



P R E S B Y T E R I A N
G R A C E

*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.*

Church Staff & Officers

David J. Wilcher
Lead Pastor

Kyle Bobos
Children's Ministries

Caleb McDuffee
Student Ministries

Elders
*Dan Brink
Jon Green
Mark Moore
Andy Yung*

Deacons
*Matt Bradshaw
Mike Bellin
Jeff Cranford
Mark Hill
Scott Johnston
Rob McIntosh
Mike Ryan
Sunny Yung*

Reflections

Our life is full of brokenness - broken relationships, broken promises, broken expectations. How can we live with that brokenness without becoming bitter and resentful except by returning again and again to God's faithful presence in our lives.

– Henri Nouwen

...one of the worst things about being a parent, for me, is the self-discovery, the being face to face with one's secret insanity and brokenness and rage.

– Anne Lamott

Christ is building His kingdom with earth's broken things. Men want only the strong, the successful, the victorious, the unbroken, in building their kingdoms; but God is the God of the unsuccessful, of those who have failed. Heaven is filling with earth's broken lives, and there is no bruised reed that Christ cannot take and restore to glorious blessedness and beauty. He can take the life crushed by pain or sorrow and make it into a harp whose music shall be all praise. He can lift earth's saddest failure up to heaven's glory.

– J.R. Miller

When I come clean about my brokenness, others catch glimpses of how the real grace of a real God works in the messy life of a real person.

– Jason Gray

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

October 6, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Leader: Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

*People: Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

Leader: Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

*People: Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.*

Leader: In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

*All: Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.*

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

Song of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

I Will Sing Praise

Private Praise and Adoration

Renewal

Scripture Reading

Romans 2:1

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

Confession of Sin

*Minister &
People:*

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word, our divided wills with your law, our troubled consciences with your love and our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

7 Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

8 The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

1 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

ENCOUNTERING GREAT FAITH
ENGAGING A BROKEN WORLD

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

Behold the Lamb

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

His Love Can Never Fail

Benediction²

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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
David Fox, keyboard

Damon Henrichs, guitar
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.

³ All songs except hymns are copied under CCL # 1214497. The hymns are reprinted from *Trinity Hymnal* (© 1990, Great Commission Publications). Used by permission. All Scripture is quoted from, unless otherwise indicated, the *THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION*®, *NIV*® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by *Biblica, Inc.*™ Used by permission

Sermon Notes

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
ENCOUNTERING GREAT FAITH
ENGAGING A BROKEN WORLD

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Who is this centurion in the story?
2. Why does this Roman commander come to Jesus? What does this demonstrate about this man? What does his community think of him?
3. How does Jesus affirm and commend the quality of this man's life?
4. Do Christians have the reputation of responding to those outside the faith by commending their good qualities? Why or why not?
5. Does he think that he deserves to have Jesus respond? Why is this important?
6. What causes Jesus to commend and respond to this man's plea?
7. Is this how we normally approach Jesus? What happens when Jesus does not respond to your requests? What does that say about our approach?
8. Who does Jesus speak directly to in the story? Who does he challenge and why? What are they lacking that this man possesses?
9. How does this story challenge us?

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.

Congregational Meeting, Oct 13th, immediately following the morning worship service. We will hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing both Elders and Deacons.

GraceLife Fall Festival: Sunday, Oct. 13th, 4-7 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for food, fun, laughter, and an all-around good time for all ages. Come ready to climb, jump, eat, and more! How can you help?

- Volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, grilling, or popping popcorn.
- Annual Cakewalk: We need your donations of Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Breads to keep the music playing, and the games going! With your donation, "Everybody's a Winner."
- Sign up in the church lobby to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.)
- Enter the Chili Cook-Off there will be a prize for the best chili.

Email Wendy Fox at nelmsfox@aol.com if you are able to help or have any questions.

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. Signup sheets are on the tables in the Narthex. If you are needing more information about community groups or missed the signup sheets, email Nick Jones.

Adult Christian Education:

• **Sunday Morning Adult Classes:** Our six-week classes exploring themes of mercy and sanctification continue next week. Missed a class? No worries, the teachers will review past classes, so jump right in! Join us weekly at 9:30 – upstairs in the Education Building.

• **Stories of Mercy, Old and New**

Damon Webster

Throughout the Bible, many called God merciful. We hear beautiful language such as His mercies are new every morning, and that He is slow to anger. We see clear pictures of Jesus's mercy throughout the gospel. Come explore biblical stories of mercy and modern examples inspired from that mercy. Take these stories that made Jesus more believable and beautiful to the people that experienced them and, hopefully, He will become more believable and beautiful to you as well.

- **The Whole of Our Holiness: A Study in Sanctification** Andy Yung
Be good. Be like Jesus. Be disciplined. Perhaps you have heard statements like these as a way of encouraging a life of holiness. However, when we try to put these statements into practice, we waver between pride in the things we accomplished for God yesterday, and despair that we didn't measure up to God's standard today. What is the role of grace in our daily lives, and do we truly believe that Jesus is the author and finisher of our salvation? Join us as we explore this topic together.
- **Intro to Grace Presbyterian** David Wilcher
Whether you are on the fast track toward membership or the walking path toward learning more about us, this introductory class about Grace Presbyterian Church is for you! This is a great chance to better understand the mission and ministry of this church, as well as to interrogate the pastor with any questions you might have.
- **Strategies for Facing a Pensionless Retirement:** You've heard of asset accumulation - but are you familiar with asset decumulation? For those with no pension in your future, this topic is essential. John Rafferty will lead a 2-part discussion-based seminar on Oct 19th and Nov 2nd, from 9 to 11 am, upstairs in the educational wing. All are welcome, but this will particularly help those between ages 40-65 who are not yet retired. John is a thirty+ year veteran executive of the retirement planning and financial services industry. He will address the risks and challenges of moving from an asset accumulation mindset to one focused on turning those assets into retirement income. In addition, related topics such as Social Security, the stock market, and IRAs will be discussed. Contact John Rafferty in person or by email to pre-register. *This is not a sales presentation nor an opportunity to refer your name to a salesperson. The seminar is purely educational to better inform you BEFORE you meet with any financial advisor to discuss this topic.

Women's Ministry Events and More! If you have any questions about Women's Ministry contact Natalie Webster or join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Morning Bible Study:** If you'd like to join us, please contact Linda Martinez.
- **Evening Bible Study:** Began Thursday Oct 3rd, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jan Johnston or Natalie Webster with questions.
- **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.
- **Girls' Night Out** is on pause for the rest of 2019.
- **Fall Hymn Sing:** Curious as to what a fall hymn sing is? Imagine our Christmas Lessons and Carols service mixed with Pumpkin Spice Lattes and freshly sharpened pencils. This will be a cozy event with a chance for worship and fellowship, and a seasonal dessert bar afterwards. Join us on Friday, Oct 25th at 7 pm at Grace.

Children's Ministries:

- **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.
- **SNiCK Pumpkin Decorating:** On Oct. 20th, we will be decorating pumpkins at SNiCK/ 56ers. Kids should bring a small to medium size pumpkin, wear some old clothes, and be ready to get messy!
- **SNiCK or Treat Costume Party:** On Sunday, Oct. 27th, kids should come dressed up and ready to party! There will be games and prizes, and of course, SNiCK or Treat (Trunk or Treat)! For SNiCK or

Treat, parents should plan to return to GPC and be set up in the parking lot by 6:30 pm. We are asking participating parents to decorate the trunks of their cars in festive Halloween style and stock up on candy and/or other goodies. Parents will line up their cars in the parking lot and costumed kids will come out to Trunk or Treat. SNiCK or Treat is a great time to invite your friends to come to SNiCK & 56ers. There will be a prize for the best decorated trunk!

Student Ministries is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for Student Ministries, or would like more information about an upcoming youth event, or have any questions at all, contact Caleb McDuffee at caleb@gracewoodlands.org. Have your student connect with us on Instagram (called GPCyouth) or ask to be put in our Youth group GroupMe to hear about upcoming youth group events!

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 am, 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. Currently we are doing a series talking about what God's will for our life is.
- **Youth Group** is every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm during the school year. This will be a weekly time of youth fellowship, food, games, and a Gospel focused message. Invite friends from outside the church to join us! Come early at 6:30 to hangout and have snacks!
- **Jr. High Fall retreat at Stoney Creek Ranch:** This retreat will be held Oct 11th-13th and Kyle Bobos will be the event's speaker! Registration is now closed for this retreat, but please be praying for the energy and diligent preparation of the leaders that are attending this retreat, and for God to be working in the hearts of the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders that are coming!
- **Sr. High 1-day Fall retreat:** This Fall we will be hosting a 1-day in-town retreat for our Sr. High students on October 26th! We plan to take our students and any friends they bring around town for a combination of fun activities, bible studies, and service projects! The details of the retreat are still being finalized, but it should be a full and busy day. More details to come!

Men's Fraternal: We are looking for men who would like to support the men's events and planning. Please contact John, with interest and to learn more on the specific needs.

- **Men's Discipleship Bible Study** Join us on Tuesday, Oct 8th, at the normal time of 6:30 am. Breakfast and coffee will be available for purchase and we will finish by 7:30 am. We have a new location, the IHOP on the I-45 feeder, just north of Sawdust Road on the west side of I-45. We began our 2019-20 study series on Paul's letter to the Colossians.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, Oct.17th 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.

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.

• **October Prayer Partners**

- Montgomery County Women's Center
- William Bodurant, RUF @ Texas A&M

• **New Volunteer Opportunity with ESL Ministry.** There is an urgent need for a setup crew of 2 or 3 people to assist weekly in rearranging furniture in preparation for Tuesday night English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Some moderate lifting is required. Ideally this could be done at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays, but anytime after 2 pm on Mondays would be feasible. It should only take about 30-40 minutes once a routine is developed. If enough volunteers are available, they could alternate weeks as desired. If you are interested in helping with this or any other ESL Ministry opportunity, please email esl@gracewoodlands.org or talk with Bailey Patel or John Zeigler.

• **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: In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection. This color indicates ordinary time, which is the time between the major Christian Seasons.

The banner on the right is inscribed with the Latin phrase "In cruce salus" meaning "In the cross is salvation". Passion flowers symbolize the suffering and death of Christ, and forming a circle in the center is a crown of thorns which Jesus wore on the cross. In the center are the Greek letters alpha and

omega, the first and last letters of the alphabet. In Revelation 21:6, Jesus describes himself as the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End.

The banner on the left is inscribed with the Latin phrase “Ego sum vitis vera” meaning “I am the true vine”, an expression Jesus used to describe himself in John 15:1. The grapevines that make up the cross symbolize abundance and fruitfulness; Jesus is the only way to a truly fruitful life. The “IHS” in the center of the cross is an ancient monogram for Jesus.

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

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	62,666	501,328
Actual General Fund	60,054	512,906
Variance	(2,612)	11,578

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.