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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

Our task, as image-bearing, God-loving, Christ-shaped, Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ and shaping our world, is to announce redemption to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its fallenness, to announce healing to the world that has discovered its brokenness, to proclaim love and trust to the world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion.

– N.T. Wright
The Challenge of Easter

...when the powerful purpose of Yahweh sets down in human life, nothing is normal; nothing is as it was. Everything is changed. Everything is different. Everything is new. And all the powers of death are feeble and helpless before this determined will for life.

– Walter Brueggemann
1 & 2 Kings

Ah, my reader, we never know how far-reaching may be the effects and what fruits may issue for eternity from the most conspicuous act done for God's glory or for the good of one of His people. How often has some obscure Christian, in the kindness of his heart, done something or given something which God has been pleased to bless and multiply in a manner and to an extent which never entered his (or her) mind.

– A.W. Pink
Gleanings from Elisha: His Life and Miracles

Proposing that Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead was just as controversial nineteen hundred years ago as it is today. The discovery that dead people stayed dead was not first made by the philosophers of the Enlightenment...

The early Christians did not invent the empty tomb and the 'meetings' or 'sightings' of the risen Jesus in order to explain a faith they already had. They developed that faith because of the occurrence, and convergence, of these two phenomena. Nobody was expecting this kind of thing; no kind of conversion-experience would have generated such ideas; nobody would have invented it, no matter how guilty (or forgiven) they felt, no matter how many hours they pored over the scriptures. To suggest otherwise is to stop doing history and to enter into a fantasy world of our own...

– N.T. Wright
The Resurrection of the Son of God

Grace Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: *Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

All: *For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is the be feared above all gods.*

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

Song of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Abide With Me

Private Praise and Adoration

Renewal

Scripture Reading

John 6:35-37

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. 37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

Confession of Sin

*Minister &
People:*

Mighty and gracious Father, you are the only thing that will satisfy us, yet we constantly fill our hearts with everything but you. You are our deliverer and our refuge from danger. We know we have nothing to fear in life or in death, yet we do fear. You have told us to rest from our own striving, yet we rely on our own strength and find ourselves consumed with anxiety and deeply shaken by this world and our own weakness. You have promised to work all things in this universe for our good, yet we doubt your love and argue with your wisdom. We read of your faithfulness to your people in your Word, yet we wonder if you will still be faithful to us. Forgive us for our unbelief and pride, which cause us to repeatedly doubt your love, your Word, and your power to hold onto us and work all things together for our good. Give us eyes to see Jesus, pleading for us as he bears deep wounds that proclaim that there is no condemnation for those found in Him. By your Spirit, help us to feast upon Jesus and never go hungry.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Romans 8:31-34

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus Cast A Look On Me

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

2 Kings 4:38-44

Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these prophets."

39 One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. 40 The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

41 Elisha said, "Get some flour." He put it into the pot and said, "Serve it to the people to eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

42 A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

43 "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" 44 Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

Sermon

Mr. Kyle Bobos

GOD'S UNEXPECTED GRACE IN THE FAMINE **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPHETS**

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!*

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.

Benediction²

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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
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

2 Kings 4:38-44

GOD'S UNEXPECTED GRACE IN THE FAMINE
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE PROPHETS

Community Group Questions

1. Why is it significant that a famine is going on? What is the likely reason there is a famine? How does Amos 8:11 fit into our understanding of this famine?

2. Who are the beneficiaries of these miracles? Why does it matter that these prophets not die?

3. Upon first glance, these miracles seem insignificant and trivial. But are they? Why not? Discuss.

4. When God wants to do something tremendous and earth-changing, does he go with loud, drastic, fireworks? Or does he start with the small, seemingly insignificant, mustard seeds? What does this mean for the neglected, unwanted, insignificant?

5. How does Elisha's feeding of the 100 prophets foreshadow Jesus feeding the 5000?

6. We often feel like God doesn't care about us, or that what we do doesn't matter. How does this passage reject that notion and encourage and strengthen you because you have a God that cares about the minutiae and the mundane?

7. This passage teaches us and demonstrates that Yahweh is a God that keeps His promises. Does your life demonstrate that you believe this? Why? Why not? What might your life look like if you did believe that? What might you give up because it's true? What might you start doing because it's true? Where would freedom reign in your life? Where would God's mission for His world take precedence in your life?

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, Kate Weimar, 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.

Sunday Mornings at Grace

8:30 am Prayer	10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Christian Education Classes	11:45 am Intercession
10:15 am Coffee Break	

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. Groups consist of 8-15 people meeting regularly in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. Most groups meet on Sunday nights, but other times are also available. If you'd like to learn more community life at Grace, please contact Todd Crusey at todd@gracewoodlands.org.

GraceLife - 5th Sunday Fellowship: We host a fellowship meal during every month with five Sundays. These lunch time meals give us the opportunity for extended fellowship after church. Please plan to join us on Sunday, April 29th for Tex-Mex! Sign up in the Narthex to bring your favorite Tex-Mex dishes. You can bring an appetizer, a main dish, sides, or even dessert! All are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Deb Kovach.

GraceKids is a Mother's Day Out program for children ages 8 weeks to 4 years old. Classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Registration is currently open for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information you can email Kate Weimar at mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: New Sunday morning classes begin next week. Join us in a fine time of fellowship and discussion as we get to know our Lord better.

- **Topics from Romans 1-8** Mike Hume
Paul's Letter to the Romans is often thought to be the heart of the Bible because it explains the doctrines of the Christian faith, such as how Jesus' death on the cross satisfied God's wrath against our sin, and how His righteousness covers us through faith. Join Mike in looking into topics like Sin, Faith, Justification, Imputation, Sanctification and Assurance.
- **Walk by the Spirit** Joy Zeigler
This class is about laying our burdens down and participating in the kingdom of God with boundless gratitude. Join us as we look to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit to teach us what it means to walk by the Spirit. We will explore the question that puts all others into perspective: how big is the cross?

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

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. We eat and laugh and play during our time together. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors! Next Sunday, April 22nd, we will have a movie night. Bring friends, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, jammies, whatever you want to enjoy our movie night together!
- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Splash Canyon VBS is scheduled for the week of June 4th-8th. 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 Volunteer Meeting:** Today, after church, If you are helping with VBS or are interested in signing up to help with VBS, please plan on attending our brief meeting, upstairs in Room 209, to talk about and plan for VBS this year! This is an informational meeting for all who plan to participate.
- **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. We will have another work day on May 19th from 9 am - 12 pm. VBS Set-Up Week will be May 29th - June 1st. If you're interested in helping in any area, please contact Kyle Bobos (kyle@gracewoodlands.org).
- **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.
 - April 27th- Sawmill Park
 - May 11th- Timarron Park & Splashpad

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 we are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 206.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship)** On Sunday evenings we gather to eat, fellowship, 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. Relationships are at the heart of what it means to be made in the image of God. Join us this semester as we discuss all the different relationships we have in our lives and what it means to usher the love of Christ into all of these places.
- **Tutoring at Tamina:** Come and serve at the Tamina Community Center from 3:45-5 pm on Tuesdays to tutor, play with, and love on a great group of kids.
- **Save The Date:**
 - **RYM Texas:** Calling all 7th & 8th graders (if you will be in Junior High in the fall this is for you too!) Join us for camp the first week of June. RYM Texas will be June 4-8, 2018 in Hawkins, TX. Our camp speaker will be Richie Sessions, he is fabulous! Great teaching and fun activities (high ropes course, horseback riding, waterslide, lazy river, giant rope swing and much more!) This event is a neat opportunity to invite friends to join! Cost of camp is \$425 for lodging, camp cost, food and t-shirt. Don't let money keep you coming coming! For more information, please reach out to Grayson for any questions you may have. **Deadline to sign up is Today.**

Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, April 17th. Join us at Stadia Sports Grill (89595 Six Pines Dr #1110, The Woodlands) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast:** Our twice monthly men's breakfast meets next at 6:30 am on Tuesday, April 24th at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet is available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth is teaching a study on the Person and Work of Jesus.

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 3rd we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

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. We would love to have you join us. Contact Laurel Stevens or Dan Brink for more information.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are 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. 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.

- **ESL ministry needs:** English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are underway! We serve 60+ adult students and 20+ children each Wednesday evening from 7-9 PM. Please consider volunteering to help any week you are available. Sign up to bring food, help with childcare or just show up to help greet our neighbors and support our teachers. Contact Bailey Patel for the sign up link or for more info at esl@gracewoodlands.org.
- **Tamina Spring Festival:** Saturday May 5th from 11 am to 4 pm at Tamina Park, 19500 Main Street, Conroe. Grace has partnered with Tamina for years at this festival which raises funds for the Tamina Community Center. As always there are many ways to help. The best way? Come to the festival & bring friends! Families with young children will enjoy the bounce house, the petting zoo, and the carnival games. Older kids will love the basketball knock out and the Zorb Balls (think racing in a human-sized hamster ball). Bring cash for game and raffle tickets, have a snow cone, and enjoy barbecue prepared by Todd and his team. Here are a few more ways to help:
 - Volunteer to collect tickets at the Grace sponsored "Zorb Balls" for an hour.
 - Sponsor a child from the Tamina Community to attend the festival. \$20/half day, \$40 full day. Admission to the festival is free, but tickets are needed for the games and rides. **Checks made out to Tamina Community Center can be placed in the offering plate.**
 - Pray for the festival to bring in support for the Tamina Community Center and to strengthen relationships between our communities. Contact Laurel Stevens with any questions about sponsorships or to sign up to volunteer
- **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
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 David & Kelly Richter | Christ the King Presbyterian Church | Somerville, MA
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 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) | Atlanta, GA
 Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio

• **International Mission Partners**

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 Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
 David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
 Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon
 Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
 Mission to The World (MTW) | Atlanta, GA

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for March 2018.

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	212,574	
Actual General Fund	63,645	165,036	
Variance	(7,213)	(47,538)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850.300

Find & Interact with Members and Online Giving:

- **Grace Online Directory:** The link can be found on the church website under the Connect tab. In addition to accessing the church directory, you can join groups and print your giving statements. If you did not receive login instructions or would like to be added to the church directory, contact Dianna in the office at admin@gracewoodlands.org or 281-296-0911.
- **Grace Church Mobile App (Elexio Community 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. To log on, replace "Domain" with gracewoodlands and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Grace Online Giving Portal.** If you would like to give online, you will need to setup an account. The link can be found on our website under the Care/Give tab.

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 office⁴.

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.*

⁴ Office Hours 8:30 am-3pm M - F Phone: 281.296.0911
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