

GRACE NEWS

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Grace Family,

Four out of five dentists surveyed prefer Trident gum for their patients. Do you remember that ad? 4 out of 5. That's pretty good - good enough to convince us to buy it. But what if it was 1 out of 10? We would be disappointed. It would not speak highly of the product. 10% is not a good chance of rain, not a great chance for survival.

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus heals ten lepers and sends them on their way. Only one turned back. Only one praised God. Only one fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank you." Only 10% expressed their gratitude. Jesus asks the same question that we ask: "Weren't ten people made well? Where are they? Is there really only one who thought to come back and say thank you?" I sense a little disappointment in Jesus' voice. One out of ten is not good.

This Sunday is **Gratitude Sunday** and we will get the chance to say "Thank you" to God for all the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will do in and through us. We will say thank you for all the people and programs here at Grace that bless us. Maybe we here at Grace can improve on the percentage of people who say "Thank you!"

Join us this **Sunday at 9:00am and 11:05am** as we worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

Philippians 1:3,

Tracey

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS

February 9	Luke 11:1-13	Prayer Sunday
February 16	Luke 10:25-37	Sacrificial Giving Sunday
February 23	Luke 19:1-10	Commitment Sunday



Get Involved at Grace

Unbounded Love: Grace in Action Capital Campaign Prayer of the Week

Giving Thanks

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

We give thanks this day.

- O. Eugene Pickett





Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who turned in an Estimate of Giving Card last Sunday. What a blessing you are!

Visions of Faith Sunday School - Feb. 2

Adults, if you are looking to jump start your Sunday School habit for 2025, you are invited to check out Visions of Faith. This Sunday begins a new six week Sermon on the Mount that Pastor Wilson will lead. Below is the focus of each week:

2/2 - The Beatitudes

2/9 - The Extensions

2/16 - Practicing Piety

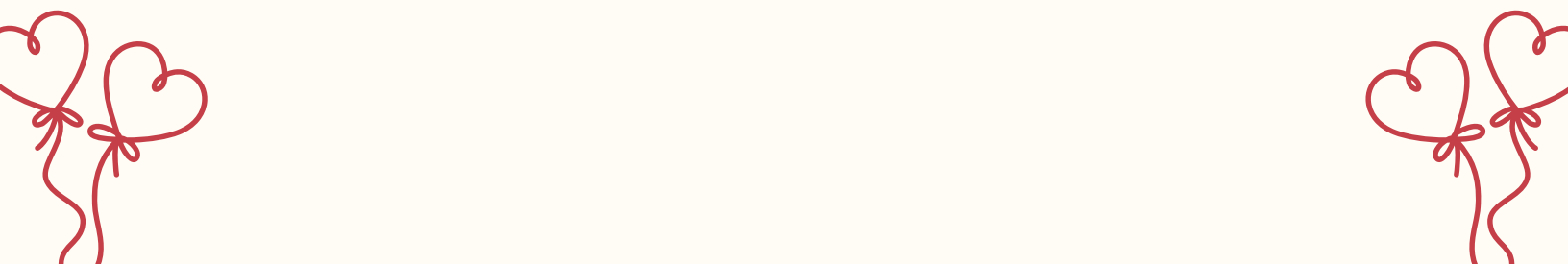
2/23 - Our Father

3/2 - Finding Your Treasure

3/9 - Living Into the Kingdom

Upcoming Exegetical Study – Book of Job - Feb. 3

On Monday nights in February (beginning 2/3), your GPC Christian Formation Committee for Adults is offering another exegetical study. We will meet in Wheelus Hall at 7 p.m. and Pastor Wilson will be leading. Exegesis in its most basic sense is a critical interpretation of our scriptures. One engaged in exegetical study uses history, culture, and language among other context clues in our canonical texts to discern their intended meaning. Last time we did a study like this we looked at Paul's letter to the Philippians. This time around we will be studying the Book of Job. If this opportunity looks interesting to you, please be sure to check your Connection Card on Sunday. If you have any questions, you can email Pastor Wilson at wilson@gracepc.org. We hope you will join us!





New Members - February 9

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, February 9. If you would like to join our Grace family, please reach out to any of our pastors for more information. Pastor Tracey: tracey@gracepc.org, Pastor Wilson: wilson@gracepc.org or Pastor Cara: cara@gracepc.org.

Spice of Life Lunch - Feb. 12

Spice of Life wants to help warm us up this winter with a soup and bread lunch. On Wednesday, February 12 at noon, the team will provide four different homemade soups: clam chowder, potato with ham, black bean, and pasta fagioli. You are asked to provide either raw vegetables, salads, crackers, and of course, desserts. We had a wonderful January turnout, and loved seeing friends we haven't seen in awhile, and we look forward to seeing you in February.

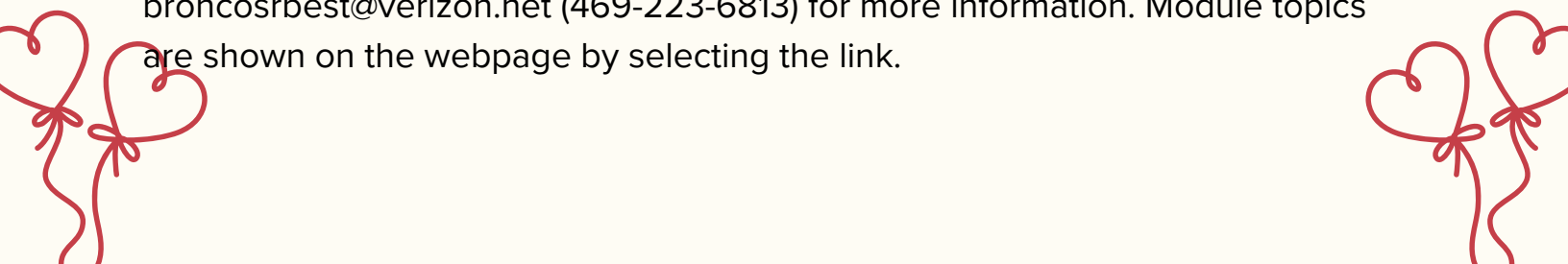
Capital Campaign Reminders - Feb. 23

February 23 is Commitment Sunday. We turn in our purple commitment cards on this day. We will enjoy brunch treats after a combined 11:05am worship.

If you need a brochure and/or commitment card, or have any questions, please let us know.

Grief Group - Feb. 18 - Apr. 8

The Grief Group at Grace has now been helping people for over 10 years and we will be starting our next group on February 18. We meet in person from 7PM to 9PM. We have expanded it to 8 weeks and we utilize curriculum from a local organization, Faith & Grief Ministries. This is an extension of Stephen Ministry at Grace. There is a link in the newsletter email or you may contact Mike Shaw at broncosrbest@verizon.net (469-223-6813) for more information. Module topics are shown on the webpage by selecting the link.



Exultation Coffee Fundraiser - Begins Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who is always so supportive of the Exultation Youth Choir. This year, Exultation is selling COFFEE again!

The coffee we are selling is from **DRIVEN**... a Minnesota coffee roastery with flavors ranging from French Roast to Chocolate Turtle to Highlander Grogg and everywhere in-between. Ground, whole-bean, and K-cups are all available. Driven Coffee Roasters is providing us with sustainably-sourced, small-batch roasted, 100% Arabica, roasted-to-order coffee. In-person sales from individual members is preferred, but online options are also available.



This is one of Exultation's projects to help support their June 2025 Texas Tour! ***Please contact an Exultation member today to order some delicious coffee!*** Also, mark your calendar now for GRACE LIVE, which will take place on April 5.

You can buy from any Exultation member. To be connected with an Exultation member to help support, send an email to Michael King: michael@gracepc.org. You may also use the email link at the bottom of your newsletter email.

The sale will end on February 16. Thank you in advance for your support!

Grace Live - April 5 - Save the Date

Save the date for our annual Exultation Youth choir mission trip, Grace Live!






Pilgrimage #53 - March 7-9

A Pilgrimage weekend is three days long, but lasts a lifetime! The three-day weekend is a purposefully-designed method for renewing the faith of individuals.

Activities throughout the weekend provide opportunities for participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ. Enjoy discipleship, fellowship, music, small group discussions and joyful experiences shared with Christian brothers and sisters.

The purpose of Pilgrimage is for the participants to discover a new and exciting relationship with Christ and to encourage them to take this new-found relationship back to their home. It challenges and equips each local church member for Christian action in their local church, in their home, in their place of work and in their community.

If you feel called to enrich your faith, or to take the next step in your relationship with Christ, sign up to attend a Pilgrimage weekend! NTPP #53, held at Camp Gilmont is right around the corner, and our own Lynn McCoy will be the moderator with many Grace members also staffing. The weekend begins at noon on Friday, March 7, and concludes around 3PM on Sunday, March 9. If you would like more information click on the ntpp.org website link in your newsletter email, or check your connection card and someone will reach out.





Women of Grace

Weeknight Women's Dinner - February 17

Ladies, do you need a night out? If so, join us for dinner on Monday, Feb. 17, at 6pm at the Lockwood Distilling Co. located in Richardson. (506 Lockwood Dr., Suite A Richardson, TX 75080. To help with our reservation, if you are planning to attend, please check your connection card, or click on the email link in your newsletter email to RSVP.

Spring Luncheon - Saturday, March 29, at noon

Save the Date! The Women of Grace annual spring luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, at noon in Wheelus Hall. Ticket sales will begin soon. Keep an eye out in your newsletter for more information.

A Night of Comedy & Worship - April 12, 6pm

Ladies, here is another opportunity for a girls night out. "The Unknown Tour, A Girls Night of Comedy and Worship Speakers" is coming to Frisco, TX on Saturday, April 12 at 6pm. The evening features:

Dorie McLemore, Comedian & Author

Lauren Lucille, Comedian & Speaker

Debbie Stuart, Keynote Speaker

Somer Redman, Worship Leader

With a group of 10 or more, we can purchase group tickets at the early bird price of \$21 ea. If you are interested in this fun event, check your connection card, or click on the email link in your newsletter email.



Prayers are being Answered!

Your Prayer Team meets every Sunday in MB2 to pray over the prayers that have been shared with us. We meet at 4 PM, if you would like to have personal hands-on prayer, or wish to join us. If you would like to receive a list of the prayers weekly, send a message to Mike Shaw at broncosrbest@verizon.net to be added to our efforts to connect to the Lord and the community. Every week, God responds and answers.

- Steve Miller is out of rehab and health is improving at home.
- Karen (Andrea Bailey's relative) got her neck brace off after wearing it for several weeks.
- Jim Caldwell is now down an amazing 122 pounds!

Affirmations & Thank You

Fantasy Football Champions

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2nd season of fantasy football. Thank you also to Membership Engagement Elder, David Hurwich, for all the work he puts in to organize our league, and thank you also to Mike & Laurie Shaw for creating and posting the weekly results for all to see. Fantasy Football is a lot of fun! Congratulations goes out to:

Burning Bush Champ: Susan Moore	runner up: Patrick Idom
Sinners & Saints Champ: Sam Booke	runner up: Gary Grayson
Space for Grace Champ: Bryan Raam	runner up: Dwight Nichols
Touchdown Jesus Champ: Sarah Morrison	runner up: Teri Waite
Divine Dominators Champ: Jorge Serrano	runner up: Mike Shaw

The Grand Champion of the 2024 season is: Sam Booke! Congrats Sam!



Thank you to our Minnie's workday team for helping to feed the hungry!



Our January Minnie's workday team. Not pictured: Susan Hopper

A Poem by Jeff Covington

For the north to the south to the east to the west
God's love is simply the best.
God loves you when you're happy or sad.
He loves you when you're good or when you're bad.
God watches us from the heaven's above
to make sure we know we are always loved.
You feel God's love in your heart.
It hits you like a bullseye with a dart.
God doesn't judge by the race or the face
'cause God doesn't judge you at all.
He just wants you to be with him whenever he calls.





Family Ministries Upcoming Events

Pop-Up Youth Super Bowl Party at the Raam's House – February 9th

All youth are invited to a Youth Super Bowl Party at the Raam's House on February 9th! Kick-off is at 5:30pm and you can arrive as early as 5:00pm. There will also be rides available to the Raam's house at 5:00pm from Grace PC, however you must RSVP to have a ride reserved. Youth are invited to bring a snack to share. Please check your connection card on Sunday morning or e-mail cara@gracepc.org to RSVP.

Parent Date Night – February 15th

Parents are invited to drop off your children for free childcare for a Parent Date Night on February 15th. Drop off at 5pm and pick up at 8pm. RSVP on your connection card or e-mail cara@gracepc.org to RSVP. Youth are also invited to help lead activities for the children during the Parent Date Night. Please let Pastor Cara know if you are interested.

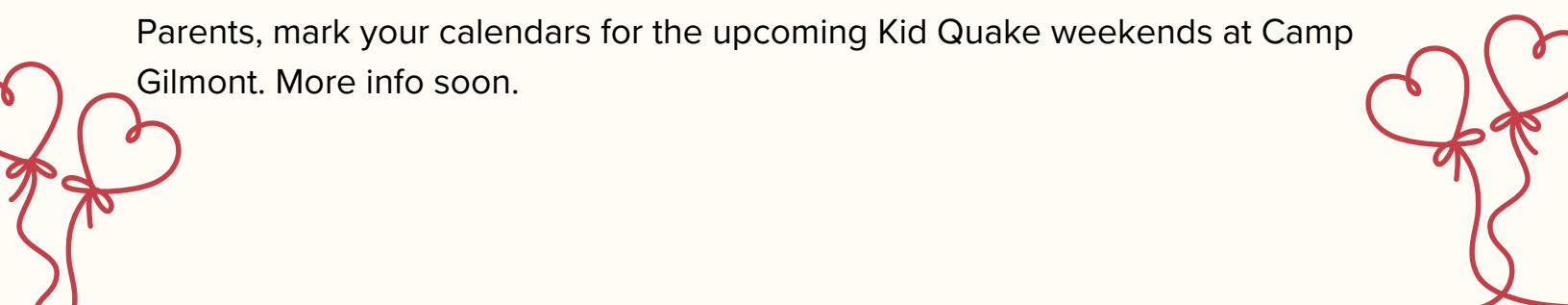
High School/College Senior Scholarship Application – Due April 1st

Grace PC awards several scholarships to graduating seniors (High School or College) on Senior Sunday. The students must be members of Grace PC and the qualifications vary for each scholarship. One of the awards requires that students fill out an application to apply: The Bob Tobermann Family Award. This is to recognize a graduating senior (High School or College) who demonstrates an ongoing commitment to serving others in the model of the Tobermann family legacy of selfless service. To be considered, you must submit responses to a series of questions. If interested, go to the form online at gracepc.org>signups.

The deadline to fill out your form is April 1st.

Save the Date for Kidquake - April 25-27

Parents, mark your calendars for the upcoming Kid Quake weekends at Camp Gilmont. More info soon.





Family Ministries Sunday AM Schedule

Children's Sunday School - 10AM

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Preschool	CE 211	Helen Blacklock & Lorna Little
Kindergarten - 1st	CE 212	Mark Ellis & Xenia Gross
2nd - 3rd grades	CE 214	Brad Boles & David Hurwich
4th - 5th grades	CE 216	Liz Urech & Eme Thomas

Youth Sunday School - 10AM

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Middle School & High School	CE 200- CE203	Jack Davenport, Austin Nichols, Bryan Raaum, Teri Waite

Godly Play - 11:15AM

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>
Godly Play	CE 213 (Godly Play Worship Center)



Christian Formation - Adults

Is Sunday School for You?

As we move through the New Year, each of us may be pondering do we want to be part of a Sunday school class. It is NEVER too late to be part of a vibrant class! Learning is never out of style! If you have been part of a Sunday school class and not attended for a while or just have the desire to be part of a Sunday school, there are five wonderful groups who meet regularly on Sundays just waiting for you to plug into for study, fellowship, and nurture! Let me share a bit about each class to help you find the right spot for you!

BIBLE BOOMERS

Style: Scripture/Sermon Topic Discussion Group

Facilitator: Steve Fraser

Located in Wheelus Hall

As the name implies, the Boomers use the Bible as the main resource for in-depth group discussions. Currently, the group is discussing the Gospel of John.

KOINONIA

Style: Guided study & Discussion

Facilitators: Pastor Cara, Pastor Wilson, Michelle Rutherford

Located in CE204/205

This group, which attracts younger adults and parents of preschool/ elementary-age children, includes critical interpretations of scripture, theology, history, and spiritual growth.

TRINITY

Style: Traditional Bible Reading and Discussion Group

Facilitators: Jim & Lynn McCoy

Located in MB 2

Members take turns reading sections of the Bible before all discuss the message being shared, its historical context, and how the scripture applies to our lives today. Each member's voice is very important to give insight to scripture and allows shared understanding. All levels of spiritual walk are welcomed! This group is truly a multi-generational and multi-cultural group

WORD OF LIFE

Style: Traditional Bible Study Aided by Study Guides

Facilitator: Robert Hopper

Located in MB 4

This group uses a variety of resources, often topical guides from the Life Guide Bible Study series and DVDs to focus their study of books, people, and themes of the Bible. The source of our studies is always the Bible itself. We do not address current social or political issues unless they happen to come out of studying certain scriptures



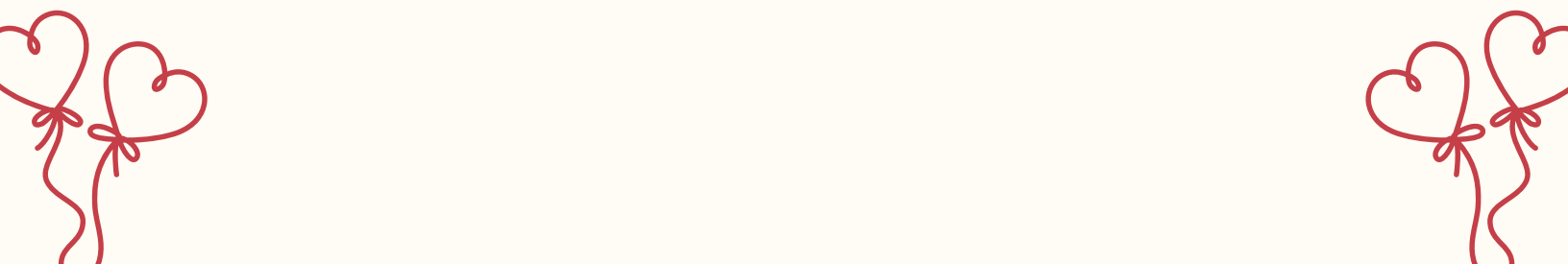
VISIONS OF FAITH

Style: Contemporary Topics Affecting Christian Life

Facilitator: Julie Haworth

Located in MB 3

This is a diverse group that learns from and supports one another in their faith journey. We rely on PCUSA resources congregational Advent/Lenten studies and video series studies like "The Chosen". Typically, members facilitate short-term topics and community service projects that emphasize community, positive change in our society and Biblical scholarship. In February, a six week study on the "Sermon on the Mount" will begin.





Want to Learn?

**Children's School Year
Sunday School
10AM**

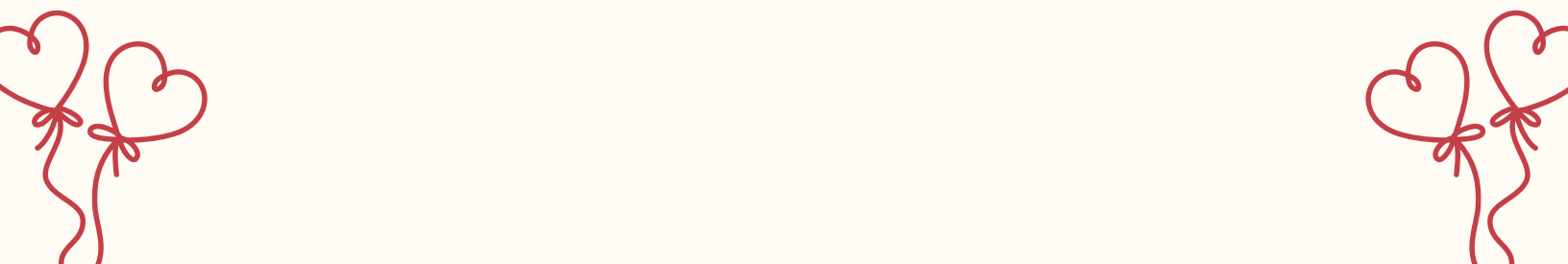
**Youth School Year
Sunday School
10AM**

School Year Adult Sunday School - 10am

Bible Boomers	Wheelus Hall
Koinonia	CE204/205
Trinity	MB2
Visions of Faith	MB3
Word of Life	MB4

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Mon. PM Men's Bible Study, 7-9PM	MB4
Mon. Blue Angels, 12-1:30PM	MB2
Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM	MB2
Wed. AM Women of Wonder, 10:30AM	MB4
Thurs. PM Generations of Grace Women's, 7PM	MB2
Fri. AM Men's Bible Study, 8-10AM	MB2
Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study, 8:30-10:30AM	MB2



Want to Sing or Ring?

Choirs

Sanctuary Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Sanctuary
Michael King, Director

Voices in Praise (VIPs)

Children's choir for grades 2 – 5
Sundays, 4 – 5pm
Room CE215
Hannah Allen, Director

Exultation Choir

Youth choir for grades 6 – 12
Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm
Sanctuary
Michael King, Director

Cherub Choir

Children's choir for PK thru 1st gd.
Sundays, 4 – 5pm
Room CE215
Hannah Allen, Director

Handbell Choirs

Grace Notes

Advanced adult
handbells
Sundays, 5:45 – 7:15pm
Room: Sanctuary
Michael King, Director

Agape Bells

Beginner adult handbells
Sundays, 4:15 – 5pm
Room: CE204-205
Katie Schnittker, Director

Credo

Youth handbells
Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm
Room: Sanctuary
Katie Schnittker, Director

Carillon Ringers

Children (Grades 3-5) Handbells
Sundays, 3 - 4pm
Room CE204/205
Michelle Rutherford & Hannah
Allen, Directors

Feel free to contact any of the ensemble directors for more info
we would love to have you!

Hannah Allen – Children's Choirs, hannah@gracepc.org

Michael King – Exultation, Grace Notes, Sanctuary Choir, michael@gracepc.org

Katie Schnittker – Credo Director, Agape Bells Director katie.schnittker@gmail.com

Michelle Rutherford – Carillon Ringers Director, mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net



Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 1 Men's Sat. AM Bible Study, 8:30AM (MB2)
 - 1 Officer Training, 9AM (Wheelus Hall)
 - 1 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (CE204/205)
 - 2 Gratitude Sunday
 - 2 Contemporary Worship, 9AM
 - 2 Sunday School for All, 10AM
 - 2 Confirmation, 10AM (Youth Room)
 - 2 Traditional Worship, 11:05AM
 - 2 Godly Play, 11:15AM (Godly Play Worship Center, CE213)
 - 2 Credo Bell Rehearsal, 2:45PM (Sanctuary)
 - 2 Carillon Rings Rehearsal, 3PM (CE204/205)
 - 2 Agape Bell Rehearsal, 4:15PM (CE204/205)
 - 2 Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 4PM (CE215)
 - 2 Exultation Choir Rehearsal, 4PM (Sanctuary)
 - 2 Voices in Praise Rehearsal, 4PM (CE215)
 - 2 Prayer Group Meeting, 4PM (MB2)
 - 2 Grace Notes Rehearsal, 5:45PM (Sanctuary)
 - 3 Cancer Support Group Meeting, 12PM (Zoom)
 - 3 Blue Angel's Bible Study, 12PM (MB2)
 - 3 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
 - 3 Book of Job Exegetical Study, 7PM (Wheelus Hall)
 - 4 Tuesday Women's AM Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
 - 4 Nurture Council Meeting, 1:30PM (MB2)
 - 4 Weekday Prayer Meeting, 7PM (Parlor)
 - 4 Day School Committee Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
 - 5 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
 - 5 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
 - 5 ESL, 5:30PM
 - 5 Citizenship Class, 6:45PM
 - 5 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
 - 6 Generations of Grace Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
 - 7 Men's Fri. AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
 - 8 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9AM (CE204/205)
 - 8 Melinda Rogers Whyte Memorial Service, 2PM
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