

GRACE NOTES

May 2026



April 2026

Christian Ed

Plans are being made to update Nursery and Sunday School room with Bill Preston leading the project.

Nominating

Elder nomination will commence soon. Meeting TDA

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION

St. Francis House—will be closing in April 2026.

Family Promise—no updates.

Rural Women's Health Project, - continuing to collect baby items in Narthex

Next meeting: May 12th at 11am in Office Conference Room.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONEL

GPC is seeking a nursery worker. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Jay Collins.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Pentecost is May 24th

Well attended Capella Nova concert on April 18th was a delight . Tons of accolades for the choir, John- Peter and Gabriel.

Sanctuary piano was tuned.

We will open front large doors of narthex for a more welcoming look for church service on Sundays .

Members and friends of Grace are encouraged to submit a list of their favorite hymns (with page numbers from the hymnal) for inclusion in the worship services this summer.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 17th after worship

PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

The sidewalk in the front of the Sanctuary as been pressure washed.

Easter Lilies were planted in the memorial garden.

The Fellowship Hall was given a deep clean by Peyton Wells of Sonshine Housecleaning LLC on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week before the choral concert, to mostly good results.

Monday March 23 a homeless lean-too/fort was removed from the front lawn of the church and the inhabitants were trespassed by Officer Armstrong of the GPD.

Next Session Meeting will be Sunday, May 24th after the Worship Service.

Financial Update

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.
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MAY 2026

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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.

	February	March	Through 3/31/26
Income	\$17,029.22	\$34,591.06	\$58,263.06
Expenses	\$15,560.47	\$11,017.27	\$41,646.92
Pass Through Donations			
Hearts and Hands Offering	\$ 6.43	\$ 4.44	\$ 64.21
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 100.49	\$ 46.36	\$ 148.81

Liturgy Passages for May & June 2026

May 3rd–Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55–60

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

May 10th–Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

May 14th–Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

May 17th–Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6–14

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

May 24th–Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21 or Numbers 11:24–30

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 or Acts 2:1–21

John 20:19–23 or John 7:37–39

May 31st–Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Matthew 28:16–20

June

Sunday, June 7 (Proper 5)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 12:1–9

Psalm 33:1–12

Romans 4:13–25

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Complementary

Hosea 5:15–6:6

Psalm 50:7–15

Romans 4:13–25

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Sunday, June 14 (Proper 6)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

Complementary

Exodus 19:2–8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1–8

Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

Sunday, June 21 (Proper 7)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 21:8–21

Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17

Romans 6:1b–11

Matthew 10:24–39

Complementary

Jeremiah 20:7–13

Psalm 69:7–10 [11–15] 16–18

Romans 6:1b–11

Matthew 10:24–39

Sunday, June 28 (Proper 8)

Semicontinuous

Genesis 22:1–14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12–23

Matthew 10:40–42

Complementary

Jeremiah 28:5–9

Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18

Romans 6:12–23

Matthew 10:40–42

Prayer Requests

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

Mrs. Earlene Jone's family on her passing.

Kimberly Cundiff

Jennifer Hemphill's family for passing of her Uncle Victor Upchurch

John-Peter Ford's family and friends effected by the winter storm in Mississippi

Kimberly Cundiff

Holly Durst, Lois Buttler's sister

Karen Upton, Larry Green's mother

Faye Tripp's daughter, Holly

Also pray for those with longer term needs:

April Riley

Mary Williamson

Patsy Bellis

Amanda Totillo

Annette McGee

Kathy Franks

Charlie Evens

Donna Fidler

Lonnie Stevens;

Donna Fidler

Janine Groner

Billie Jean Jones

Our Military

First responders

The safety & protection of those living in areas affected by war, may they be shielded from harm & violence; for the world leaders; and those dealing with natural disasters. In addition, pray for those in our church family and 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 or Hannah Luciano by email at kooiha01@gmail.com



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2026 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.



Music

John-Peter would like to know your Favorite Hymns. If you are able, look up your favorite hymns in the hymnal with Hymn number and either fill out this sheet and return it to the church office/sanctuary or email Hannah at office@gpconline.org.



What are you top 5 favorite Hymns?

1. Hymn # Title:

2. Hymn # Title:

3. Hymn # Title:

4. Hymn # Title:

5. Hymn # Title:

Upcoming Events

Pentecost Sunday is May 24th and in that spirit let's wear red to commemorate the day.



Did you know this about Pentecost?

- 1.) Derived from the Greek word *pentēkostē* (fiftieth) it marks 50 days since the Resurrection.
- 2.) It fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and authorizes followers to spread the Gospel, resulting in thousands being baptized on that day.
- 3.) Red is worn to utilize themes of wind and fire and celebrate the Spirit's role in guiding the church's future.
- 4.) In Italy, rose petals are sometimes dropped from church ceilings to symbolize the fire, while in France, trumpets are blown to signify the wind.

Family Promise



2025 at a glance



155

155 families, totaling
475 individuals



94%

94% of families we serve
remain housed one year
later



1,425

Rental, utility, and
Case Management
Services



Family Promise



In the months ahead, our focus is on...

Looking ahead, our focus remains where it has always been—on the families we serve. As the need for family homelessness services continues to grow, we are committed to strengthening the support we provide, helping parents and children not just find housing, but build stability and long-term success. Every program, every partnership, and every decision is centered around creating better outcomes for families in our community.

At the same time, a major priority for our future is the renovation and opening of the Promise Center. This space will expand our ability to serve families by providing up to 10 rooms along with a safe, supportive environment where families can stabilize and move forward. We have already made significant investments in the building, and we will continue working to secure the resources needed to bring it fully to life. The Promise Center represents more than a building—it is a critical step toward meeting the growing need and ensuring that families have a place to turn when they need it most.

When you give, you do more than donate, you
give a family a chance to feel safe again. Your
support brings hope, stability, and a path
forward.



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May & BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

5/5—Debbie Harris

5/6—Kathy Green

5/7—Libby Richardson

5/12—Patsy Bellis

5/12—Mason Bush

5/13—Peyton Osteen

5/24—Alaina Roberson

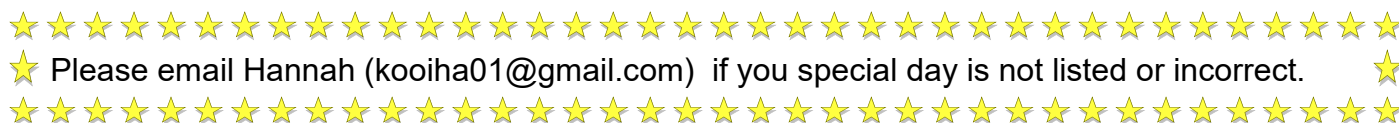
5/25—Clint Collins

5/29—Karen Russ

Anniversaries:

5/19—Margie & Clay Baker

5/28—Clint & Jay Collins



Bible & Brew

Join Larry for Bible & Brew the **2nd & 4th Thursday (5/14 & 5/28)** in from 7-8:30 pm at the **University Club** (18 E. University Ave.).

All are welcome to join us in an open conversation and relaxed environment. Topics will be decided closer to the date.

Please contact Larry if you have any questions.



\$1 FUND OFFERING

Our \$1 Fund Offering for the month of **April—June** will go to the **Good Samaritan Fund**.

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 **May** we will be collecting **Tuna** or **Canned Meat**.



ELDERS ON

Elders on Call
for May are:

Faye Tripp – 904-307-4082
Debbie Harris – 352-213-5645

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

Our Daily Bread booklets for May are available in the narthex. If you would like one mailed, please contact Hannah at 701-955-4497.



Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship

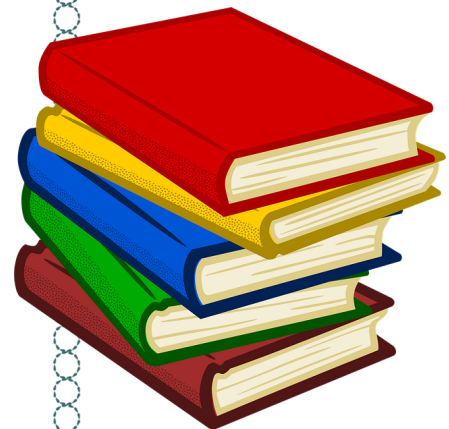


The men of the church are invited to meet each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in the library for fellowship. Please bring your own brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

Circle News

The Anna Circle will meet May 12 in the Library at Noon.

This session will be Parables by John Mac-Arther. Last 2 chapters will be this month's discussion before breaking for summer.



May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday 9:45-Choir 11:00 Worship 2 pm-Girl Scouts 7:00-ESWT(AA)	4 4:00 pm-Square Dancing Group	5 7:00 pm– Barbergators	6 12:00 pm– Men’s Lunch 5-6:30 pm– OE Anonymous 7:00 pm– ESWT (AA)	7 7:00 pm— Bible & Brew at “University Club” Girl Scouts 6:30pm– Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	8	9
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24/31 Pentecost Sunday 9:45-Choir 11:00Worship Session Meeting 7:00pm- 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– Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	29	30

June 2026

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