There was a slight delay and we are still waiting for a few things to be finalized before we will be able to complete and print the updated phone directories. Many members emails & phone numbers have changed since our 2021 directory. If you are in need of a members contact information, you can always call the church office at any time.

CRAWFISH ETOUFEE
In the MICROWAVE

½ cup butter, melted
1 cup onion, finely chopped*
½ cup green bell pepper, finely chopped
1 clove of garlic, minced
2 tbsp flour
2 heaping tbsp undiluted cream of celery soup
1# crawfish tails
1 tsp salt* ½ tsp pepper
Squeeze of lemon

In a 2-quart dish, melt butter and add onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cover and microwave on HIGH 13 to 15 minutes or until onions are very soft. Stir in flour. Add the celery soup, cover, and microwave on HIGH 4 minutes. Add crawfish tails, cover, and cook on High 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and squeeze a little lemon before serving. Serve with rice.

*The original recipe calls for 1 to 1.5 cups of onion and 1.5 tsp salt. You might prefer those quantities.

This recipe is from “Tout de Suite a la Microwave” by Jean Durkee. Jean and her family were members of Grace. I find the crawfish are more tender when cooked in the microwave. You can cook 3# of crawfish in a 5 qt. Corning Ware casserole dish.

---Margaret Boone



Don't forget to set your clocks forward
1-hour before you go to sleep on
Saturday, March 12th.



Dorothy Burleigh passed away at the age of 88 on Thursday, February 10th in Lafayette. A Memorial Service was held on February 18th at Grace Presbyterian Church with a reception immediately following. Dotty was a long-time member of Grace who previously served as a Deacon. Grace Presbyterian Church extends our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Dotty during this difficult time.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the memorial service & to the reception that followed.



LET'S START SOMETHING NEW IN THE GRACEVINE NEWSLETTER.....

We want to start featuring a baby picture each month in our church newsletter!

What do we need from you?? Email or drop off a baby (or childhood) photo of yourself to Sarah in the church office starting this week. Then, each month we will include one church members photo in our newsletter. You will be able to see if you guessed correctly when we reveal who the photo was of in the next month's newsletter.



Synod Youth Workshop

When: July 11-16, 2022 (Mon.-Sat.)
Where: University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK
**Who: Youth going to 9th grade to
Graduated Seniors**
Website: synodyouthworkshop.com

Early Registration is ongoing through
June 1, 2022.
All Registrations must be received by
June 30, 2022.

**Registration forms are available in the Church office.

If you cannot make it all the way to Tulsa for in-person Synod Youth Workshop, another option is Synod Youth Workshop Online. You will still register online, except you will join us virtually for small group and worship. More info can be found at.....

www.synodyouthworkshop.com.

CAMP + AGAPE

When: June 12-18, 2022 (Sun.-Sat.)
Where: Feliciana Retreat Center
Who: Completed 3rd – 12th grade

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

**Early Registration is ongoing through April 30, 2022.

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

****Please 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!**



MDO MARDI GRAS PARADE – The Grace Mother’s Day Out had their Annual Mardi Gras Parade on **Thursday, February 24th** at **1:45 p.m.** on the Grace Tennis Courts. The kids made floats out of shoe boxes and were able to carry them around while throwing beads to everyone that attended the parade.



Audrey Self



March

9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship		9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Office Closed</i> 	2  Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. UCO Collection	7	8	9 Wednesday Night Study 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 	14	15	16 Wednesday Night Study 6:00 p.m.	17 	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	21 <i>PW Circle Meeting</i> 10:00 a.m.	22 <i>Session Meeting</i> 6:00 p.m.	23 Wednesday Night Study 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26
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