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To:



**Dive into  
Oceans of Fun  
at Vacation Bible School**

June 3—7  
9am—11:45am  
Ages 3—Rising 5th Graders  
Register at  
<https://grace.to/grace-kids>

**National Harp  
Discovery Day**

Saturday, June 15, Conway Hall  
9:15—Noon, Education classes  
1pm—4pm, Come see, touch,  
learn about and play different  
harps. Both events are free and  
open to the community.



# Grace Notes

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

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**The Pastor's Page**

Are you prepared to die? (Well, that's a heavy question, pastor!) What I mean to say is: Are you prepared to save your loved ones some time and prevent anxiety because you ordered your affairs in the event of your death?

Think of the practical questions of a celebration of life: How, if at all, would you like a service to be conducted? What kind of music would you like? Do you have any favorite scriptures, poems, or other works read? Would you like people to send flowers or donate to a preferred charity? Where do you want to be interred, if at all?

Think of other decisions you should make and the required documents involved. Do you have estate planning documents prepared? How about legal directives such as a living will or power(s) of attorney? Have you named benefi-

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**Looking Forward**

**May**

- 5 Communion
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Bingo and Bites
- 19 Pentecost, wear red to church

**June**

- 2 Communion
- 3 VBS week
- 10 Music Camp week  
Register on the announcement page at grace.
- 15 National Harp Discovery Day

**Reminder**

**One Service**

**At 10am**

**Begins May 26**

ciaries on all accounts? How about contingent beneficiaries?

Think of our digital legacies, too—can people find passwords to your online accounts as needed? Have you stored important photos or documents in the cloud? The list of questions can be never-ending! But to save your survivors from guesswork, you should have answers to all of these questions and more.

At Grace Covenant, we hope that you remember the church in your legacy giving. Such gifts contribute to the financial health of the church, regardless of the size and durability of those gifts.

Some time ago, Sheryl offered a class on planning for death that addresses many of these questions. She plans to offer it again in the fall. Get a head start on this important step in your life—and death! Your family, loved ones and survivors will be grateful that you took the time to plan so that they could remember you well.

## **Bingo and Bites**

Saturday, May 18

Conway Hall

11:30am - 2:00pm

The Discipleship Team is sponsoring “Bingo & Bites”. An afternoon of fun with a salad bar luncheon, cookies and brownies for dessert. Bingo games and prizes will follow. All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

Tickets will be on sale after both services April 28, May 5, and May 12, as seating is available. Cost is \$10.

## **Ruth Circle**

10am Conference Room

Monday, May 20

This study will be on “Esther” from Women of The Bible.

Letting God Be In Control with Sheryl Chernault leading the lesson.

After the study we will enjoy our covered dish luncheon. We will not meet the months of June, July, and August. In September, we begin a new study.

## **Small Blessings**

### **Child Care**

Small Blessing children learned John 1:3 “All things were made by him”. They are growing and learning of God’s world of beauty and wonder. Small Blessings children and parents show God’s love through Hops for Haiti, which raised \$3500 to support Good Shepherd School. The annual Small Blessing Art Show was held on April 26. Art reflects God’s creativity. Best of luck to all our students moving on to the next level. We are proud of all of you for your many achievements this year. What feels like the end is often the beginning! And congratulations to Mrs. Kim on her retirement.

### **Third Thursday at the Garden**

Come to the Olive Garden on Colonial Dr and share a fun dinner out with Grace Covenant family at 6pm!  
May 16 and June 20

## **College Scholarship**

Attention students!

Your scholarship applications must be submitted to the church office by June 15. For more information, contact Jane Heppner or the church office.

### **Connect to Grace**

Receive text and/or email about life at Grace Covenant via our Flocknote service, including Friday’s Grace Cove-e-news.

Two ways to sign up:

On the web: or your phone.

[gracecovorl.flocknote.com](http://gracecovorl.flocknote.com)

Text MARK1234 to 84576

Also, follow us at

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### **D.E.C.K 2.0**

6pm -11pm Second Fridays Craft with others for any amount of time. Questions: contact the church office.