

Grace Notes



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

September 2022

The CATCH

September is upon us, and things are gearing up. The kids are back in school, the choirs are rehearsing, Sunday school has restarted, and new things are about to happen.

In mid-September we will start the CATCH program, a comprehensive outreach plan that centers around inviting and welcoming visitors to our church. There will be a four-week sermon series and bible study (more details on time to come). A CATCH team will be formed to review the facility and create a visitor station in the Narthex, train people to greet visitors and develop a visitor to member follow up process. This exciting plan will help us grow numerically, in fellowship and spiritually.

I will also be setting aside some time for “Coffee and Conversation” and opportunity to sit down and visit as we get to know each other.

This is an exciting time for our congregation!

Peace,

Pastor Bill

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, September 18, after the second service, for the purpose of electing new officers. Please join us for this important meeting.

Grace Covenant Scholarships

Congratulations to the recipients of Grace Covenant scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Zackary Gallagher
Lily Neusaenger
Brooke Petersen
Dylan Umpierre

Looking Forward

September

5 - Labor Day, Office Closed
14 - SHINE
18 - Congregational Meeting
25 - Installation Service for Pastor Bill

October

2 - World Communion Sunday
17 - Pumpkin Patch Opens
16 - Third Grade Bible Sunday
22 - Nathaniel's Hope Buddy Break
23 - Commitment Sunday

November

1 - All Saints' Day
13 - Annual Picnic
20 - Hanging of the Greens
24 - Thanksgiving Day

See the church calendar online:

<https://www.grace.to/announcements/weekly-calendar/>

Pumpkin Patch

Opens October 17 Monday-Saturday



In Sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy
to the family of:
Edgar "Ed" Wilson - July 27, 2022

Thank You

Dear church family,

Vantrease and I wanted to thank you for your love and generosity for throwing us a picnic luncheon to celebrate Mike's last day of ministry at Grace. We were profoundly touched by the efforts of all who made this possible, from "M" and the Hospitality Committee for setting up, cooking burgers & dogs, setting tables and decorations, and the all important clean up, to those who brought side dishes and desserts, to our youth and young adults making tie-die cupcakes, and to those who made financial gifts, our hearts are filled with love.

Mike is looking forward to an increasing role at The Russell Home for Atypical Children as a volunteer and Board of Directors member. He'll get to spend more time at the Home and at the Thrift Store, and doing whatever Vantrease needs to help our children get the best care in the most loving environment possible.

It has been a blessing to serve Christ with you at Grace Covenant for four years of ministry. And we both look forward to worshipping with you more often in person than before.

In Him,
Mike and Vantrease

Joe and "M" Waddell wish to thank GCPC and Pastor Bill for their prayers, cards, visits, calls and love during "M"'s recent hospital stay. You certainly have been wonderful help for her as she continues to recoup!

All our love and blessings, Joe and "M"

The Cumbus, Osborne and Umpierre families would like to share our gratitude to our Grace family in abundance. Robert's hospital stays were difficult journeys, however we experienced miracle upon miracle. We know our heavenly Father is carrying, healing, strengthening, and blessing Robert and our families, and we have no doubt it is because of our amazing prayer team. We are truly blessed to have such a steadfast, supporting and kind Grace family. Thank you tenderly for all your prayers, messages, and cards. With Love,

Ann, Tracy and Shannon

New Address

Tom and Meri Buchanan

Small Blessings Child Care

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. - Albert Einstein

The school year 2022-2023 has officially started at Small Blessings. The school offers classes for infants through three years old and the Florida State run VPK for four years old. SBCC is considered one of the best in Orlando and we are so very proud to share our Grace Covenant campus with them!

SBCC children are ready to jump into the new school year. They are like sponges and have such a love for learning and are ready to soak it up! They will be learning about letters, numbers, science, health, safety and manners. There will be plenty of time to play, for it is also in play that we learn. SBCC will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day and look forward to taking school photos on Sept. 22.

God Bless this ministry at Grace Covenant always and throughout this new school year. God Bless this ministry at Grace Covenant always and throughout this new school year.

Book Club

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

The Wish by Nicholas Sparks

More than two decades ago, Maggie was sixteen, fell in love, was far from home and waiting to give her baby up for adoption. Bryce taught Maggie to take photographs and didn't judge her for the way her belly swelled. Now, as Maggie sits by the Christmas tree in her gallery telling her story, surrounded by the photographs that made her famous but Bryce never saw - her new gallery assistant asks her a question. If she had one Christmas wish, what would it be? There is something she wants. She wants to find her baby. The Wish is a reminder that time with those precious to us is the greatest gift of all.

DECK 2.0 - Extravaganza

Friday 6pm-11pm & Saturday 9am-11pm

Please join us for some or all of our 2-day Crafting Event in Conway Hall. Potluck lunch & dinner on Saturday.

For more info contact the church office.

Monday Night Bible Study

In the Conference Room 7pm

Contact the church office for more information.

ROOTED Youth Group

ROOTED will meet September 11 and 25 from 5:15 - 7pm. Watch for details on our Annual Spaghetti Luncheon, September 18 and other events/news on Facebook: Grace Covenant PC Youth, and Instagram: @rootedgpcpc

Session Summary

Session held a stated meeting on August 18, 2022.

- Various building use requests
- A request for membership
- Committee and ministry reports
- Share the Care contract renewal
- Upcoming events in the church
- Motion from ONC for a congregational meeting to elect officers (scheduled for 9/18)
- Motion from ONC for Session to commission a deacon to fulfill a term

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will begin their 2022-2023 schedule starting Monday, September 12 at 10am. We will meet in the conference room near the office.

This year we are looking forward to a Bible study of Acts 1-12. We are blessed to have Winnie Rutherford leading and look forward to an interesting learning experience.

Ruth circle will continue their outreach by supporting Servant's Heart with our diaper ministry. It has been a mainstay for them and their director, Chip Hanna, is very appreciative of all we are able to do.

Please join this dedicated group of women who want to learn more about the Bible and support each other and the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Hart, Co-chair.

Cooking with Grace

Monday September 19 6 p.m. on Zoom
Contact Carolyn at Carolyn@findingnewjoys.com to receive more information, the recipe and Zoom invite.

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Contact the church office for a copy of this list.

Stewardship Planning

As we transition into the fall quarter, we look at planning for the new year. During September and October, the sermon themes will include blessings, gifts and stewardship. We invite every member to be prayerfully considering your offering for 2023 and will have pledge cards for you. We ask our committees to prepare and submit your budgetary requests for 2023. If you have not done so, please begin this crucial planning so the Finance Committee can begin their work.

As you prepare for the new year, consider your accomplishments for 2022 that will be recorded in the Annual Report.

Thank you,
Pastor Bill

International Mission News

Madagascar faces many challenges: drought, cyclones, and the Covid epidemic. The mission of Dan and Elizabeth Turk is part of the Presbyterian World Mission Network. Our partner, the FJKM (Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar) has 800 churches with 300,000 members. Dan is with the Fruits, Vegetables, and Environmental Education Program. He grafts and grows fruit trees and helps distribute them to churches. The goal is for every church to be a "green church," so they can be a source of food for its members. As part of the medical team, Elizabeth promotes vaccines and education. She does this through radio announcements and church fliers. The emphasis has now shifted to Covid from AIDS treatment and prevention. PCUSA helps with distribution of rice and seeds, water projects, education, teacher training.

Daily Bread

808 W. Central Blvd.

11:15am - 1:00pm, Wednesdays,
September 14, October 5,
November 9, December 7

One of the many exciting ministries available to the congregation of Grace Covenant is Daily Bread, a Christian Service Center program, which provides nourishing meals to the homeless of our community throughout the year. Our teams from Grace Covenant serve shoulder-to-shoulder in a serving line and wear masks as a necessary protocol. Carpooling is encouraged. Contact the church office to join the team.



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**GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Online

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.- Noon

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SHINE Kids Club

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

SHINE begins Wednesday, September 14 - 4pm - 6pm

Here is our fun schedule:

4:00 - 4:20 games and fun

4:20 - 4:30 snacks

4:30 - 5pm homework and reading time

(we will have folks ready to help with homework)

5pm - 6pm We will be working on a presentation
for the holidays (singing, dancing, painting, crafting...)

You can register online or give Ms. Sheryl a call
at 407-898-6571



A Free Parents Day Out/respice program.

Contact Sheryl Chernault to volunteer! 407-898-6571

Please continue to support the work of the church by mailing your tithes and offerings to the church or by making a donation through the church website. Go to the "Online Giving" page at www.grace.to and click on the 'Give Now' button.