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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Reflections

Christian holiness consists not of trying as hard as we can to be good but of learning to live in the new world created by Easter, the new world we publicly entered in our baptism. There are many parts of the world we can't do anything about except pray. But there is one part of the world, one part of physical reality, that we can do something about, and that is the creature each of us call "myself."

– N.T. Wright
Surprised by Hope

We think of grumbling as something other people do. What we do is make justified complaints or offer constructive criticism, but we don't grumble. We make ourselves the exception - but the reality is that most of us grumble and some of us grumble most of the time.

– Tim Chester
Exodus for You

Everything is amazing right now and nobody is happy.

– Louis C. K.

Walking with God is no primrose path! ... In a word, the trials of the pathway may take us by surprise, but never him. They may catch us unprepared, but never him. Left to ourselves, they would be more than we could bear, but we are never left to ourselves. By ourselves we would not know which way to turn, but we are not by ourselves. God has planned the course we are to take and walks with us.

– J.A. Motyer
The Message of Exodus

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

_____ *Praise* _____

Call to Worship

—based on **1 Peter 1:3-5**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

¹ As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

Song of Praise

The Risen Christ

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Private Adoration and Praise

_____ *Renewal* _____

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Confession of Sin

*Minister
& People:*

O God who heals us, you have surrounded us daily with your goodness and mercy. You offer forgiveness, you cover us in the robes of your perfect Son, and protect us through every trial that you call us to endure. Praise, gratitude, and thanksgiving should fill our hearts, yet we are weak, selfish, and unwilling to trust you. We love your gifts far more than we love you, and resent you when you call us to suffer. We get angry with you when you do not do as we wish. We wallow in anxiety and fear that you do not love us and are not for us. Forgive us for doubting your love and goodness, for finding joy, peace, and contentment in things other than you. Rescue us from our discontentment. Give us faith to trust you, rest alone in you, and be faithful to you in the midst of life's difficulties. Steady us with your love and promises to be faithful to us, our Rock and Redeemer.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Sacrament of Baptism

Darby Anne Bodden

Song of Blessing

The Blessing

Song of Thanksgiving

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

The Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you.*

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

The Prayers of the People (concluded with the Lord's prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen!

Commitment

The Offering

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:22- 16:36

22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) 24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

25 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. 26 He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

16 The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. 2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" 8 Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

9 Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

11 The Lord said to Moses, 12 “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. 16 This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

17 The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. 18 And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

19 Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

20 However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

21 Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. 22 On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. 23 He said to them, “This is what the Lord commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”

24 So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. 25 “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the Lord. You will not find any of it on the ground today. 26 Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

27 Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. 28 Then the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? 29 Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.” 30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. 32 Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.’”

33 So Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come.”

34 As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron put the manna with the tablets of the covenant law, so that it might be preserved. 35 The Israelites ate manna forty years, until they came to a land that was settled; they ate manna until they reached the border of Canaan.

36 (An omer is one-tenth of an ephah.)

GRUMBLING AND GRACE
EXODUS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

Communion

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion is a family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Song of Communion

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

Prayer for those not communing:

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Grace Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

Song of Commitment

Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Benediction²

- based on Hebrews 13:20-21

- Leader: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.
- People: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.*
- Leader: Let us bless our Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*
- Leader: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- All: Alleluia! Amen.*

Dismissal

- Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ALL: Thanks be to God!*

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church.

Worship Music³

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brent Allmon, saxophone
T.J. Darst, bass
David Fox, keyboard
Damon Henrichs, guitar

David Kang, violin
Debra Moses, flute
Rae Moses, piano
Jennifer Reddick, flute

² The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

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_____ *Sermon Notes* _____

Exodus 15:22- 16:36

GRUMBLING AND GRACE

EXODUS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

_____ *COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS* _____

1. What do you need to learn from the lesson of the bitter water and the manna and quail in your own life? Is God present in our suffering?
2. When do you grumble? Why? What does it say about your view of, and faith in God? How seriously do you take your grumbling, even if it never comes out of your mouth but is only in your head?
3. Why is being delivered out of Egypt so traumatic at times? How has it been traumatic or difficult for you? How does Egypt cause us to lose (or forget) our identity? How have the Egypts in your life clouded your sense of identity in God?
4. How does God begin to piece together our identity again? How do you feel about this process?
5. Are you able to rest? What does this suggest about your view of, faith in, God? What will help you rest well?
6. How have you experienced Jesus being enough for you in the past? Can you say that Jesus is enough for you right now? Why? Why not? What does that mean in your life?
7. How would trusting that God is working to make you more like Jesus today reshape your reaction to momentary inconveniences? What about deep suffering?
8. Why/How do we chafe at the idea that we are not in control, that we need to have our whole lives governed by and sustained by the Lord? How does the gospel free us to trust God rather than grumble against him when we are tested and tempted?

Grace Presbyterian Bulletin Board

Welcome, Guests! We are excited you're here with us today. We hope that you were warmly welcomed and would love for you to be a part of Grace. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information on the back of the bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate or give it on to an usher.

Parents of Infants - Three-Yr-Olds: Our nursery and early-childhood classes provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our workers welcome the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Nursery, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Natalie Webster, at nursery@gracewoodlands.org.

Cry Room: A cry room is available for the comfort of our new parents in order to ensure that everyone enjoys our services. It is located in the back of the sanctuary and it is well equipped (comfortable rockers, changing table, etc.) but if you are in need of anything, one of our ushers will be glad to assist.

Grace Church Mobile App (My Church by Elexio) is available for iPhone and Android and can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. In addition to giving users access to the church directory and events, the mobile app also offers a mobile check-in option for the Nursery. If you have questions, please contact the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org.

Sunday Mornings at Grace

8:30 am Prayer

9:30 am Christian Education Classes

10:15 am Coffee Break

10:30 am Worship

11:45 am Intercession

Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry: To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. We would like to invite you to be a part of this uprising at 8:30 each Sunday morning in the Prayer Room (114). Join us as we pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

Community Groups: To be part of the church is to be part of a community. Community is where we connect, build relationships, study, and serve together. Community Groups consist of 8-15 people meeting regularly in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. to share our lives with one another. If you would like to learn more about Community Groups, please contact Todd Crusey at todd@gracewoodlands.org or use Find a Group in Member login to get connected to a particular group.

Sunday Morning Classes at Grace help us learn more about the Christian faith, encourage us to grow in character and wisdom, and equip us to engage our neighbors, those nearby and those across the world.

- **Contagious Christianity**

Rob McIntosh

Contagious Christianity- How did I catch it, and how do I give it away? Do other people even want it, and if not, why not? Let's examine these questions and more by looking back at the New Testament Church in Europe and question how that impacts those "Churchy words" like evangelism, assurance, and joy.

- **Seventy Times Seven**

Joy Zeigler & Amy Bottorff

To love well, we must forgive well, but too often our forgiveness is superficial and incomplete. Will we be hurt again? The gospel invites us to forgive, not as a one-time act, but motivated by stunned gratitude for the forgiveness God freely extends at great cost to Himself. Join us as we grapple with our call to forgive, a central theme of God's saving work for which we are His agents.

Join us weekly at 9:30 - upstairs in the Education Building

Children's Ministry:

- **Children's Christian Education** classes are offered for Preschoolers (2-3yrs old), Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. Classes meet in the Education Building at 9:30 am 2nd Grade and under are on the 1st floor, 3rd Grade and above meet on the 2nd floor.
- **Children's Church** is offered for children ages 4 years old through 2nd grade. During passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader in the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the church body. We gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon. We also collect a children's offering during the service. This format is designed to model worship for our children and teach them the importance of meeting together as the body of Christ.
- **SNiCK and 56ers:** All children, 8 weeks through 6th Grade, are invited to join us on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship. Friends are welcome! There is NO SNiCK next Sunday, May 14th, for Mother's Day!
- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Mighty Fortress VBS is scheduled for the week of June 12-16. VBS is offered free of charge to children ages 4 years through entering 4th grade. Space is limited and registration is required, so register today through the church website, gracewoodlands.org.
- **VBS Volunteers!** Vacation Bible School is one of our biggest outreach events and we can't do it without your help. We need volunteers to help with Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Games, Snacks, Registration, Decorations, and Preschool VBS. Preschool VBS is for children 3 and under and is only offered to the children of VBS volunteers. If you're interested in helping in any area, please contact Kyle Bobos (kyle@gracewoodlands.org). We will be having a **Work Day** this week, May 13 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
- **PlayGroup** is an active gathering of moms and dads making space for fun, friendship, and adventure for our young children. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. To get involved, contact Deborah Kovach or Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

*May 12th-Shenandoah Park/Splash Pad

*May 26-Timarron Park/Splash Pad

Student Ministry:

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15, we gather to know more deeply about our Lord and Savior and who are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings! Jr. High in room 206 and Sr. High in room 205.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship):** On Sunday evenings we gather to eat together, laugh together, and to see the person and work of Jesus more clearly in our lives together. Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm and Sr. High meets 7-8:30 pm. Next week we will not have SNF in honor of Mother's Day, so spend time loving your moms!
- **RYM:** Dates for the Jr. High RYM is June 5th-9th, 2017 (for uprising 7th grade-uprising freshmen) and HS RYM is July 10th-15th (for uprising freshmen-outgoing 12th grade.)
- **Service Opportunities:**
 - **Tamina Tutoring:** We go to the Tamina Community Center from 3:45-5:00 pm to tutor, play with, and love a great group of kids. We would love if you joined us.

Women's Ministry Events and More! Please join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Cafe (9000 New Trails), Thursday, May 4th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Kristen Power.

Men's Fraternal:

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast:** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 am on Tuesday, May 9th at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet is available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth is teaching a study on the book of James.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, May 16th. Join us at Wings N More on 242 for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like.

GraceCares:

- **Autumn Grove:** Just a few minutes drive from Grace, Autumn Grove Cottage, a sixteen resident assisted living home, provides care to men and women with Alzheimer's. A small group from Grace visits roughly once a month for about 30 minutes or so to sing, pray and visit with the residents. Children are always welcome.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are many seasons and events in life when we all need the help and encouragement of our community. The Meals Ministry seeks to enter into these times by providing meals and other means of support. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals for others, please contact our Meals Coordinator, Rhonnie Bellin.
- **Serve and Care for Grace Church members and congregation.** If you would like to know the best way to support and help those who might have financial or physical needs in our church and community, we would encourage you to consider giving to the Deacon's Fund. It is through the deacons and their ministry that Grace church provides for, supports and comes alongside those who are in need. If you have questions, please contact Matt Bradshaw.
- **Prayer Ministry:** Our desire at Grace is that we take seriously the privilege of prayer and there are several ways you can participate. If you become aware of a prayer need, please communicate this to us in one of the following ways:
 - In writing: Fill out the back page of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
 - By phone: 281-296-0911 (Church Office)

Your requests will be communicated to our Church Staff, Officers, and our Prayer Team. If you would like to be on our Prayer Team, please let us know.

Missions Service Opportunities & Events: Contact John Zeigler for more information or to be added to our GraceMissions email list or to connect with a missions team advocate.

- **May Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of May.
 - Rev. Nathan & Mrs. Falon Moretto, New City Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI
 - Ms. Shannon Dohn, Navigators, Uganda
- **Local Mission Partners**
 - Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
 - Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
 - Cornerstone Recovery | The Woodlands, TX
 - Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
 - Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
 - Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
 - Three Local Refugee Pastors: Pastor Thong Lun & Pastor Mang Tiak -Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship, Pastor Bhadra Rai & wife, Ruth -Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston, Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang -International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | Houston, TX
 - Blake & Ryan Arnoult | RUF | University of Houston
 - Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
 - Ben & Beth Hailey | RUF | Texas A&M University
 - Dennis & Jane Hermerding | King's Cross Church | Cypress, TX
 - Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX
 - Curtis & Marian Castleberry | Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX
 - Grace Presbyterian Diaconate
- **National Mission Partners**
 - Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
 - John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
 - Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
 - Michael & Rachel Novak | RUF | Trinity University
 - Nathan & Falon Moretto | New City Presbyterian Church | Royal Oak, MI
 - David & Kelly Richter | Christ the King Presbyterian Church | Somerville, MA
 - Francis A. Schaeffer Institute | Covenant Theological Seminary | Saint Louis, MO

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) | Atlanta, GA

• **International Mission Partners**

Jason & Sarah Pickard | RUF International | Texas A&M University

Bojan & Julia Dragičević | RUF International | University of Texas

Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Toyosu, Tokyo, Japan

Charlie & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico

Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia

David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon

Mission to The World (MTW) | Atlanta, GA

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for April 2017.

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	61,500	246,000
Actual General Fund	88,936	251,591
Variance	27,436	5,591

Banners Explained: Easter Sunday begins a fifty-day season of renewal known as Eastertide. This season is marked by white banners that will hang in the sanctuary until the Day of Pentecost.

The banner on the left is a reproduction of one found in ancient catacombs. The white background represents newness, freshness, and purity; the red of the cross symbolizes the work that Jesus did on our behalf. It is complemented with the first and last letters of the Greek name for Jesus (IC), the first and last letters of the Greek word for Christ (XC), and the Greek word for Conqueror (NIKA). The short bars above the letters indicate that they are abbreviations.

On the right, the circle of the Celtic Cross is a symbol of eternity as well but emphasizing the endlessness of God's love as shown through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Missed a Recent Sunday Worship? MP3s of Sunday morning messages are available on the website at www.gracewoodlands.org under Media. You can listen online, download them or subscribe to the Podcast. If you need help or are having trouble, please contact the church office @ 281-296-0911.

Church Office Information: Office Hours 8:30 am-3pm M - F | Phone: 281.296.0911 | Fax: 281.419.4345
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We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please use this page to let us know of your visit and to make us aware of any ideas, suggestions or concerns you may have. You may deposit this page in the offering plate as it comes by, or give it to an usher or greeter. Have confidence that no one will call or drop by your home; this is for us to have a record of your visit or your prayer requests.

Name & Email: _____

Spouse & Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Children & Grade: _____

Please let us know if you are:

- Visitor Regular Attendee One time visit from out of town

I am interested in learning about:

- Community Groups Music Usher, Greeter Sunday Volunteer
 Children's Ministry Women's Ministry Student Ministry Men's Ministry

Prayer Request:

- I would like the prayer team to pray for the following needs or concerns:

- I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern; please have someone contact me at: _____.

Prayer of Belief...

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful that I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.