




# GRACE NOTES

August 2025


## New Opportunities for Fellowship and Faith Formation!

We're excited to announce two dynamic opportunities for connection and spiritual growth at our church—whether you're looking to dive deeper into scripture or enjoy thoughtful conversation over a cold beer!

### Online Bible Study

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 6:00–7:30 PM for our Online Bible Study. From the comfort of your home, we'll  explore God's word together, ask meaningful questions, and reflect on how scripture shapes our daily lives. The Bible calls us to study and grow in faith.

### Bible and Beer at the UC

Looking for a more relaxed environment? Come out for Bible and Beer on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:00–8:30 PM at the UC. This  in-person gathering offers a casual setting to read scripture, share insights, and connect with others—over a beer or your favorite beverage. Jesus himself met people in everyday places, from homes to wells to meals, showing us that sacred conversations can happen anywhere.

Both gatherings are open to all and designed to create authentic connection through faith. Bring a friend, bring your questions, and come be part of something meaningful.

**\*\*For more info or to get the online Bible study link, contact the church office or visit our website. We can't wait to connect with you!**

## Did You Know?

During the Revolutionary War, Presbyterians were only one of the reformed denominations that dominated American colonial life. Presbyterians participated in the writing of state and national constitutions. In 1788, the synod met in Philadelphia to form the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA). It adopted a constitution that included a form of government, a directory of worship, and more. In 1789 first General Assembly held its first meeting in Philadelphia. In the early 1800's, the church carried revivals and organized congregations, presbyteries, and synods wherever they went, emphasizing the connectional nature of the church. Presbyterians helped as well to shape voluntary societies to encourage educational, missionary, evangelical, and reframing work.

For more history facts of the Presbyterian Church visit:

<https://pcusa.org/historical-society/history-online/history/history-church>

For it is in Giving That We Receive

### **Ways to Support Grace Presbyterian Church:**

1. Mail a check to the church office.
2. Use your bank's online bill pay system.
3. Use the electronic funds transfer from your savings or checking account.
4. Use a debit/credit card at the link on our website under the giving tab (there is also an image that you can click).



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[WWW.GPCONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.GPCONLINE.ORG)

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The finance committee would like to keep the congregation informed about our General Fund income and expenses and our pass through donations. If you have any questions, contact Lois Butler at 352-262-5893 or [treasurer@gpconline.org](mailto:treasurer@gpconline.org).

# Session Meeting Highlights

## July

### **Stewardship & Finance**

The Frances Fabrick and Session CD's were renewed for 4 months at 4.1%. The roof CD was put in the checking account.

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION**

St. Francis House—cooked and delivered a meal for 40 people on 7/18/25.

Family Promise-leadership changes in process. House still not ready. Families are being housed in motels. Gifts of gas cards are appreciated.

Church picnic at Camp Montgomery-Waiting for Fall season to schedule

Grace Giving Mission for June will be Crackers and Cereal

Next meeting: 8/5/25 at 11 am in Office's Conference Room

### **ADMINISTRATION & PERSONEL**

Hannah was asked to consider whether six hours was really what it takes her to accomplish all she accomplishes.

Kirk Meade is upgrading the bathroom in the manse.

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Communion will be served August 3rd .

Planning a time for elders (inactive & active) to learn from Larry how to serve communion to our home- bound members and friends.

A choral scholar position was discussed.

Clint continues research into specific items to be purchased for audio improvements in the sanctuary .

A Good News Tour / Will Graham to be in Gainesville in October . Request for our prayers and publicity for the tour

Possible Gospel Music event at Grace sanctuary . John- Peter will keep us informed .

Next meeting: Sunday, 8/17/25 after worship

### **PROPERTY & OPERATIONS**

The fire inspector came back on July 7th to check on the things we were cited for. GPC passed inspection

Crosier Roofing should begin working on the roof of the old manse this week, weather permitting

Streits Lock and Key was out to secure one of the doors in the Fellowship Hall that had malfunctioned

Jared cleaned the gutters on our sanctuary roof and removed 2 more dead palm trees.

Bill Preston found a condenser coil for the A/C unit with the leak and was able to pay Dale Edge to install it, which saved us thousands. This cost about \$2,100.

Overeaters Anonymous has begun using our library to meet on Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 each week. They are donating \$100 each quarter for this use of the space.

## Liturgy Passages for August 2025

### **August-Semicontinuous**

#### **8/3/25 (Proper 13)**

Hosea 11: 1-11

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

#### **8/10/25 (Proper 14)**

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

#### **8/17/25 (Proper 15)**

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalm: 80: 1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

Luke 12: 49-56

#### **8/24/25 (Proper 16)**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 71: 1-6

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

#### **8/31/25- (Proper 17)**

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

### **August-Complementary**

#### **8/3/25 (Proper 13)**

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 18-23

Psalm 49: 1-12

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

#### **8/10/25 (Proper 14)**

Genesis 15: 1-6

Psalm 33: 12-22

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

#### **8/17/25 (Proper 15)**

Jeremiah 23: 23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

Luke 12: 49-56

#### **8/24/25 (Proper 16)**

Isaiah 58: 9b-14

Psalm 103: 1-8

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

#### **8/31/25- (Proper 17)**

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2025 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$35 and you may place your name on any selected date of your choosing. Please note that roses added to your arrangement are in addition to the \$35.00 and are \$5.00 each.



## Prayer Requests

**Please join us in lifting up prayers for those who have immediate concerns:**

Family of Wayne Wagner on his passing  
 Jennifer Hemphill's family on the passing of her sister, Wendy Franse  
 Debbie Harris  
 April Riley  
 Patsy Bellis  
 Phyllis Manning  
 Amanda Totillo  
 Annette McGee  
 Kathy Franks  
 Faye Tripp  
 Mary Williamson



**Also pray for those with longer term needs:**

Charlie Evens  
 Jerry Butler  
 Donna Fidler  
 Janine Groner  
 Billie Jean Jones  
 Our Military  
 First responders  
 Those effected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton  
 Those effected by the California wildfires  
 The people of the Ukraine, Israel, the Gaza Strip  
 Our Church.

If there are other people or concerns that you would like to add or delete from this list, please contact Lois Butler by phone at 352-262-5893 or by email at [rickloang@yahoo.com](mailto:rickloang@yahoo.com) or Hannah Luciano by email at [kooiha01@gmail.com](mailto:kooiha01@gmail.com)



## Announcements:

- 1) We are Adding and Updating our Directory! Please send Hannah Luciano your information for the directory by September 30, 2025. You can reach Hannah at kooiha01@gmail.com or 701-955-4497
- 2) Save the Date: Family Promise's Fall Luncheon will be September 24th 11-1PM
- 3) On Saturday, January 24, 2026 will be the annual Equipped to Serve training event (formerly known as Back Together Again (Again). This will be held at Montgomery Center again this year. More information to come.

## August BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 Kathy Franks

8/6 Ann & Bill Preston

8/26 Kathy & Bob Franks



Please call the church office at 352-376-5654, if your special day is **NOT** listed or is **NOT** correct.

Our Daily Bread booklets for August are available in the narthex



## \$1 FUND OFFERING

Our \$1 Fund Offering for the month of **July-September** will go to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Program**

## GRACE - GIVING AND SHARING MISSION

Grace - Giving and Sharing Mission is a food and household item collection benefiting the **Bread of the Mighty Food Bank**. For the month of **August** we will be collecting **Crackers and Cereal**.



## ELDERS ON CALL

Elders on Call  
for August are:

WT Chesnut– 352-256-8628  
Faye Tripp– 904-307-4082

Two elders volunteer to be on call to help church members and friends who may need assistance when the church office is closed.

# Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship



The men of the church are invited to meet each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the library for fellowship. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

## Circle News

The Anna Circle  
will be Announced  
the next meeting  
via email and week-  
ly Announcements.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11:00- Worship— Communion Sunday 7:00-ESWT(AA)	4 4:00 pm- Square Dancing Group	5 11:00 AM Congrega- tional Life & Mission Committee 7:00 pm— Barbergators	6 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	7 Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gaines- ville Harmony Show Chorus	8	9
10 11:00 Worship 2 pm-Girl Scouts 7:00-ESWT(AA)	11 4:00 pm- Square Dancing Group	12 7:00 pm— Barbergators	13 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	14 Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gaines- ville Harmony Show Chorus	15	16
17 11:00- Worship Worship Committee 7:00-ESWT(AA)	18 4:00 pm- Square Dancing Group	19 7:00 pm— Barbergators	20 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	21 Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gaines- ville Harmony Show Chorus	22	23
24 11:00- Worship Session Meeting after worship 7:00-ESWT(AA)	25 4:00 pm- Square Dancing Group	26 7:00 pm— Barbergators	27 12:00 pm— Men's Lunch 5-6:30 pm— OE Anonymous 7:00 pm— ESWT (AA)	28 Girl Scouts 6:30pm— Gaines- ville Harmony Show Chorus	29	30
31 11:00- Worship 7:00-ESWT(AA)						