

THE GRACEVINE

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Name Your Treasure—Find Your Heart

Several years ago a friend's house caught fire while she was at work, and before the fire could be put out—before she even found out there had been a fire—she lost everything she owned! All she had left were the clothes she was wearing—her work uniform. Many people quickly helped her to get “back on her feet” However, her tragedy reminded me of the winter when the water pipes in our attic burst, flooding our house with hot water.

We were not at home at the time, having driven to Illinois to visit our families over the holidays. My secretary called me in Illinois to say that my neighbor had just reported that water was coming out from under our front door! That kind of news is stunning, to say the least. We decided to head home to begin the cleanup process as soon as possible.

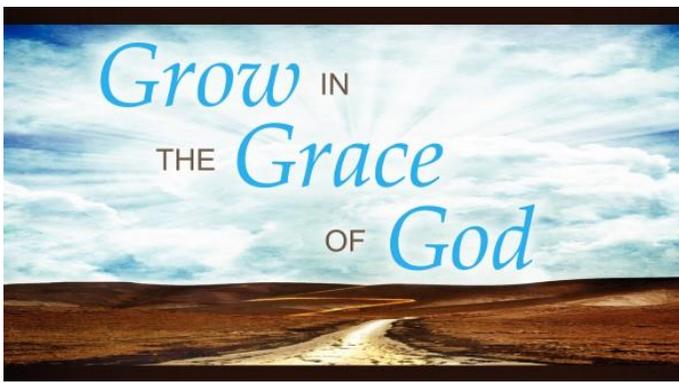
That had to be our “longest” trip home ever! As we drove back our minds were spinning with ideas about how we would handle the situation. We began to anticipate what we would find when we walked back into our house, which seemed so secure when we left. We also began a process of trying to remember what was on the floor in all the rooms that might have been damaged or destroyed by the water.

Imagining the worst, we began what turned out to be an interesting and revealing process of trying to decide which of our possessions were most valuable to us. What would we save, if we could? Of all that we owned, what was irreplaceable?

Rather than give our answers, I would like to turn the tables and ask you to ponder these same questions. If your own home were burned or flooded (God forbid!), what would you save first? How would you go about prioritizing your efforts to save your belongings? Would you first rescue your family heirlooms? Would you seek out your vital records (the ones you have always meant to put in a safe deposit box)?

Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21—NRSV) So the way in which we answer these questions tells us something important about ourselves. What do your answers tell you about where your heart is?

-Pat W.



Happy New Year!



With the changing of the year, we would like to thank our Elders and Deacons that have rotated off. Their ministry is so important and they are the spiritual leaders in your church. The Elders have had to address difficult issues and challenges each year.

Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Church Office Hours

M-Thu. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thanks to Elder: Ellyn Macpherson

Thanks to Deacons: Carolyn Armstrong & Gray Guillot

Thanks to Trustee: Tim Conner

New leaders elected on Sunday, December 22nd were:

Elders: David Jones & Paul Guillot

Deacons: Pam Fontenot, Mary Nolan & Sandra Stewart

Trustee: Wayne Elmore

Church “Ministry Teams” to consider serving on:

Spiritual Development Committee

Worship Committee

Mission/Outreach Committee

Fellowship Committee

Mother’s Day Out Board

Personnel Committee

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Property & Landscape Committee

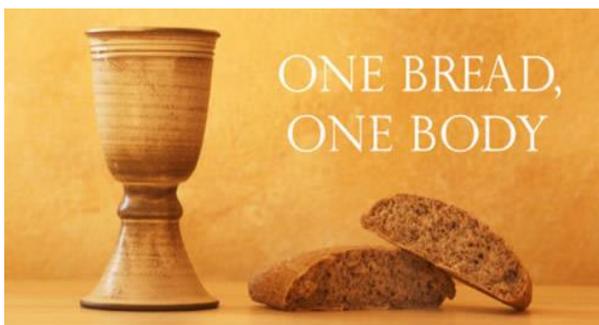
We call the above “ministry teams” because they help us fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY: Room 4

VINEYARD: currently studying “*Finding Your Place at the Manger*” from *The Thoughtful Christian Series*.

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



COMMUNION - will be on **Sunday, February 2nd**. If anyone is home bound and would like to receive communion, please let us know in the church office so that we can bring communion to you.

Let Sarah know in the Church office if you would like to serve on a committee in 2020. We would love to have more members serve on committees in 2020. Thanks in advance!



The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support **United Christian Outreach** by bringing non-perishable canned goods and paper products on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Our next collection will be on **Sunday, February 2nd**. Please consider donating to this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.

WONDERFUL *Wednesday*

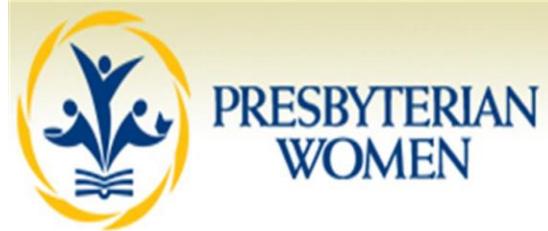
We have completed our study on “*JOHN, The Gospel of Light and Life*” by Adam Hamilton. We would love to hear your ideas & thoughts on the future of Wonderful Wednesday. What would you like to study next? New ideas for the group? Please send your ideas to Rev. Pat Wadsworth at wadp1@lusfiber.net. We are taking January 15th off and hoping to resume on January 22nd.



After worship on Sunday, January 12th, we will go out to lunch as a group at **Poor Boy's Riverside Inn**. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship! Contact **Margaret Boone** if you plan to attend so she can make reservations. (Margaret 337-981-2475)

**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

PRESENTAION on Sunday, January 19th has been CANCELED.



PW HOME CIRCLE – will meet on **Monday, January 13th** at **10am** at Mary Lou Montgomery's House. All women of Grace are invited to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship.

PW DAY CIRCLE – will meet for our Bible Study on **Tuesday, January 14th** at **10am**. All women of Grace are invited to join us for Bible Study & Fellowship.

PWCT – will meet at the beginning of February.



GREETERS NEEDED

We are looking for more volunteers to serve as Greeters on Sunday Mornings. Signup sheets are located outside the church office. Please stop by and sign up to be a greeter in 2020. On Sunday, you will need to get to church a little early so that you can hand out bulletins at the Sanctuary entrance and welcome members & visitors.



2020 Phone Directory

It is once again time for Phone Directory updates so that we can make our new 2020 directory which includes Grace Members, Non-Members & Regular Visitors. If you have any corrections to make from last year or were not included in our 2019 phone directory, please email the church office at gracpreb@lusfiber.net or call Sarah in the office at 337-984-6400 with any updates or additions. Items that may have changed could be your name (if you got married), Phone #'s, Address, Email Address.....

New Phone Directories will not be printed until February but please let us know in the church office by the end of January if you have changes/additions.



If we do not have your birthday on our list, please let us know and make sure all your family members are included. We would love to have everyone's birthday included on our list so that we can wish you a Happy Birthday on your special day! Birthdays can be emailed to gracpreb@lusfiber.net or you can call the office at (337) 984-6400.



JOY OFFERING: Thank you to those who donated to the Christmas Joy Offering. This year we collected \$285.00. The Joy Offering assists Church workers & their families during times of need, giving back to those who have spent their lives in the service of the Church.

Committee Meetings

SESSION – will meet on **Monday, January 20th** at **6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.



CHANCEL FLOWERS - sign up to bring flowers on Sunday mornings. Flowers can be "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one. Our flower calendar is in the Narthex. You can also let Sarah know in the church office if you would like to bring flowers to place in the Sanctuary. We place your name & who you are honoring or remembering in our Sunday Bulletin.



Robert "Bobby" Guynn passed away at the age of 92 on **December 11, 2019**. There will be a graveside memorial service celebrating the life of Bobby on **Saturday, January 18, 2020** at **10am** at **Bellevue Memorial Park** in Opelousas. Bobby was an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church and a proud veteran of WWII, serving with the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his daughters, Laura Guynn, Lorna Guynn, Judy McBane and husband David; and many nieces & nephews. Bobby will be missed by many at Grace Presbyterian Church. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Patricia "Pat" Cotini passed away at the age of 80 on **December 19, 2019**. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 19th in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille. Interment was at Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery in Scott, LA. Services were conducted by Rev. Pat Wadsworth with music by vocalist Nick Manzo & organist Katharine Schendel. Pat was an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church where she served as Deacon, sang in the church choir, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, and various hospitality/fellowship roles. Her love of singing was not limited to the church. Pat was a founding member of the Voice of Vermillion Chapter of Sweet Adelines where she sang with the chorus and in various quartets. Please keep Pat's sister Pam Fontenot & all of Pat's family in your prayers. Pat will be missed by many at Grace Church.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – was held on **Wednesday, December 18th** at **9:30am**. The children sang Christmas songs for their parents & grandparents and even got a special visit from Santa Clause. This was a very successful event and all the children got to take a picture with Santa!

MDO REGISTRATION – starting on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** will be our *In-House Registration* for current MDO Students for our Summer 2020 Semester and our Fall 2020-2021 Semester. Registration for *New Families* will begin on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**. For more information call 337-993-1231 or email our directors at mboatgrace@gmail.com



We need volunteers for **After Church Refreshment Hosts** on Sunday Mornings in 2020. Something simple.....like cookies or fruit. Coffee, water and lemonade are available at the church. Sign up outside the Church Office or contact the Office if you would like to help! **We need more volunteers on Sunday Mornings!! Please consider signing up today!**



**CHRISTMAS
THANK YOUS!**

Thank you to all who helped make Advent and Christmas a joyful and meaningful time at Grace. From all those who brought food, helped in the kitchen, donated gifts, sang in the choir, set up Communion. THANKS for your time & gifts!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Everyone who helped “hang the greens.” The Church looked wonderful for the Christmas season.

Thank you to **Nick Manzo, Katharine Schendel, and the Chancel Choir** for our beautiful Christmas Lessons & Carols which was held on December 15th and also our Christmas Eve Service. They were outstanding! Everyone did a great job.

Thank you to **Sarah Gaspard** for coordinating the Angel tree this year with help from **Jysele Jones**. Thanks to all those who purchased and wrapped gifts for children with a parent in prison. We also want to thank **Bob Hess, David, Jysele, Heather, Dawson, Danny & Caroline Jones and Olivia, Madeline & Camille Soileau** who took the time out of their day on December 15th to help with this wonderful ministry by delivering the gifts to the children.

Thanks to **Tim & Mary Conner** for providing after Church Refreshments on Sunday, December 22nd for our after church Christmas Gathering.

Thank you to **Jysele Jones & Dawson Jones** for making Brownie Jars to hand out to visitors on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to **Sarah Gaspard** for picking up the poinsettia’s in Broussard this year and to those who helped set up and water the poinsettias. They looked really beautiful this season.

The **Grace Staff** would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts, cards, and kind words during this Christmas Season.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our special offerings in the month of December for Staff Bonuses, Agape Fund, Good Samaritan Fund and the Joy Gift Offering.

Thank you to **Sarah Gaspard** for updating the Church Bulletin Boards the last couple months. **If anyone would like to help update the bulletin boards the next few months, Sarah is injured. Please let her know if you would like to help!!**

Thank you to **Gray Guillot & Paul Guillot** for taking down “most” of the Christmas decorations.

Thank you to all the **PW Ladies** that provided delicious food for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon and for the Choir Members that attended and sang at our luncheon which was held on Friday, December 13th. Also thank you to everyone that came and showed our Grace Presbyterian Staff how much they are appreciated for all they do for your church.

Thanks to **Rev. Pat Wadsworth** for the wonderful sermons this Advent Season. Grace Church is very lucky to have you as Interim Pastor during our time of transition.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM GRACE!

Communion

Our Next Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, February 2nd.

Pastor's Office Hours

Rev. Pat is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3:30pm and on Wednesdays from 1pm – 7pm. He can be reached at 337-781-1806 or wadpl@lusfiber.net.

Liturgists

5 *Margaret Boone*
12 *Lynne Castle*
19 *Bob Hess*
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Greeters

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26 *Sandy Stewart*

Refreshment Hosts

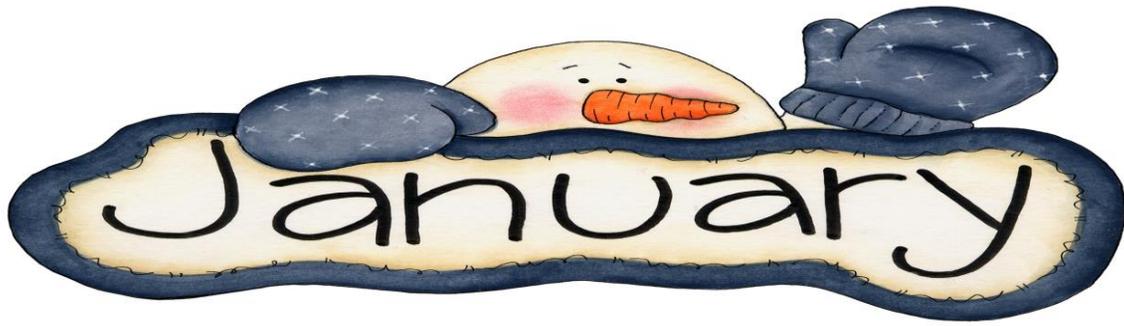
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Patricia Trahan (Patrick Harrington's Mother)
18 Emily Foreman Babineaux
24 Andrea Montgomery
27 Ray Montgomery
28 Robert Hess, Jr.
29 Libby Gaspard
31 Lana Gaspard



If we do not have your birthday on our calendar, please let Sarah know in the Church Office (337-984-6400) so that we can include your special day!



	9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 6:30pm – Al-anon	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 9am – UL Writing Class 9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 6pm – Co-Dependence	9am-2pm MDO 5-6:45pm – AA 5:45pm – Baby Boot Camp 7-8pm – Al-anon	9:30am – Baby Boot Camp 1:30pm – Al-anon	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Office Closed (Happy New Year)</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i> <i>UCO Collection</i> <i>Ordination & Installation</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Les Amis (Riverside)</i>	13 <i>PW Home Circle Meeting 10am</i>	14 <i>PW Day Circle Meeting 10am</i>	15 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	16	17	18 <i>Graveside Service for Bobby Guynn 10am (Opelousas)</i>
19	20 <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i> <i>(Office Closed) MLK</i>	21	22 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	23	24	25
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