



*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

As we all suffer in degrees more or less, what we become in and through the suffering is vital. Shall we become more full of love and acceptance, of compassion with other sufferers, even more full of a certain kind of peace and joy? Or shall we become narrower, more self-enclosed, more self-pitying?

– Eric Symes Abbot
Invitations to Prayer

God loves clingy people. You can cling to God, and he won't mind at all. Cling to him in love, and you will have his strength. That's a pretty nice trade. You bring to him your weakness, and he gives you his strength.

– C. John (Jack) Miller
Saving Grace

Silence frees us from the need to control others... A frantic stream of words flows from us in an attempt to straighten others out. We want so desperately for them to agree with us, to see things our way. We evaluate people, judge people, condemn people. We devour people with our words. Silence is one of the deepest Disciplines of the Spirit simply because it puts the stopper on that.

– Richard Foster
Freedom of Simplicity

It is a fearful thing to hate whom God has loved. To look upon another – his weaknesses, his sins, his faults, his defects – is to look upon one who is suffering. He is suffering from negative passions, from the same sinful human corruption from which you yourself suffer. This is a very important: do not look upon him with the judgmental eyes of comparison, noting the sins you assume you would never commit. Rather, see him as a fellow sufferer, a fellow human being who is in need of the very healing of which you are in need. Help him, love him, pray for him, do unto him as you would have him do unto you.

– Tikhon of Zadonsk (1724-83)

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

_____ *Praise* _____

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

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

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

Song of Praise

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Private Praise and Adoration

Renewal

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Confession of Sin

Minister &

People:

Word of God Incarnate, you came to this world to accomplish salvation. By your grace you call us to repent, to be crucified with you, that we might be raised as new creations. But we confess that we often do not live as renewed people. Often we "go with the flow" instead of stemming the tide. Forgive us when we do not show evidence of renewal. Forgive us when we let the fruit of the Spirit be choked by the weeds of our dysfunction. You have made us your children, members of your kingdom. Help us to show evidence of that every day as we work to bring your justice, peace, gentleness, goodness, love, joy, and hope to all we meet. For Jesus' sake!

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

1 Timothy 1:15,16

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

Song of Thanksgiving

Friend of Sinners

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

Romans 14:1-23

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. 14 I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. 15 If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, 18 because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. 21 It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

The Weak and Strong
THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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

The Wonderful Cross

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. Gluten-free wafers are provided in cups in the center of the cup trays. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

Song of Commitment

We Are the Body of Christ

Benediction²

Romans 15:5,6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

Worship Music³

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

Brent Allmon, saxophone
David Fox, keyboard
Damon Henrichs, guitar

Debra Moses, flute
Rae Moses, piano
Jennifer Reddick, flute

Sermon Notes

Romans 14:1-23
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Community Group Questions

1. What is the problem that Paul is addressing in chapter 14? Is one person judging another a problem in the church today? What are some examples?

2. What is the difference between matters of basic principles and individual preferences? What are some examples of disputable issues in the church?

3. What characterizes the weak person? A strong person? How do we often get these backwards?

4. How does this result in one judging another? Why does the strong tend to feel superior and the weak tend to condemn the strong? Do you tend to feel superior or to condemn?

5. What are the ways to combat these tendencies? How does judging another fail to reflect the gospel?

6. How should we use the freedom from cultural marks of spirituality that is ours in Christ? We give up our freedoms for others, but we do not allow anyone to take them. Please comment.

7. How would we define causing someone to stumble or fall? How is that different from bothering, upsetting or hurting someone?

8. How should we live together? How should we mind our own business when it comes to disputed areas?

9. What are some ways we could pursue peace within our church community?

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, Kate Weimar, at mothersdayout@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.

New Door Locking Procedure During Worship: We will be locking the two entrances in the education wing (the one by the elevator and the main office entrance). This is primarily to increase the safety and protection of our children and those serving in the nursery and Children's Church. That means if you, or anyone, arrives after 10:45 am, they will be guided by signs to enter Grace through the main sanctuary doors where there will be someone from the Usher Team there to assist them.

Stated Consistory Meeting: The Consistory is the combination of all the elected officers (deacons and elders) of GPC. On May 13th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a stated meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Holy Week: Join us for our Good Friday service on April 19th at 6:30 pm. On Easter morning, Christian Ed classes will not meet, but we will have two Worship services at 9 am and 10:30 am. The nursery will be provided during services.

Grace Easter Egg Hunt – Hop on over for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Invite your friends and neighbors to join our community tradition.

- **Date:** Saturday, April 20th **Time:** 10:00 – 12:00
- **Location:** Cranebrook Park, 11800 Cranebrook Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77382
- **Food and Entertainment:**
 - Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny (between 10:00 and 11:30) – Easter Egg Hunt
 - Inflatable Bounce Houses – Food and Fellowship
- **Easter Eggs Needed:** Please bring donations of plastic Easter Eggs and candy, they can be filled with **only prepackaged candy or small toys** (no chocolate, not peanuts please). You may drop your eggs off in the baskets located in the church Narthex.
- **Easter Egg Brunch:** Brunch food needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. We appreciate muffins, breakfast tacos, donuts, fruit or any other Brunch treat. Please see the sign-up sheet on table in the Church Narthex.

Singers for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday: Anyone interested in joining us to sing on Palm Sunday and Easter meet in room 108 at 9 am on Sunday mornings. High School students through adult are welcome, and we would love to have you join our ensemble. Contact Debra Moses for further information.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to place in the sanctuary for Easter morning, in honor of or in memory of someone, please pick up an order card from the table at the back of the sanctuary. Place the card and your check, earmarked lily, in the offering plate. Sunday, April 14th is the deadline to place your order. Please remember to take your lily home after the 2nd Easter Service.

Adult Christian Education: Join us in a Sunday Morning class next week as we seek to better know, love and serve Jesus Christ. Classes are held in rooms 201 & 209 at 9:30 am.

• **Imagine the Unimaginable - The Resurrection Narratives**

Andy Yung

"He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried." How empty that would be if the story ended there; how hopeless. This is where we find the followers of Jesus on Holy Saturday. But then something happened that radically upset the expected outcome. How often have we immersed ourselves in the reality of these events, placed ourselves in the shoes of His followers, and been captivated by the unimaginable wonder of the empty tomb? Join us as we explore the Resurrection through the eyes of the disciples on that first Easter.

• **A Study of Hell - That We Might Better Know the Light**

Dan Brink

Our Lord had much to say about what He termed "outer darkness". Yet, understandably, we rarely think about the doctrine of Hell, but neglecting it is to our detriment. C.H. Spurgeon said, "Think lightly of Hell, and you will think lightly of the cross." No doubt it is a difficult subject, but you may be surprised as to how this study can give you a deeper appreciation for our Lord's work on our behalf and a greater heart for those who do not yet know Him. Come join Dan on this worthwhile journey to see what Scripture says (and doesn't say) about this important doctrine.

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 consisting of 8-15 people meet regularly on Sundays and throughout the week. If you are interested in joining a group or need more information, please email the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org.

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

- **Women's Bible Study:** The Thursdays morning group meets at 9:30 am in room 207, Linda Martinez is leading and childcare is provided. The Thursdays evening group meets at 7 pm in room 207, Jan Johnston is leading.
- **Rain Walks** is a grief support group for women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, either recently or in the past. Please come to listen (and share if you like) as we discuss our journeys and ways to "walk" through our loss. Rain Walks meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am at Black Walnut Cafe in The Woodlands. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Café (9000 New Trails), Thursday, May 2nd we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

Men's Fraternal: John Weimar is leading our Men's Ministry Team.

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast Bible Study** Our next meeting will be on April 9th at 6:30 am at the Egg and I. For more information please contact Steve Wilmoth.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, April 18th for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.

Student Ministry is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. If you have any questions, contact Courtney Lott.

- **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 Sundays during the school year we gather to eat, fellowship, and to see the person and work of Jesus more clearly in our lives together. Sr. High meets 3:30-4:30 pm and Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm. If you have any questions, contact Courtney Lott.
- **Jr. High RYM** will be June 24th-28th at Laguna Beach Retreat Center in Florida. This is for all Junior High students (incoming 7th graders to outgoing 8th graders). See Kyle for more details and to sign up.
- **Sr. High RYM** will be July 8th-13th at Laguna Beach Retreat Center in Florida. This is for all High School students (incoming 9th graders - graduating Seniors). See Kyle for more details and to sign up.

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 will be movie night! So bring sleeping bag, pillows, jammies, etc and come ready to have fun!
- **56er Lock-In** will be on April 12th. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and families are invited back to Grace for breakfast at 8:00 am the next day.
- **VBS Volunteer Meeting:** If you are helping with VBS or are interested in signing up to help with VBS, please plan on attending a meeting after church on April 14th, 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 will be June 3rd-7th.** Mark your calendars! Registration is open and is there is limited space available, so sign up your children today! We will have another work day on Saturday, May 4th from 9 am - 12 pm. VBS Set-Up Week will be May 27th - May 31st. See Kyle if you are interested in volunteering in any way.
- **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 Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

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 2019-2020 school year. For more information you can email Kate Weimar at mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org.

GraceCares: Caring for the church and the community: If you are interested in helping with GraceCares and the needs of the church and the community, please contact Joe Tison.

- **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. 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 .
- **Giving:** If you would like to know the best way to support those who might have 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.

• **April Prayer Partners:**

- Mr. Dennis & Ms. Bobbie Mark, Redeemed Ministries, The Woodlands, TX
- Rev. John & Ms. Chrissy Trapp, RUF, University of Texas

• **ESL Ministry Help Needed:** English as a Second Language classes are in session through May 21st. If you are interested in helping with this vital ministry to our community, there are several short-term volunteer opportunities available each Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. No teaching or foreign language experience is required, only a willing heart to love our neighbor. Contact Bailey Patel at esl@gracewoodlands.org for more information.

• **The Annual Tamina Community Center (TCC) Spring Festival** is Saturday, May 4th. Grace has partnered with TCC for years at this festival, and this year we are providing an inflatable obstacle course and a skee-ball game. How can you help?

- Come to the festival! It is from 11 am to 4 pm at Tamina Park (19500 Main Street, Conroe, TX 77385). Carnival games, a cake walk, silent auction (bring your check book!) and more.
- Volunteer to collect tickets at our game for an hour. Watch here for more information.
- Sponsor a child from the TCC to attend the festival (\$25) or to take part in the summer activities at the TCC (\$225). Admission to the festival is free, but tickets are needed for the games and rides. Checks can be made out to and mailed to Tamina Community Center (18955 Main Street, Conroe, TX 77385) or be placed in the offering plate.
- Pray for the festival to bring in support for the TCC and to strengthen relationships between our communities. Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Laurel Stevens

• **Local Missions Partners**

- Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
- Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
- Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
- Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
- Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
- Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
- Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX
- Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
- Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
- Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
- Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

• **National Missions Partners**

- Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship Dallas | Dallas, TX
- David & Kelly Richter | Somerville Project | Boston, MA
- Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
- William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A & M University
- Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
- Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
- John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
- Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
- Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Theological Seminary | St. Louis, MO
- Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX

• **International Missions Partners**

- Arab Baptist Theological Seminary / Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development | Beirut, Lebanon
- Titus & Crystal Bagby | RUF International | Texas A & M University
- Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas

- Charles & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
- Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, Japan
- Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
- David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
- Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
- Mission to The World | Atlanta, GA

Banners Explained: The change of colors for Lent and the following Sundays helps communicate the movement of sacred time as well as our journeys. The color purple is a visual reminder of our need for repentance and self-examination.

On the banner to the right is an acanthus. It is the leaf that you see all over classic Greek and Roman architecture. It is a thorny plant, and a few have speculated that it may have been the source of the crown of thorns. Within Christianity, the thorns are a symbol of pain, and of sin and its punishment. It was regarded in ancient times by pagans as a symbol of death and rebirth.

On the other is a thistle. The thistle is a symbol of temporal sorrow and the curse of sin from the story of the Fall. Because the thistle is a thorny bush, it also is often portrayed as the source of Christ's crown of thorns. Because thistles flourish to crowd out useful crops, they have also been used to represent the "tares" or weeds written of in Matthew 13.

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for March 2019.

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	62,666	187,998
Actual General Fund	85,798	189,057
Variance	23,132	1,059

Grace Online gives users access to the church directory and event calendar. Users can also join groups, print giving statements and give online. If you need any online instructions contact Dianna in the office at 281-296-0911 or admin@gracewoodlands.org.

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, gracewoodlands.org under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community):** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with gracewoodlands and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** If you would like to give online, you will need to set up an account, the link is under the Care tab on our website.

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 & Cell Number: _____

Spouse, Email & Cell Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Children, Age & 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 Membership

Prayer Request

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

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

Prayer of Belief...

*Lord Jesus Christ, 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 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.*