

# THE GRACEVINE

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## Showing Us Our Warts

In last month's column, I shared with you an excerpt about Lent from the *Book of Common Worship*. That excerpt included an emphasis on the theme of reconciliation, which I took for the theme of my column.

However, it also included a reference to spiritual disciplines, which is another common theme of Lent. Many of you are familiar with spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, fasting, and Bible study, and you may share the widely held view that spiritual disciplines are primarily a matter of private devotional practice. Much has been written through the ages about such practices, and many Christians have come to believe that the ideal would be to hone these practices in seclusion from others, but some hold that John Calvin taught the opposite.

I have just read a review of Michael Horton's book, *Calvin on the Christian Life*, in which he includes the following:

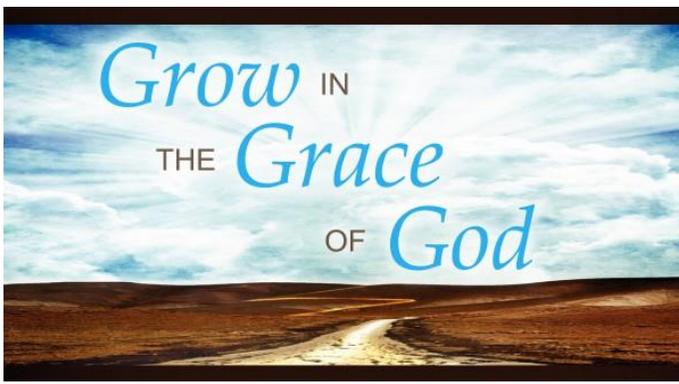
*...the Christian life moves from the public to the private rather than vice versa. "If I can just get away from the world, family life, and my worldly job, I can finally focus on my sanctification." No, Calvin says, it's precisely in marriage, family life, fellowship with believers, and engaging in daily callings that God shows us our warts and drives us to Christ for both justification and sanctification. The public service shapes our private disciplines.*

Our private spiritual disciplines take on a deeper meaning when we come to them from our involvement with others in our normal activities together. Those activities and involvements bring our spiritual needs (shortcomings?), our "warts" to our attention, sharpening the focus of our disciplines. Horton goes on to say:

*In short, Calvin emphasizes an extroverted piety: looking outside of ourselves to Christ in faith and to our brothers and sisters as well as our neighbors in love. In his view, our relationship with Christ is always personal, but never private.*

Those of us who are introverts may have taken comfort from the fact that many of the saints of the past were also introverts, and many of them were known for their reclusive spiritual lives. However, John Calvin invites us to find a deeper spirituality in the interplay between the private and "public" aspects of our spiritual lives.

--Pat W.



## 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.

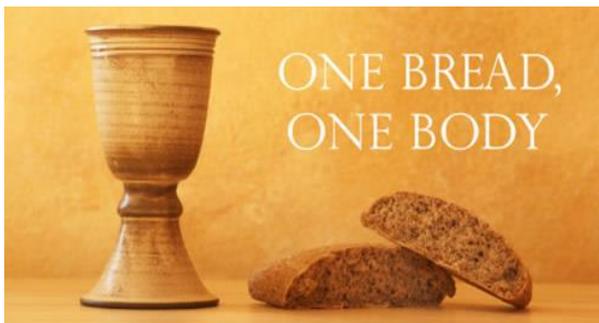
Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NURSERY: Room 4

VINEYARD: studying “*Learning Forgiveness*” from *The Thoughtful Christian Series*.

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



COMMUNION - will be on **Sunday, April 5th**. 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.

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

Our next collection will be on **Sunday, April 5th**. Please consider donating to this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.

**UCO is also in need of monetary donations.**

There is a cabinet in the narthex under the big bulletin board where people can put food items & paper goods at any time. All these items will be gathered up each month when our donation takes place.



On **Sunday, March 22nd** after worship, we will order from **Took's** and eat at Grace Church. There will be a sign up card in the bulletin on Sunday, March 15th to see who would like to attend. You can also let Sarah know in the office. **The cost of the lunch will be \$10.00.**



Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1-hour before you go to sleep on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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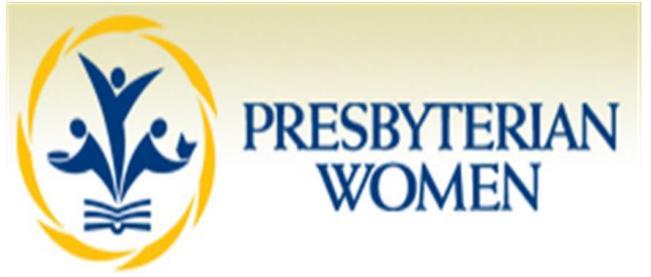


The Presbyterian Women will host a bake sale after worship on **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. The proceeds from this sweet sale will help to offset the cost of the Grace Presbyterian youth that will be attending Camp Agape & Synod Youth Workshop this summer. Please consider purchasing baked goods on March 15<sup>th</sup>!! Special thank you to all the Presbyterian Women for baking sweets for this sale!!

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## WONDERFUL *Wednesday*

Please join us on Wednesday Nights! We are currently studying **"The Walk"** by **Adam Hamilton**. Bible study at **4:45 pm**, followed by dinner every Wednesday night. We do ask for a donation of at least \$3.00/person to cover the cost of the meal provided that evening. Please let us know if you would like to provide a meal for the group on a Wednesday Night. Please consider joining this great small group!



**PW HOME CIRCLE** – will meet on **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** 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, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at **10am**. All women of Grace are invited to join us for Bible Study & Fellowship.

**PW SPRING GATHERING** – will be held on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at University Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge. This is a morning meeting that will end after having lunch.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

**The PW Women are collecting items to bring to the gathering which will be used for mission projects.** If you have an of the following items, please bring them with you to the gathering or drop them off at Grace Church before March 28<sup>th</sup>.....*travel size toiletries, tape cassette players, children's books & accompanying cassette tapes that are paired with the book, plastic bags that were once used to hold sheets/pillow cases.* Thanks in advance for your donations!!

# Committee Meetings

**SESSION** – will meet on **Monday, March 23rd** at **6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.

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## 2020 Phone Directory

Updated Phone Directories are available for pickup at Grace. They are located outside the church office. Please sign to let us know you received a copy. (you can take more than 1 if you need). If you are homebound and would like us to mail you a 2020 Directory, please let Sarah know in the church office so she can get you a copy!

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### **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 morning, you will need to get to church a little early so that you can pass out bulletins and welcome everyone to Grace. We currently need greeters for **March 15, 29 and ALL of April & May**.



**CHANCEL FLOWERS** – please 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.

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**Beth Dooley** passed away at the age of 59 on February 20th. Her service was held on February 26th at Martin & Castille Funeral Home in Lafayette. Beth previously served as an Elder at Grace Presbyterian Church. She loved serving others, sharing her faith and fevently seeking to know her Savior intimately. Beth is survived by her husband Mike, sons Bryan & Brett and several grandchildren. Grace Presbyterian Church extends our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Beth during this difficult time.



We need more volunteers for **After Church Refreshment Hosts** on Sunday Mornings. You can bring something simple ..... like cookies and fruit. Coffee, water and lemonade are available at the church to use. Please consider signing up to help on Sunday Mornings. Signup sheets are located outside the church office or you can call/email the office to volunteer. This is a great time to visit with your Church Family. We currently need refreshment hosts for **March 15, 29 and ALL of April & May.**



Mardi Gras Potluck  
Sunday, February 16, 2020

## MOTHER'S DAY OUT



There are still spots open for our **Summer 2020 and Fall 2020-2021 Sessions.** Please contact our Mother's Day Out for more information by phone at 337-993-1231 or by email at [mdoatgrace@gmail.com](mailto:mdoatgrace@gmail.com).

**MDO DOORBELL** – A separate doorbell has been installed at the glass doors to ring down the hallway during MDO days. This is a new security measure being taken to make sure the children are safe while attending class. Beginning on Tuesday, March 3rd, the double glass doors will be locked throughout the day. Doors will be unlocked from 8:50-9:30am and from 1:40-2:10pm to allow parents to drop off & pick up their children. MDO still has an "open door" policy, meaning you can come and go as you'd like, but you will need to ring the MDO Doorbell if you arrive between 9:30am-1:40pm. There is still the Grace Church doorbell that our church staff will hear if you ring that bell.



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](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net) or you can call the office at (337) 984-6400.

## GET INVOLVED!



### Church “Ministry Teams” to consider serving on:

Spiritual Development Committee  
Worship Committee  
Outreach/Publicity/Public Relations Committee  
Fellowship Committee  
Mother’s Day Out Board  
Personnel Committee  
Stewardship & Finance Committee  
Building and Grounds Committee  
Nursery Helper

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



sharing resources. changing lives.

On Easter morning, April 12th, 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. **Make checks payable to GRACE.**

[www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

#### Palm Sunday, April 5

Worship Service: **10:30 a.m.**

#### Maundy Thursday, April 9

Simple supper of soup & bread at **6pm**  
Followed by Worship (with Communion)  
At Grace Presbyterian Church

#### Good Friday, April 10

Worship Service: **5:30pm.**  
At First Presbyterian Church

#### Sunday, April 12

Worship Service, **10:30 a.m.**  
At Grace Presbyterian Church

**One Great Hour of Sharing special Easter offering: Hunger program and disaster relief and self-development of people**



**Easter Lilies** will be available for purchase in memory/honor of a loved one on **Sunday, March 15th, 22nd & 29th after worship** – a table will be available in the narthex or you can call the Church Office to place your order with Sarah. The cost for Lilies this year is \$15.00/each. Easter is on April 12th this year! Lilies can be brought home after our Easter service at 10:30am on Sunday, April 12th.

# **SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES**



## **Synod Youth Workshop**

**When: July 13-18, 2020 (Monday-Saturday)**

**Where: University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK**

**Who: Youth going to 9<sup>th</sup> grade to Graduated Seniors**

**Website: [synodyouthworkshop.com](http://synodyouthworkshop.com)**

**Early Registration is from February 1st – June 1st. (Price increases after)**

**Cost: \$396 for youth and adults with a Home Group**

**\$495 for individual youth without a Home Group**

**ALL Registrations require a \$100 deposit**

*Synod Youth Workshop is designed to provide youth and adults with an opportunity to receive and share the Gospel of Christ, create communities of faith, reach out to the world around the event, and honor our calling to be Christ-like.*

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

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## **CAMP + AGAPE**

**When: June 7-13, 2020 (Sunday-Saturday)**

**Where: Feliciana Retreat Center**

**Who: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

- **Explorer Camp** – those who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade (\$410)
- **Pathfinder Camp** – those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade (\$410)
- **Adventure Camp** – those who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade (\$450)
- **Senior Intern Program** – those who have completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade (\$210)

**Early Bird prices end on April 30th. Please make sure to mail your registration form and \$75 before the end of April. (or give to Sarah to mail)**

*\*\*\*Registration forms are available in the Church office. \*\*\*Fundraisers to be held to help with the cost of camp. Contact the Church Office for more information.*

# Communion

Our Next Holy Communion will be served on **Sunday, March 1st**. Communion is served on the 1st Sunday of each month.

## 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](mailto:wadpl@lusfiber.net).

### Liturgists

1 *Ellyn Macpherson*  
8 *Margaret Boone*  
15 *Jim McLain*  
22 *Betty Adams*  
29 *Tim Conner*

### Greeters

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8 *Ellyn Macpherson*  
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22 *Ellyn Macpherson*  
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### Refreshment Hosts

1 *Margaret Boone*  
8 *Lynne Castle*  
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22 *BBQ Lunch*  
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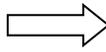
## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 *Bill Grubb*  
8 *Cle'lie Senne*  
10 *Donna Causey*  
15 *Bob Hess*  
19 *Bubba Burch*  
27 *Betty Adams*  
29 *Lilith Hoover*



*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!*

# MARCH

	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 Communion  UCO Collection	2	3	4  Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	5	6	7
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15  PW Bake Sale (after worship)	16	17  	18  Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	19	20	21
22  BBQ Lunch At Grace	23  Session Meeting 6pm	24  Jr. League (Overnight Event)  	25  Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	26	27	28  PW Spring Rally (Baton Rouge)
29	30	31				

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