

# THE GRACEVINE

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## Independence Day

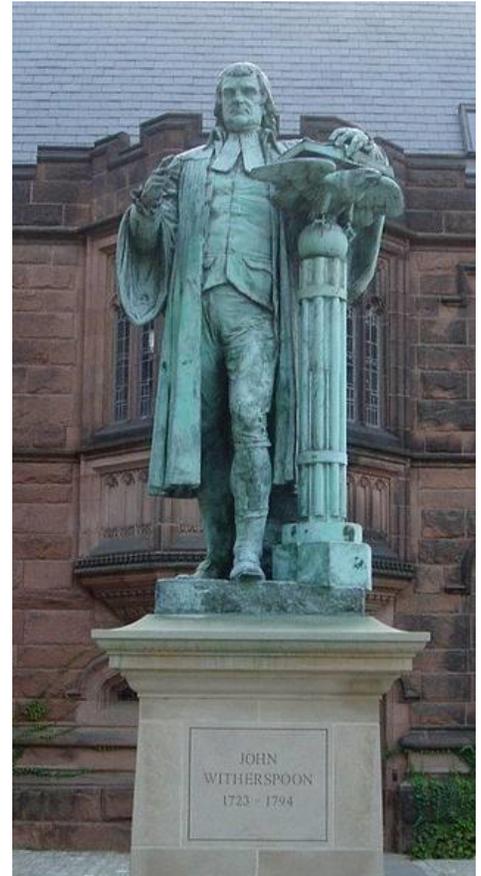
Independence Day can be tricky to navigate since, as Christians, our primary allegiance is to our Sovereign God first and foremost. As instructed by scripture (I Timothy 2:1-3), we pray for our leaders and are good citizens of our country insofar as its policies and practices cohere with the Reign of Christ. When nations abuse their God-given power, however, we are to call them to accountability to the Reign of God as preached by Christ. Many people died to ensure that we have the freedom to do this in our sanctuaries, too, and we do not want to minimize the sacrifices that have enabled our freedom, but the primary sacrifice we honor is that of Jesus Christ.

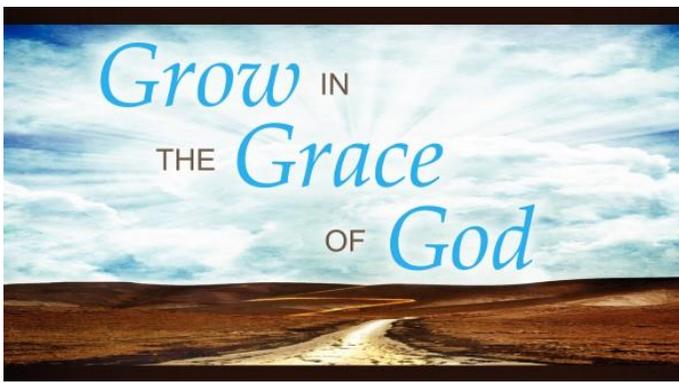
### Is it appropriate to have flags in worship?

As Presbyterians, we affirm the sovereignty of God above all earthly powers, profess our loyalty to God before all others, and confess the universality of Christ's church in the world. Symbols of national sovereignty and loyalty in worship can send mixed messages about these essential tenets of the faith. For this reason, many congregations avoid the use of flags in worship. Churches that choose to display national flags should be mindful of the ambiguities this may engender. If a national flag is used alongside a symbol of God's realm (such as the popularly accepted "Christian flag," found mostly in U.S. congregations), the Christian flag is appropriately given a preeminent place. However, the cross itself remains an eloquent and universal emblem of the Christian church throughout the world, and is certainly a sufficient sign of our faith.

Particularly in times of war or national tragedy, many understand flags and other patriotic symbols to be a sign of national solidarity and support for those serving in the armed forces. These symbols hold deep affection and convey important values — particularly in the appropriate context. However, when it comes to worship, there is no substitute for our prayers.

*John Witherspoon (1723 – 1794) was a clergyman in the Church of Scotland, who became president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1768. He also became a member of the Continental Congress from 1776-1782, and was the only clergyman and college president to sign of the Declaration of Independence.*





### Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

### Church Office Hours

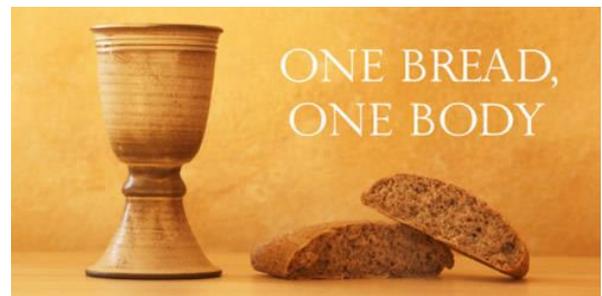
M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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



The Vineyard Sunday School Class is held on Sunday Mornings at 9:30am in the Chapel. They are currently studying a six session study from *The Thoughtful Christian*: "Six figures from the N.T." (Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary and Martha (counted as one figure), Pricilla, Lazarus, James the brother of Jesus, and Peter). The needed materials are available at no cost. Please consider joining us for Bible Study on Sunday Mornings before Worship. If you are fully vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask, however if you are not vaccinated, we do ask that you still wear a mask.



**COMMUNION** - will be celebrated during our 10:30am worship service on **Sunday, July 4th**. 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.



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, July 4th**. Thank you to the PW Women & everyone that continues to support this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church. Also thank you to our church secretary for delivering these items to UCO each month.

**ONLINE WORSHIP** – for those who are still not attending in-person worship or if you are homebound, we will continue to stream our worship service live on Facebook (*gracelafayette*) on Sunday's at 10:30am.



## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Dawson Jones
- 5 Pam Sanders
- 6 Dorothy Burleigh
- 6 Patrick Harrington
- 13 David Jones
- 14 Melissa Gonzalez
- 21 Patty Marx
- 22 Betty Tucker
- 24 Katharine Schendel

If we do not have your birthday on our list, please let us know and make sure all your family members are included. Birthdays can be emailed to [gracpreb@lusfiber.net](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net) or you can call the office at (337) 984-6400.

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## **Committee Meetings**

**SESSION** – our next session meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 27th** at **6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

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**NOTE ABOUT MASKS** – We are still adhering to masks for people who are not fully vaccinated (except when eating refreshments).



### **Brownie Mix for Visitors**

We are in need of donations of the supplies to make brownie mix for visitors at Grace Presbyterian Church. A box labeled "Brownie Supplies" is located in the fellowship hall for donations. These jars are handed out to visitors at our Worship Services. We currently need donations of **All-purpose flour, Cocoa, White sugar, and chocolate chips.**



Our Daily Bread  
Ministries™

Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the church office. Please feel free to pick up a copy on Sunday. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please let Sarah know in the office. The latest edition is for June, July & August.

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

- Sign up at **[go.odb.org/devotional](http://go.odb.org/devotional)** to have your devotional delivered by email
- On Facebook at **[facebook.com/ourdailybread](https://facebook.com/ourdailybread)**
- Visit the website at **[odb.org](http://odb.org)**
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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**The Presbyterian Women Bible Study will begin again in September.** They will meet in member's homes on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am. Everyone is not expected to host.

The new Bible Study is "*What my Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.*"

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



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. They collected \$325.

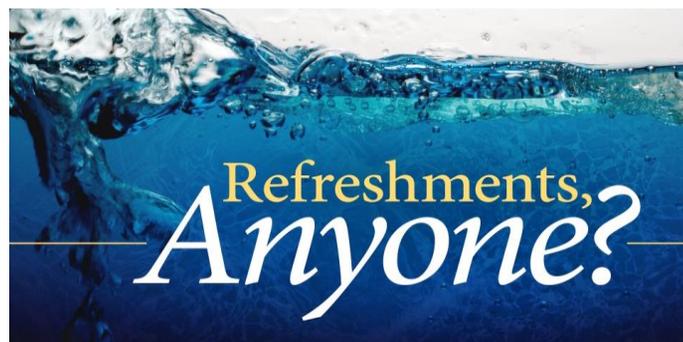


The Presbyterian Women hosted a bake sale after worship on **Sunday, May 23rd**. The sale raised \$315 for scholarships for the Grace youth that attended Camp Agape this year. Thanks to the congregation for your generous support in making this sale successful. Special thank you to all the Presbyterian Women for baking the desserts!



## Sanctuary Flowers

If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Morning, please let Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. You can reach Margaret at (337) 981-2475. Thank you to **Ellyn Macpherson, Sandy Stewart & Bob Hess** for putting flowers in June.



**AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS**  
On June 27th we started back our After Church Refreshments. We are in need of volunteers on Sunday Mornings ..... something simple .... like cookies and fruit. Coffee, water and lemonade are available at the church. There is a sheet located outside the church office to sign up to bring refreshments on Sunday Mornings. You can also contact Sarah in the office. [gracpreb@lusfiber.net](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net) or (337) 984-6400.

## HEAVENLY HASH CAKE

4 eggs  
2 cups sugar  
2 sticks of margarine or butter, melted

1 ½ cups self rising flour  
2 cups pecans  
4 Tbsp cocoa

Beat eggs well. Add the remainder of the ingredients and mix well. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes in a well greased 13X9 inch pan.

### Icing:

1 bag of small marshmallows  
1 box powdered sugar

8 Tbsp cream or milk  
4 Tbsp cocoa

Cover the cake with marshmallows as soon as it comes out of the oven. Mix the remainder of the ingredients and place on top the marshmallows.

This recipe came from **Phillis Davis** and was put in the first cookbook by **Wylla Zink**. Grace Presbyterian Church members who have been around a long time will remember both of those ladies.

We will be providing a recipe in our church newsletter each month from our Presbyterian Women Cookbook. Hope everyone enjoys!

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## MOTHER'S DAY OUT



### FALL SEMESTER OPENINGS

Our Fall MDO Semester begins on **Tuesday, August 10th**. There are still openings for Fall which runs from August 2021 through May 2022. If you know someone interested, please have them contact our Mother's Day out at [graceatmdo@gmail.com](mailto:graceatmdo@gmail.com) or 337-984-6400.

Grace Mother's Day Out has an opening for a teacher in our Nursery Class. If you know anyone interested in applying, please have them contact our MDO Director, Stacey at 337-298-7252. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

# **LAKE CHARLES RECOVERY REQUESTS:**

The recovery effort in southwest Louisiana is continuing. Some areas of Lake Charles still had much work to do, and then the May flooding hit. There is an urgent need for cleaning supplies, baby essentials, and gift cards (Walmart, Home Depot, Walgreens, CVS, etc) to assist people in the recovery effort.

If you or your church is willing to help gather these supplies, we are thankful for your support. (Mailing instructions are below.) For those east of the Mississippi the drop-off will be at First Presbyterian, Scotlandville. For those west of the Mississippi, the drop-off will be at St. Andrew, Lake Charles. If you can help, please contact Patrice Butler ([pabutler8@yahoo.com](mailto:pabutler8@yahoo.com)), Chip Chiphe ([chipchiphe@cox.net](mailto:chipchiphe@cox.net)), Nanette Cagney ([cagney13@yahoo.com](mailto:cagney13@yahoo.com)) or Debbie Serra ([dhserra@gmail.com](mailto:dhserra@gmail.com)) to arrange drop-offs.

The following supplies are needed:

## **Cleaning Supplies**

- Disinfectant wipes
- Dish detergent
- Fabuloso
- Clorox spray
- Sponges
- Comet
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Trash bags
- Pinesol
- Washing powder
- Ammonia
- Window & glass cleaner
- Spic & Span
- Cleaning Vinegar

## **Baby Supplies**

- Diapers
- Bottles
- Infant clothes
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**Gift cards can be sent directly to the church.** Additionally, the baby supplies can be purchased online and shipped directly to the church. The mailing address is:

St Andrew Presbyterian Church  
4020 Hodges Street  
Lake Charles, LA 7060

We appreciate the support of all the churches in the PSL as we continue our recovery efforts.

# CAMP + AGAPE

Living Waters

Out of the believer's heart  
will flow  
rivers of life giving water.  
John 7:38

This year we had 3 youth from Grace Church attend Camp Agape.....**Anna Montgomery, Lana Gaspard & Libby Gaspard** and we also had **Andrea Montgomery** serve as an adult leader. Camp was held July 13-19, 2021 at the Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood. Below are some pictures from camp of our attendees..... All had a great week at camp and everyone was glad to be back since camp was not held last year due to the pandemic.







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	2	3
<b>4 Communion</b> <i>UCO Collection</i> <i>Sunday School 9:30am</i> <i>Worship 10:30am</i> 	<b>5</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Sunday School 9:30am</i> <i>Worship 10:30am</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Synod Youth Workshop</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Synod Youth Workshop</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Synod Youth Workshop</i>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>Sunday School 9:30am</i> <i>Worship 10:30am</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Sunday School 9:30am</i> <i>Worship 10:30am</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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