

# THE GRACEVINE

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**Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.**

From time to time, Presbyterians are asked what they believe. It is challenging to answer that question because not all Presbyterians believe alike, and the closest answer is found in the *Book of Confessions*. Many of you have seen that volume, technically *Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, and it is not an easy read! I suspect relatively few of our people have read it cover-to-cover. Nevertheless, it is the collection of historic confessions and catechisms that form the foundation of our beliefs. The following statement from the Presbyterian Historical Society helps explain why there are so many confessions in the book.

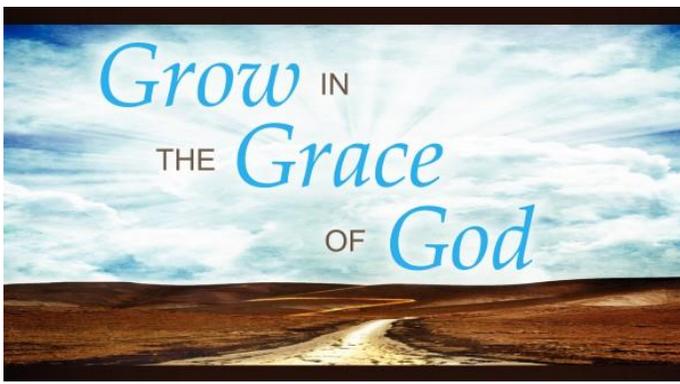
Three hundred years ago, William Dunlop, a professor of church history at the University of Edinburgh, published two volumes of confessions that had enjoyed “public authority” in Scotland since the Reformation. While the Westminster Standards (1647-48) filled the first volume, more than ten earlier confessional documents—including the Geneva Catechism (1542), the Scots Confession (1560), and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)—filled the second. By placing Westminster in the broader tradition of Reformed (“Calvinist”) theology, Dunlop honored a distinctly Reformed custom: he compiled a book of confessions.

The Reformation produced many catechisms and confessions. Reformed churches did not try to formulate one universal creed. They held to an earlier tradition that each faith community—be it in Zurich, Geneva, or Edinburgh—should draft a statement unique to its time and place. Communities declared their solidarity with each other, not by adopting the same words, but by affirming that they heard in different words the same witness to Christ.

Reformed theologians believed that a kind reader could hear the voice of Christ speaking in each confession, and that this would provide the unity that any one confession lacked. And they allowed that the need for new confessions would not end, as the Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934), the Confession of 1967, and the Confession of Belhar (1986)—adopted by the PC(USA) General Assembly in 2016—richly demonstrate.

The PC(USA) acknowledges that the confessions and catechisms are secondary to the Bible as a source of belief and practice; but the confessions are there to help us interpret the Scriptures for our time and place. All elected officers in the PC(USA) take a vow to be guided by the confessions, but they and members are asked to subscribe only to certain specific core beliefs, such as the Trinity and salvation in Jesus Christ. Presbyterians can and do disagree about most other beliefs, even those contained in the confessions. Such is the freedom of our belief!

—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, October 6<sup>th</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

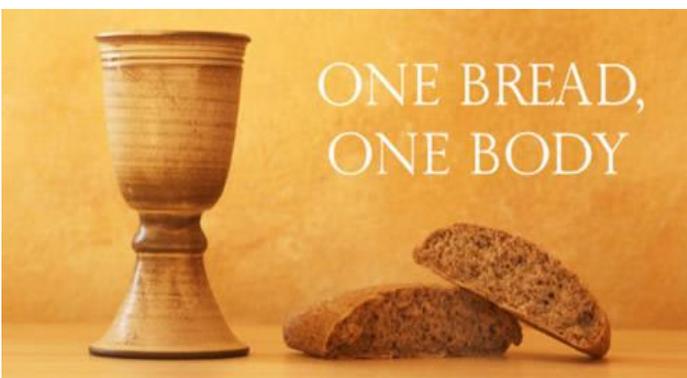
**NURSERY:** Room 4

**VINEYARD:** currently studying the book of **1 Thessalonians**

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



We encourage EVERYONE to attend our Wednesday Night Bible Studies. Our current study is “*Moses – In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*” by Adam Hamilton. **Bible Study begins at 4:45pm in the Library every Wednesday Night 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 this fall!



**COMMUNION** - will be on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</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.*



### October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Don't forget to show your Pastor how much you appreciate him this month! The official day in October for this wonderful celebration is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October. Rev. Pat, we appreciate everything you are doing for Grace Presbyterian Church during our transition between permanent pastors. Thank you for the great job you are doing for Grace Church & for our members.

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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!!**



After worship on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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)

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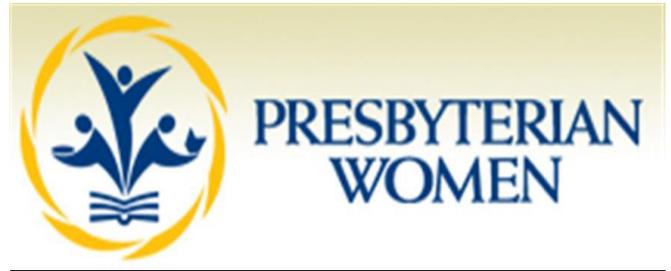
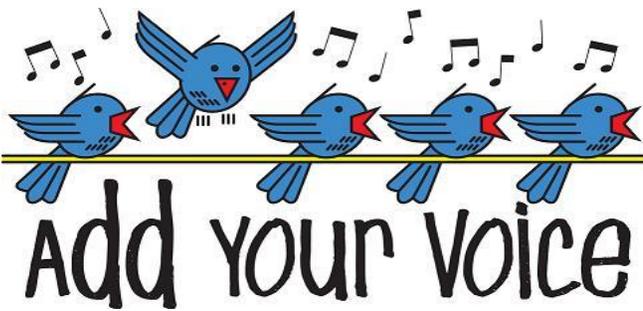


There will be a Fellowship Event on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at Grace Presbyterian Church. Fish Fry will begin at **5pm** and the cost is **\$6.00**. Anyone interested in playing games can stay after dinner and enjoy a fun evening with your church family. Thank you to **David & Jysele Jones** for cooking for this event. Menu: Fried Fish, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Salad & Dessert.

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## **Committee Meetings**

**SESSION MEETING** – will be on **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** at **6pm** in the Session Room. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.



Have you ever considered singing in a choir? We invite you to join us here at Grace Presbyterian Church and let your voice be heard! We have choir **practice weekly on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m.** We would love to have you join us! Contact Choir Director, Laura Blum (337-962-0306) if you have questions or would like to join us!

We are starting to practice for our Christmas Cantata. Now is a great time to join us on Wednesday Nights!



We recently received an update on **Helen Schwab** from her son Carl. Helen's Family is requesting prayers for her. Helen was the Grace Choir Director until the 90's and has been member of Grace since 1968. She moved from Lafayette to Rowlett (Dallas Area) in March 2018 due to rehab and her health. Helen is holding her own with Dementia and through some infections and heart issues. She eats well enough but is losing weight. So, the prayer is for God's will and especially a healthy appetite. Helen will turn 95 in January.

**PWCT MEETING** – will be on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm** in the Church Library.

**PW DAY CIRCLE** – will meet for our Bible Study on **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. All women of Grace are invited to join us for Bible Study & Fellowship.

**PW HOME CIRCLE** – will meet on **Monday, October 14<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 RETREAT** – on **October 18-19, 2019** there will be the Presbyter of South Louisiana Presbyterian Women's Retreat at Feliciana. If you are interested, please call Margaret Boone at 337-981-2475.

**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>**. On this day, the Presbyterian Women will also provide refreshments after worship. More info will be given out next month about the special offering.

# MOTHER'S DAY OUT



**MDO FALL SEMESTER** – There are still several openings in our Pre-K Class for our current semester. Our Pre-K children learn just as they would at school and even have a graduation at the end of the school year before heading off to Kindergarten.

**GRANDPARENTS LUNCH** – on **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** will be our Grandparents lunch. We started this event last year and it was a huge success. Grandparents of our MDO students bring a bag lunch and eat lunch with their grandchildren. This event is from **11:00-11:30am** in the Fellowship Hall.

**BUDDY WALK FUNDRAISER** – on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, MDO will be supporting “Kale’s Krewe” for the Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana (DSAA) Buddy Walk again this year. The buddy walk is at Parc International and is from 9am-1pm. Donations can be made or you can walk for the event to raise money towards Kale’s team and Down Syndrome. For more information, call Grace MDO at 337-993-1231.



**FLOWERS** - If anyone would like to put flowers in the Church Sanctuary in honor of someone or in memory of some on Sunday mornings, please contact Margaret Boone!

*Thanks for  
your prayers...*

My Grace Church Friends:

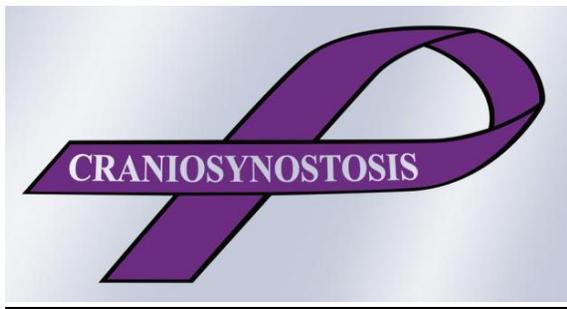
I received your card and it made my day!! Thank you, not only for the card but for your messages of caring, greeting and hope & encouragement. Thank you for your prayers.

I am improving and I really feel much better. I do hope to see all of you soon and enjoy the fellowship at Grace Church.

--Sue Hill



**Jackie Hendrix** passed away at the age of 91 on August 28<sup>th</sup> peacefully at Bethany Healthcare Center in Lafayette. Inurnment was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Vicksburg, MS. Jackie and her late husband, Bill, were very active long-time members of Grace Church until falling sick. Jackie was a beautiful Christian woman who held her faith deep in her heart every single day. Survivors include her son William (Bill) Hendrix, her son Jay Hendrix, her sister, Donna Schreiner and many close friends. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Thank you to everyone at Grace Presbyterian Church for your continued support for Audrey Self and her parents Donovan & Katherine. Audrey will be having craniofacial neurosurgery at Texas Children's hospital at the end of October. On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Grace congregation showed their support by wearing their craniosynostosis shirts in support of Audrey to worship. We also had our Les Amis lunch out after worship on that day. 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. Please keep Audrey & her parents in your prayers during this time and pray for a successful surgery & recovery.



## **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).

Congratulations on  
your new  
*Baby Boy*  
Godbless you guys!

Three cartoon characters are positioned around the text: Pluto on the left, Mickey Mouse in the middle, and Goofy on the right.

Congratulations to **Aaron & Ellen Vaughn** on your baby boy. Isaac Henry Vaughn was born on September 29, 2019. Isaac was 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 19.25 in. **Paul & Andrea Montgomery** are the grandparents of baby Isaac and the great-grandparents are **Ray & Mary Lou Montgomery and Betty Adams.**

# Communion

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</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 wadp1@lusfiber.net.

### Liturgists

6 *Paul Guillot*  
13 *Lynne Castle*  
20 *Tim Conner*  
27 *Betty Adams*

### Greeters

6  
13  
20 *Betty Adams*  
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### Refreshment Hosts

6 *MASH*  
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 *Debbie Foreman*  
7 *Jysele Jones*  
11 *Bobby Guynn*  
18 *Larry Fontenot*  
18 *Jim McLain*  
22 *Nelson Elmore*  
27 *Paul Guillot*  
31 *Caroline Elmore Salmom*



*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>PWCT Meeting 2pm</i>	2 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir 6:30pm</i>	3 <i>MDO Grandparents Lunch 11am</i>	4	5
6 <i>Communion UCO Collection</i>	7	8 <i>PW Day Circle Meeting 10am</i>	9 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir 6:30pm</i>	10	11	12 <i>Fish Fry 5pm</i>
13	14 <i>PW Home Circle Meeting 10am</i>	15	16 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir 6:30pm</i>	17	18 <i>PW Women's Retreat (Feliciana)</i>	19 <i>PW Women's Retreat (Feliciana)</i>
20 <i>Les Amis Noon (Poor Boy's Riverside Inn)</i>	21 <i>Session Meeting 6pm</i>	22	23 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir 6:30pm</i>	24	25	26 <i>MDO Buddy Walk</i>
27	28	29	30 <i>Wonderful Wednesday 4:45pm Choir 6:30pm</i>	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>		

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