

# THE GRACEVINE

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## COMPARING SCARS

I recently began an exercise in recording the most significant personal events in my life year-by-year. The exercise was intended for high school students, but it sounded like fun, so I decided to try it. The process became very interesting as I reflected on my early years and the events that unfolded. Before long I was recognizing connections between events and some of my scars, both physical and emotional.

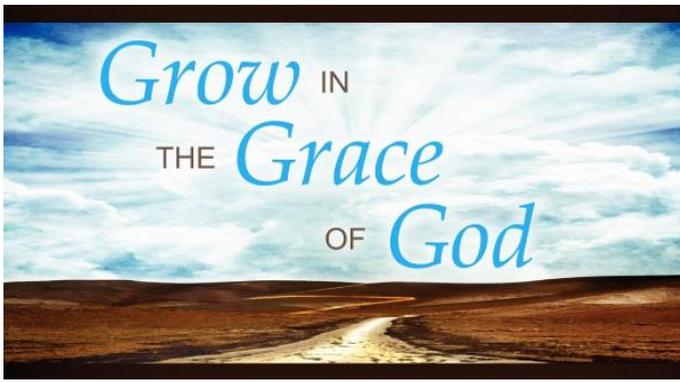
I have a scar on my head from being struck by a metal piece of a riding toy that one of my cousins threw and hit me. Most people don't see the scar, so they have no idea it is there. I don't feel that that event left any emotional scars, but who knows? Other events in my life *have* left deep emotional scars, but no visible or physical scars. Of course, only the people who know me best recognize any of those scars.

For the most part, we try to hide our scars, because they are commonly regarded as blemishes that spoil what might otherwise appear flawless. In our effort to conceal them, we may use cosmetics or even surgery. However, some scars can be simply too large or obvious to hide.

We are told that after his resurrection (John 20:19-29) Jesus showed the disciples his scars to prove his identity and the reality of his resurrection. His scars thus became for Christians ever afterward a precious symbol, and what was once tangible evidence of his sacrifice of suffering on our behalf. Instead of trying to hide what might have been very ugly signs of others' hatred toward him, Jesus was eager to display, especially to those who understood, the scars that brought salvation and healing to all humankind.

We need to understand that Jesus redeemed his scars by his sacrifice on the cross, and that he can redeem many of our scars as well, if we are willing to submit them to him and his love for us.

—Rev. Pat



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, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please consider donating to this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church.

### 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.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

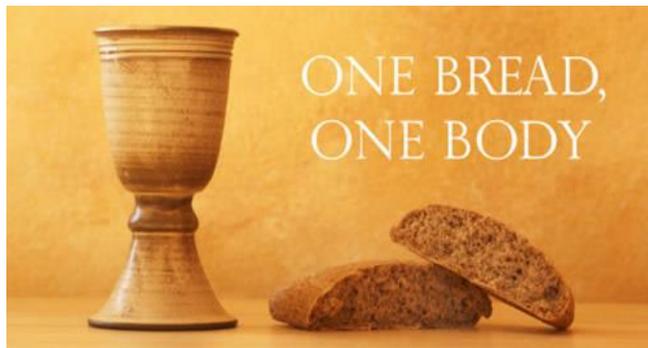
**NURSERY:** Room 4

**VINEYARD:** currently studying *Biblical Interpretation 101* from *The Thoughtful Christian Series*.

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



***Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) before going to sleep!***

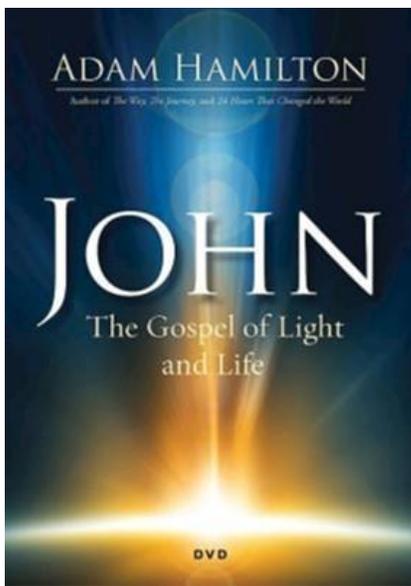


**COMMUNION** - will be on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If anyone is home bound and would like to receive communion, please let us know in the church office so that we can bring communion to you.  
*Church Office - (337) 984-6400.*



### **GREETERS NEEDED**

We are looking for more volunteers to serve as Greeters on Sunday Mornings. Sign up sheets are located outside the church office. Stop by and sign up to be a greeter in November or December. 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.



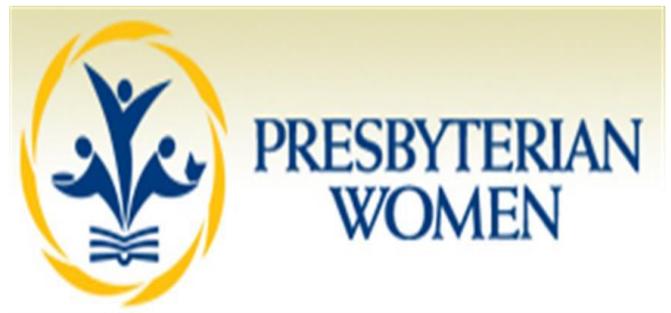
### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

We encourage EVERYONE to attend our Wednesday Night Bible Studies. Our New study will be "JOHN, The Gospel of Light and Life" by Adam Hamilton. **Bible Study begins at 4:45pm in the Library every Wednesday Night starting again on November 6<sup>th</sup> and is followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall.** We ask for a donation of at least \$3.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal that will be provided that evening. If you would like to provide a meal for the group to enjoy, please let us know in the church office so we can let the group know. Please consider joining a great small group.

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**After worship on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>,** we will go out to lunch as a group at **Pedro's (3323 Ambassador Caffery).** 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)



**PW HOME CIRCLE** – will meet on **Monday, November 4<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, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** All women of Grace are invited to join us for Bible Study & Fellowship.

**PW THANK OFFERING** – the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women is a tangible way to express gratitude for the special blessings in our lives. This offering goes back to help a variety of programs that provide education, safe housing, food, clean water, health care and so much more. The PW Thank Offering will be held this year on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a basket located at the entrance to the Sanctuary if you wish to donate to this special offering.

After worship on November 10th, the Presbyterian Women will be providing a light lunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to enjoy. Please stay after worship and enjoy food and fellowship with your church family.

*"Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart..."*

*--Jeremiah 29:12-13*



**Marian Skerret** passed away at the age of 98 on October 18th in Shreveport. A memorial service celebrating the life of Marian was held on October 26th at First United Methodist Church of Shreveport. Marian served as an Elder and a Deacon while attending Grace Presbyterian Church in Lafayette. She resided in Lafayette until the age of 90 when she then moved to Shreveport. Marian's philosophy was *"Put God first and everything else will fall into place."* She was 98 years young with an amazing memory and sense of humor, always thinking of others. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time. Marian will be missed by many.

**Helen Schwab** passed away at the age of 94 on October 19th in Texas. **A celebration of Life service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lafayette on Saturday, November 9th at 1:30pm.** There will be a reception after the service. Helen was very involved with music during her life. She taught public school music for 20 years until 1986. During this time, she also taught piano after school and directed choirs at Faith Presbyterian in Pasadena and at Grace Presbyterian in Lafayette until 1995, while still singing in the choir until 2010. After public school retirement, she worked at the Lafayette Music Store until 1990. Please keep her family in your prayers during this time. Helen will be missed by many at Grace Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations can be made to Grace Church in Helen.

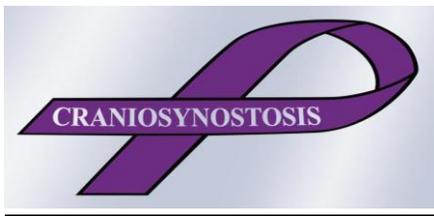


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## Committee Meetings

**The Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the following day (11/28-11/29). Hope everyone has a great holiday.**

**SESSION MEETING** – will be on **Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Session Room. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.



Thank you to everyone at Grace Presbyterian Church for your continued support for Audrey Self and her parents Donovan & Katherine. On October 30th, Audrey had craniofacial neurosurgery at Texas Children's hospital. Craniosynostosis is a birth defect in which the bones in the baby's head join together too early. This rare disease affects about 1 in 2000 live births. Audrey's surgery was successful and all is going well. If things continue to go well, Audrey will tentatively be released from the hospital but stay in Houston until November 13th when her postop doctor's appointment is. After her appointment on the 13th, she will be able to return home. Please keep Audrey & her parents in your prayers during this time and pray for a successful surgery & recovery.



**FLOWERS** - If anyone would like to place flowers in the Church Sanctuary in honor of someone or in memory of someone on a particular Sunday morning, please contact Margaret Boone!

Our church secretary has started making a flower calendar for 2020. It will be available some time in December for people to sign up to bring flowers on Sunday mornings next year. Flowers can be "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one.

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## **BABY BOOT CAMP**

*Know someone looking for a fitness class that is a pregnant mom, a new mom, or a mom with one or more stroller-aged children????* Grace Presbyterian Church hosts Baby Boot Camp. There are 4 classes held each week at Grace Church -**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 5:45pm.** Our interval-based classes incorporate cardio, strength, and core for a total body workout. For more information contact **Kristen Gary** at 337-257-3373 or at [Kristen.gary@babybootcamp.com](mailto:Kristen.gary@babybootcamp.com). You can also find more information or register at [www.babybootcamp.com](http://www.babybootcamp.com).



# DECORATE the Church

It's that time again to decorate our Church for Advent. We need your help on **Sunday, November 24th** after worship. We need everyone's help in putting up our Christmas Trees & Decorations around the Church. Please consider coming and helping us, even if you can only come for a short time. Your time will be greatly appreciated. **A light lunch will also be provided for all our helpers!**



Every year, Grace Presbyterian Church participates in the Angel Tree program which gives Christmas gifts to children that have an imprisoned parent. This year we have 30 children on our list. **Our tree will be put up on Sunday, November 24th** for everyone to take their angels if they chose to participate in this wonderful ministry. **All gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 8th** so we can prepare them for delivery the following Sunday.



If you wish to purchase a poinsettia, order forms will be available on **Sunday, November 17th and November 24th**. The price is \$13.00 (which includes the plastic sleeve and tax. Information about who you want honored / remembered can be submitted then. In the event that you cannot attend church on those days, you can contact the Church office. **Order early if you would like a poinsettia this Christmas.** Poinsettias can be brought home after our Christmas Eve Service.



We need volunteers for **After Church Refreshment Hosts** on Sunday Mornings. 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!!**

# MOTHER'S DAY OUT



**MDO FALL SEMESTER** – There are still several openings in our Pre-K Class for our current semester.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST** – on **Thursday, November 21st** will be the MDO Thanksgiving Feast. Each MDO Teacher brings a dish and everyone is able to have a delicious Thanksgiving Meal. The staff at Grace Church gets to enjoy this feast also.

**HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACKULAR** – on **October 31st**, MDO had their 1st Spook-tackular in the Grace Fellowship Hall. The children were able to dress up in costume and walk around the Fellowship Hall receiving candy from parents while Halloween music was playing.



## **A LOOK AHEAD TO WHAT'S COMING UP .....**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**DECORATE THE CHURCH** after morning worship.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

Angel Tree Gifts are due in the Church Office to prep for delivery.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**

**Grace's Annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon to honor our Grace Staff.** This event is hosted by the Presbyterian Women and Les Amis and will be at **11:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone at Grace is invited to join in on this event to honor our Church Staff. Please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy!

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

Angel Tree Delivery during the afternoon

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

Annual Christmas Eve Service - **5:30pm** with our homecoming reception following worship

# Communion

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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

3 Betty Adams  
10 Margaret Boone  
17 Mary Nolan  
24 Bob Hess

### Greeters

3 Ellyn Macpherson  
10  
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### Refreshment Hosts

3  
10 PW Women  
17  
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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 JULIA MONTGOMERY  
17 SARAH GASPARD  
17 KATHERINE SELF  
21 JOHNATHON BOONE  
22 ELLEN MONTGOMERY VAUGHN  
23 RAY BLUM



*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!*

# November



	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	2 <i>Daylight Savings Ends (set clocks back before bed)</i>
3 <i>Communion</i>  <i>UCO Collection</i>	4 <i>PW Home Circle Meeting 10am</i>	5	6 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	7	8	9 <i>Helen Schwab Memorial Service 1:30pm</i>
10 <i>PW Thank Offering &amp; Light Lunch</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 <i>PW Day Circle Meeting 10am</i>	13 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Les Amis (after worship)</i>	18 <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i>	19	20 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir Practice 6:30pm</i>	21 <i>MDO Thanksgiving Feast</i>	22	23
24 <i>Decorate the Church (after Worship)</i>  <i>Angel Tree available</i>	25	26 <i>MDO Closed</i>	27 <i>MDO Closed</i>	28  <i>Church Office &amp; MDO Closed</i>	29 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	30

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