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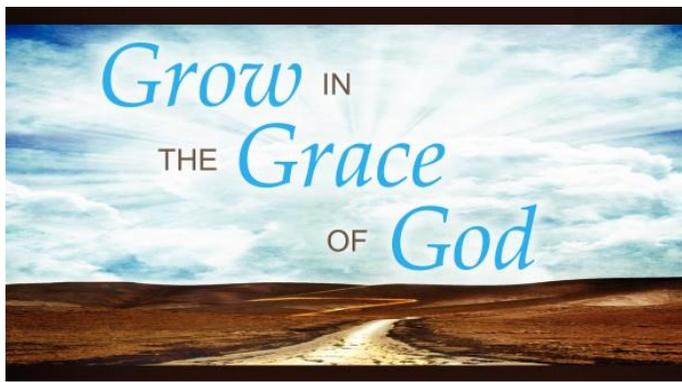
Update or Upgrade?

I have changed the oil in my car many times (and I'll bet some of you thought your pastor never even gets his hands dirty!). I know the car will last longer if I change the oil and take care of other maintenance items regularly. Of course, I pay someone else to do most of those chores now, but regardless how well I maintain the car, someday I will have to replace it. The day will come when there are simply too many things wrong with it to warrant keeping it, and it will be more prudent to buy a different one.

The same is true for all of us who use computers. The ease of using the Internet has made it at first possible, but now necessary, to maintain a computer and its peripherals (other attached hardware) as well as the operating system and other programs (installed software) by downloading and installing files online. This is called updating, and it has become mandatory for reliable operation of personal computers. If I don't do it, my computer will begin acting funny, endangering my data. Someday there will simply be too many programs that won't run on my computer, and I will be forced to replace some or all of my hardware and/or software. This is called upgrading, and it is both good news and bad news. It is good news because new things can be very exciting and fun. It is bad news because new things can be very expensive, and they always require that I learn to work in new ways.

My spiritual life is somewhat similar. If my relationship to the Master is to be fresh and vital, I have to live close to the Lord through my spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, worship, fellowship, giving, etc., just as I maintain my car or update my computer (especially my anti-virus software) Don't tell me you don't have time to do it—neither of us can afford *not* to do it! Sooner or later I also need a spiritual upgrade, like learning an entirely new skill or discovering a new field of service. Are you spiritually updated? Do you need a spiritual upgrade? What would be a spiritual upgrade for you? Do you have the courage to do it? Read Mt. 4:18-20.

—Rev. Pat



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, September 1st**. 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

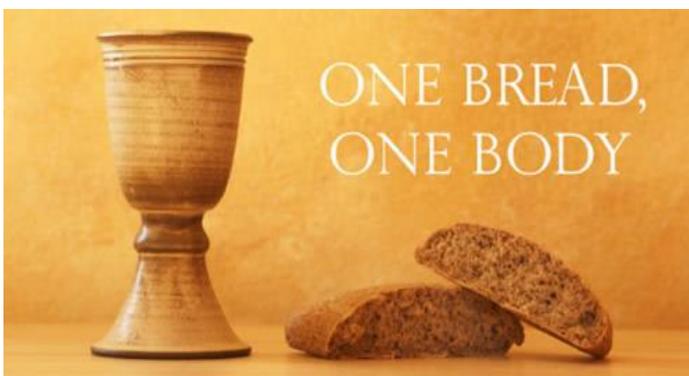
NURSERY: Room 4

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

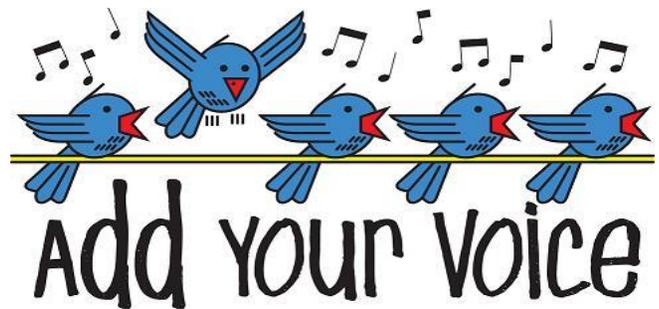
A Nursery is available every Sunday during Sunday School and Worship in Room 4.



We encourage EVERYONE to come and help us start back our Wednesday Night Bible Studies. Every Wednesday Night **starting on Wednesday, September 4th**. Our new study will be “*Moses – In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*” by Adam Hamilton. **Bible Study begins at 4:45pm and will be followed by dinner.** We ask for a donation of at least \$3.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal that will be provided. 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, September 1st**. 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.



September 15th will be Craniosynostosis Awareness Sunday at Grace Presbyterian Church. Everyone that purchased a T-shirt from Katherine Conner Self, please wear your T-shirt to worship on this Sunday. September is Craniosynostosis Awareness Month. If you did not purchase a T-shirt and would like to show them your support, then please wear something purple, which is the designated color of this Awareness Month.

Katherine Conner Self will give a brief talk on what this disorder is and how their daughter, Audrey, was diagnosed with this back in January. Audrey will be having craniofacial neurosurgery in October at Texas Children's Hospital.

As further support, we ask that you keep Audrey and the Selfs' in your prayers!



After worship on **Sunday, September 15th**, we will go out to lunch as a group at Bon Temps Grill. (1312 Verot School Rd, Lafayette) Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship! Contact **Margaret Boone** if you plan to attend.

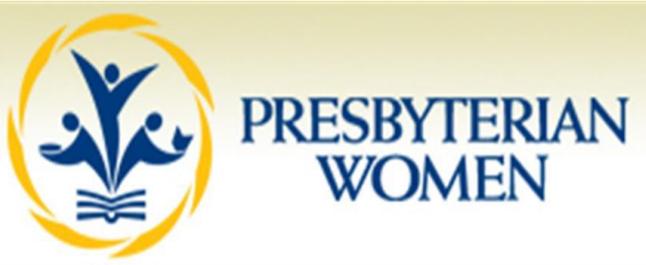
Have you ever considered singing in a choir? We invite you to join us here at Grace Presbyterian Church and let your voice be heard! We have choir **practice weekly on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m.** We would love to have you join us! Contact our Choir Director, Laura Blum (337-962-0306) if you have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

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – will be on **Monday, September 16th** at **6pm** in the Session Room. Please let Lynne Castle know if you cannot attend this meeting.



If anyone would like **Free Firewood**, we have a pile in the back corner of our parking lot that you may take. The wood is freshly cut so it would be to burn next year. Thank you to Terry Wolford for cutting up the trees that fell during Hurricane Barry.



Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

By Eugenia Anne Gamble

Welcome to the 2019–2020 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten*

Commandments. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. “Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community.” *Love Carved in Stone* is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Why the Ten Words? The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for “commandment” appear. She says, “In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: ‘words.’ I’ve chosen to use the term ‘Ten Words’ because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways.”

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus’ life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

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

PW DAY CIRCLE – will meet for our new Horizon Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 10th** at **10am**. Our study for 2019-2020 is “*Love carved in Stone*” by Eugenia Gambell.

PW HOME CIRCLE – will meet on **Monday, September 23rd** at **10am** at Mary Lou Montgomery’s House. All women that attend Grace Presbyterian Church are invited to join us for Bible Study and Fellowship.

PW FALL RALLY – was held on **Saturday, August 24th** at **First Presbyterian Church in Deridder, LA**. We had 3 women from Grace Church attend the rally....*Margaret Boone, Lynne Castle and Betty Tucker*.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT



DONUTS FOR DADS – will be held at MDO on **Thursday, September 12th** at **8:45 a.m.** The MDO Children love each year having their fathers drop them off and eat breakfast together, since mainly the moms drop them off.

CPR TRAINING – on **Thursday, August 1st**, our 11 MDO Teachers received CPR Training at Grace Presbyterian Church. All our teachers are now current in CPR!

MDO FALL SEMESTER – **There are still several openings in our Pre-K Class for our fall 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 3rd** 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 begins at **11:00 a.m.**

BUDDY WALK FUNDRAISER – on **Saturday, October 26th**, MDO will be supporting Kale's Krewe for the DSAA Buddy Walk again this year. We will have more information on how to participate and/or donate in the October newsletter.

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. You can also find more information or register at www.babybootcamp.com.



LIFE WRITING CLASSES – are held on **Wednesday mornings** from **9am-noon** at Grace Presbyterian starting on **September 4th** for 13 weeks.

Life writing is the art of memoir writing or writing your life story. Some students write their stories as gifts to their children; some do it to complement their genealogy research. Others use it as a cathartic experience, revisiting memories to heal old wounds or address issues that have plagued them over the years. Many have gone on to publish their works.

“You will have found Christ when you are concerned with other people’s sufferings and not your own.”

— Flannery O’Connor



Lewis Center
for Church Leadership

REFRESHMENTS



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!!**

BIRTHDAYS



If you have not provided your families birthdays to the Church office, please send them to Sarah at gracpreb@lusfiber.net so she can put them on our office calendar. We don’t want to miss your special day!



We need **Greeters** on Sundays. Signup sheets are available outside the church office or you can call 337-984-6400 or e-mail the church office. Please arrive early to pass out bulletins and greet our members & visitors!



The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 2nd** in observance of Labor Day!

When Apollo 11 landed on the moon on June 20, 1969 (50 years ago), astronaut Buzz Aldrin who was also a Presbyterian elder carried with him from earth a small container of grape juice, chalice provided by his church, and a small piece of bread. In the Presbyterian Church, communion is always authorized by a governing body. The Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church gave the authorization, with consent from the Office of General Assembly, since the communion was beyond the congregational Session, presbytery, and synod levels. You could say this communion was the first meal consumed on the moon (at least, as far as we know).

Communion

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, September 1st.

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

1 Ellyn Macpherson
8 Margaret Boone
15 Tim Conner
22 Jim McLain
29 Mary Nolan

Greeters

1 Betty Tucker
8 Ellyn Macpherson
15
22 Ellyn Macpherson
29

Refreshment Hosts

1
8 Betty Tucker
15 Ellyn Macpherson
22
29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 Tim Church
8 Betty Couch
8 Pat & Donna Wadsworth
(Anniversary)
11 Randy Foreman
12 Clarice Burch
14 David Causey
18 Donna Wadsworth
18 Deano Babineaux
23 Paul Montgomery
28 Mary Lou Montgomery
28 Elke Hitt



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!

SEPTEMBER

	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>Communion</i> <i>UCO Collection</i>	2 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4 <i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> <i>4:45pm</i> <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	5	6	7
8 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	9	10 <i>PW Day Circle Meeting</i> <i>10am</i>	11 <i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> <i>4:45pm</i> <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	12 <i>MDO Donuts for Dads</i> <i>8:45am</i>	13	14
15 <i>Craniosynotosis Sunday</i> <i>Les Amis (noon)</i>	16 <i>Session Meeting</i> <i>6pm</i>	17	18 <i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> <i>4:45pm</i> <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	19	20	21
22	23 <i>PW Home Circle Meeting</i> <i>10am</i>	24	25 <i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> <i>4:45pm</i> <i>Choir 6:30pm</i>	26	27	28
29	30					

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