

THE GRACEVINE

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CALL TO PRAYER IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE

God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion.

We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude, and hope:

that those who have been spared nature's fury
as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water
may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come.

We are thankful for the generous grace of days of preparation;

for the wise counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities,
that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way, and lessened the effects of wind and water on others.

We are grateful that dire predictions did not result in the worst-case scenario for all,

yet still served to support our best efforts at preparation and immediate relief.

At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom the Hurricane was not a near miss:

communities deeply affected, whose livelihood, homes and stability has been destroyed.

We pray in grief, remembering the lives that have been lost.

We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost loved ones, homes, or livelihood.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering;

wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts;
and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams,
as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs beginning to emerge in the wake of the storm.

In these days of relief, assessment, and response,

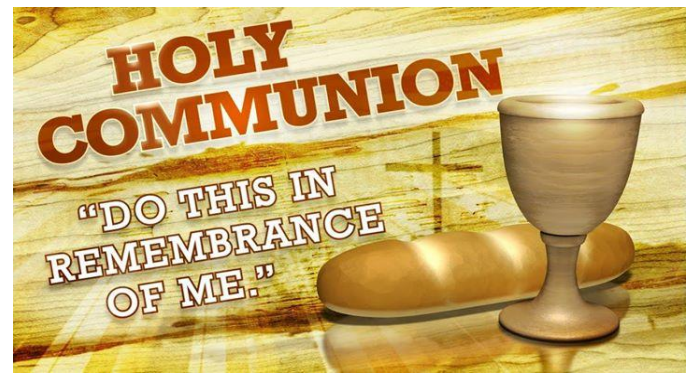
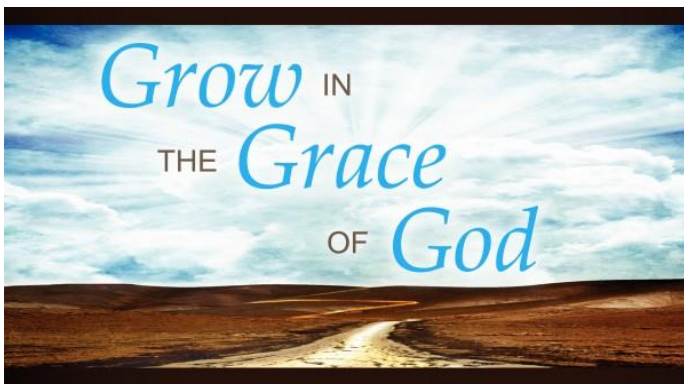
open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit,

who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God,

and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.

In the name of Christ the Healer we pray, Amen.

***Prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus, Pastor, Riviera Presbyterian Church, Miami, Florida; Member, National Response Team of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
This prayer was originally written in response to Hurricane Irene that struck August 30, 2011.***



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 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, September 5th**. 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.

COMMUNION - will be celebrated during our **10:30am** worship service on **Sunday, September 5th**. 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 Vineyard Sunday School Class is held on **Sunday Mornings at 9:30am** in the **Session Room**. They are currently studying a 7-session study on ***a Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA—1983)***. The needed materials are available at no cost. Please consider joining us for Bible Study on Sunday Mornings before Worship. Masks are required of everyone in attendance and please practice social distancing when inside Grace Presbyterian Church.

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.

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – the next session meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 14th at 6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.



If anyone would like to bring flowers to place at the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Morning, please sign up on the sheet located just outside of the sanctuary. You can also call Sarah in the church office or Margaret Boone to let us know which Sunday you would like. Thanks in advance!



Please update your address books to reflect the change in **Bob Hess'** email address. **Bob's new email address is robert.hess@lusfiber.net**. He is no longer using his work email for personal use.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Betty Couch
- 11 Randy Foreman
- 12 Clarice Burch
- 14 David Causey
- 18 Donna Wadsworth
- 18 Deano Babineaux
- 23 Paul Montgomery
- 24 Ron Kennedy
- 28 Mary Lou Montgomery
- 28 Elke Hitt

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 or you can call the office at (337) 984-6400.



Grace Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy and prayers to **Bette Grubb and Family** on the loss of Bette's son, **Steven Thompson** who passed away on August 16th. Steven was 64 years old and was born in North Carolina. A funeral service was held on August 18th. Bill & Bette Grubb were able to attend the funeral which was held in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Presbyterian Women Bible Study will begin again in October. 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.



FALL SEMESTER OPENINGS – There are still openings for our MDO Fall Program which began in August and runs until May. If you know someone looking for childcare, Grace MDO is open from 9am-2pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Ages are from 6-months old up to Pre-K. You can contact our MDO directors at mdoatgrace@gmail.com or (337) 993-1231. You can also call the church office for more information at (337) 984-6400.

DONUTS FOR DADS – Every year MDO has a special morning where the dads drop off their children to the MDO Program and are served donuts & coffee in their child's classroom. Due to the increase in COVID cases, they are having to change things up. On **Thursday, September 9th** there will be a "drive-thru" for donuts at Grace MDO. The MDO Teachers will be outside that morning on the breezeway for the children to be dropped off and the dads will be able to take a donut to go.



Grace Presbyterian Church has hired a new landscaping company to maintain the church property. **LeBlanc Brothers Lawn Service** began working at Grace Church on August 13th. Apart from their weekly duties of mowing, they plan to get the church property back in shape by the end of the year by trimming all the overgrown bushes, etc.



The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** in observance of Labor Day!

BARBECUED BEEF BRISKET

2 (3 lb.) briskets or 1 (5 lb.) brisket
2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper

1/2 tsp garlic powder
1/8 tsp paprika
1/4 cup liquid smoke

Rub ingredients into the brisket the night before cooking. Next day roast at 350 degrees, uncovered and without water for 1 hour (longer for a 5 lb. brisket). Pour off excess and pour sauce over meat. Continue roasting with lid on pan, basting occasionally, until fork tender (about an hour).

BARBEQUE SAUCE:

4 cups water
6 beef bouillon cubes
1/4 cup liquid smoke
1 cup catsup
1/4 cup yellow mustard

3 Tbsp brown sugar
2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp garlic powder
4 dashes of hot sauce

Bring ingredients to a rolling boil. When meat is done, slice thinly and place in shallow dish. Cover with sauce. If possible, refrigerate overnight and reheat. Freezes well. Serves about 12.

This is **Elsie Henderson's** recipe. She won first place in the Advertiser Cookbook contest in 1978. Elsie was a long-time member of Grace and a wonderful cook. This is an amazing recipe.

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




Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the church office. Please feel free to pick up a copy 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 by email
- On Facebook at **[facebook.com/ourdailybread](https://www.facebook.com/ourdailybread)**
- Visit the website at **odb.org**

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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	4
5 Communion Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am UCO Collection	6  Church Office Closed	7	8	9	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Grandparents Day	13	14 Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30 a.m.	20	21	22	23	24	25
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