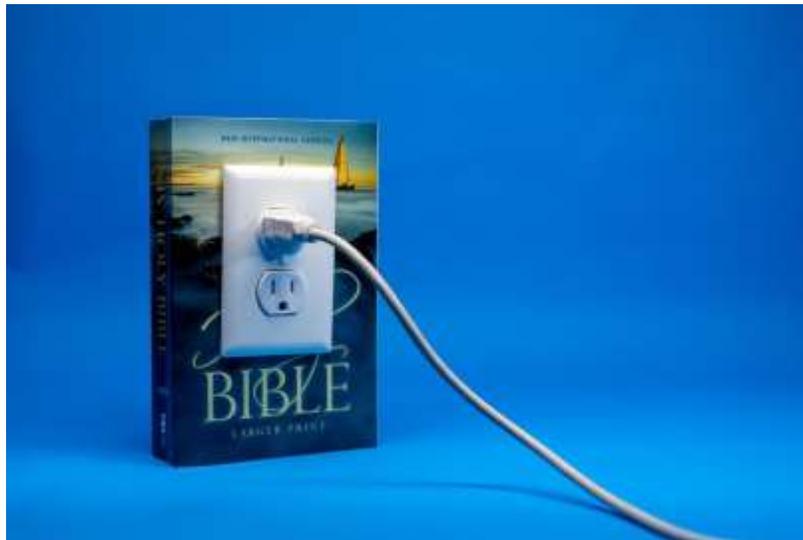


## Stay Connected



In these dark days we need the light that illuminates from God's Word. We need to be in the Word individually daily and ... **AND** together on Sunday morning **AND** through our GRACE Connections.

GRACE Connections keep you connected to our Lord and to the body of Christ.

Read more about **your** need and opportunities to be connected on page 9.

# A Note from Pastor Pase



Dear Family of Grace,

On July 9<sup>th</sup> I received a text from a dear sister in Christ. She linked an article to the text which read, "Praying for you and all pastors. Stay strong. We need you. Blessings."

The article was from WND (formerly, WorldNetDaily) from July 8<sup>th</sup>, an article by Joseph Farah entitled *20% believe in God's Word: What does that portend for America?* In this rather short article, Joseph lays the blame at parents for failing to teach their kids about faith and the Bible.

The article starts with 3 bullet points:

- Only 20% of us see the Bible as the inerrant Word of God – in America
- 29% call the Bible "fables" and "legends"
- 49% of Americans say it is "inspired" by God but is NOT to be taken literally.

Looking at those statistics it explains a lot about the current state of the American church and our society. My question is: ***Where do YOU stand?***

On August 14<sup>th</sup> we will have RALLY DAY. This is the time we set aside (though it is to be in the front of our minds everyday) to remember the benefits of and our need for being in God's Word together as a family of Grace.

On Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> our MIDWEEK MINISTRY will begin another year.

Our Grace Connections are beginning again as well.

## ***Where do YOU stand?***

If you see yourself in the 20% group then you will not only *say* the Bible is God's inerrant Word, you will *show* it by being in the Word daily in your home, being in the Word on Sunday morning at Grace through Bible Class and the divine service – that's not an either/or; it's a both/and – being in the Word on Wednesday evening and being in or hosting a Grace Connection.

And you parents: ***Where do YOU stand?*** If you see yourself in the 20% group then you will not only *say* the Bible is God's inerrant Word, you will *show* it by having your kids with you in the Word daily in your home, having your kids in Bibleville or the Youth Room on Sunday mornings and in the appropriate Midweek Ministry class on Wednesday evenings.

If you believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God, then you will show it by having the Bible as your top priority in your lives. It is what you will want to have as you own. It will be what you want to pass on to your children and grandchildren.

At Grace Lutheran we are in the 20%. Part of our Mission Statement is *Living His Word*. We are working hard here at Grace to offer you the opportunities to live what you confess, for your children and grandchildren to join you as you grow in the grace of God's Word as God's inerrant Word.

Now is not the time to be neglecting the Word. Now is not the time to have mixed up priorities. It's the Word followed by the Word and then comes the Word.

Pastor Pase  
Romans 1:16

# A Message from the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Life



Dear Family of Grace,

I'm all moved into my new office! I even have a name plate next to my door which reads, "Director of Children, Youth and Family Life . . . Ms. Carol. I have had many classrooms over the years, but never my very own office! I give thanks to God and all of you for making this new path in my life a reality. My door is always open if you need anything!

Do you know how much information is on the internet about Children, Youth and Family Life? Trust me, it's almost overwhelming to read all the different takes on what it is and what it is not. I found this definition on the LCMS website, and it is right-on in my book!

***"Intentional Family Life Ministry is not a 'congregational program' that serves a specific age group. Rather, it is an all-encompassing viewpoint that provides for and encourages the shaping of faith among family members from birth to death. Faith is built and shared in genuine ways and the next generation is equipped to live out their baptism, passing the faith on to their children."***

*Dr. Steven Christopher, Interim Associate Director of Children's and Family Life Ministries- LCMS District*

But, Ms. Carol, your title is not just Family Life, it's Children and Youth Ministries also. To that I say, If you are doing children or youth ministries, you are doing family ministry! The church and the home in PARTNERSHIP!

Sufficient in His Grace,

Ms. Carol

2 Corinthians 12:9

# Our Baptismal Journey



## The Ceremony of the Offertory

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people's brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples' labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)



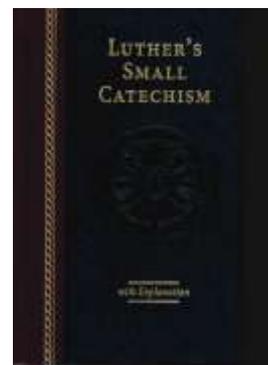
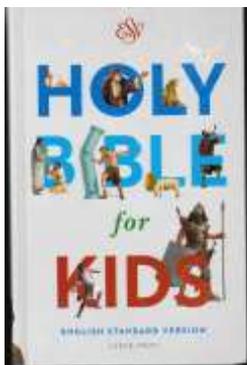
## Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

If faith was easy, then everyone would do it! Marked with sign of the cross in our Baptism makes us Christian. What a blessing!

But our Baptism also marks us with a bullseye as we become the sworn enemy of the Devil. We will face trials because of our faith. These trials come from all directions, maybe even from within our own families.

But we are still blessed. The tools are given us to be a Hero of Faith. We have God's Word. We have Luther's Small Catechism. On Rally Day we will celebrate two Milestones with *BIBLE ARRIVAL* and our *FAITH FORMATION*. Those who have entered Kindergarten will be presented with their own Bible. And those who have entered third grade will be presented with their own Small Catechism.

This is a day for all of us to resolve to run the race with endurance, following our Lord Jesus, acting on faith each day until it is turned to sight.



# Milestones

The word "Milestones" is written in a playful, rounded font. The letters "M", "i", "l", "e", "s", "t", "o", "n", "e", "s" are light blue with a darker blue outline. The letter "t" is a solid magenta color. Below the word, there are two black footprints, one slightly larger than the other, positioned as if they are stepping on the word.

Is it that time of year again! Our Family Life Ministry Team is seeking information. The information we are looking for is who has retired after October 2021.

We want to recognize and celebrate the ***Retirement*** Milestone. If you retired from fulltime employment since October 2021 let us know in the church office. We want the month and year of your retirement. This will be on the **PINK SHEET** starting in August. It doesn't matter *how* the retirement came about. It is something we want to recognize and celebrate!

We plan to recognize and celebrate all retirements during a divine service in October.

**Prayers for Tyler Nicholas**  
**as he is at Marine Boot Camp in San Diego**  
*(Don't look for him in this picture. This is not his class. )*



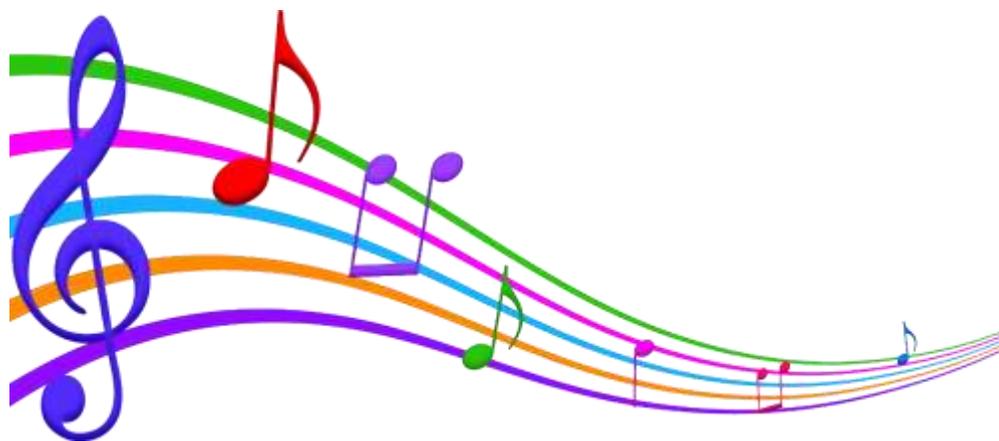
Tyler is allowed to receive letters. And by letters, we mean letters. That is it! He cannot receive anything else. No greeting cards, postcards, pictures, food, or any kind of care packages. If he does, he gets into trouble. We do not want that. We want him to be safe and be reminded of our prayers and love for him. So, talk to Pastor and he will give you Tyler's address so you can send .... What? That's right! **A Letter!**

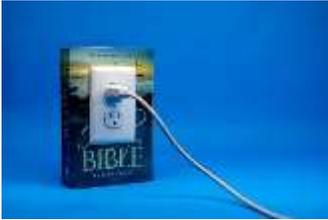
# Music, Please!

Are you a musician? Do you sing? Have you ever played an instrument in band or orchestra? Are you at least a freshman in high school or older? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please read on.

Martin Luther affirmed music as an excellent gift of God to be used in His praise and in the proclamation of His Word. Serving the Lord with our musical gifts is a great privilege. Sharing our musical gifts with our brothers and sisters in Christ enhances our divine services.

We are always seeking to find those musicians who are sitting in the pews, not yet connected with the music ministry. If you are at least 14 years old and would like to find out more about serving the Lord through music, please contact Richelle Gengler at 432-689-6655 or by email [organistpianist14@gmail.com](mailto:organistpianist14@gmail.com)





## **G.R.A.C.E. Connections**

Stay connected to the Word and your family at Grace!

We currently have 4 Connection Groups at Grace.

**CROSS** (Linking together generations through Christ) Leaders Stephen & Michelle Boyles.

**Graceful Seniors** Leader Pastor Pase. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10:00am in the Parlor. This is a mixed group, studying books of the Bible. Though called “Seniors,” all ages are welcome.

**Growing in Grace** Leader Fern DeLaGarza. Meets Wednesday during Midweek Ministry hour.

**SOS** (Surviving on Scripture) Leader Cindy Hilton. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00pm

G.R.A.C.E. Connections are the Grace congregation in mission. They are groups of 4 to 12 people who come together and are intentionally led in the mission statement of our congregation:

† **Sharing God’s Grace**

† **Living His Word**

† **Making Disciples**

The Core Values of G.R.A.C.E. Connections are:

- **G**rowing...by reaching out, *witnessing*, and forming new groups
- **R**elating...and *connecting* with each other as the body of Christ
- **A**cting...in Christian *service* and mission
- **C**aring...and *praying* for each other and the world
- **E**nriching...personal growth and spiritual transformation through *Bible study*

We have the goal of **4 new** Connection groups this year. **You** can help begin one. **You** can facilitate one.

Stephen Boyles or Pastor Pase will assist, guide, direct, cheerlead you with all the resources you need.

Satan seeks to divide to destroy. Stay **CONNECTED**. Be **CONNECTED**. Be a part of a G.R.A.C.E. Connection!



“Bee Imitators...”



Summer has flown by and the ECP is looking forward to a new school year!

School starts Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

ECP Open House is Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

1:00pm for 5 day and TTH classes

2:00pm for MWF classes

ECP Staff Installation will be on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

It is going to be a great year to BEE Imitators! Ephesians 5:1+2

## Midweek Ministry Is Back! Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

There's a place for YOU at Grace!

- 6:15-7:15 pm:
- Bible Bunch, K-2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Pre-Confirmation, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> (Jennifer Powell)
  - Pre-Confirmation, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (Michelle Wolfmüller)
  - High School (Ryan Hamilton)
  - Adult Study, (Fern DeLaGarza)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation (Carol Massie)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation (Pastor Pase)



## Wednesday Meals are BACK!!!



Join us for the Wednesday Meals. There's always great food and fellowship. Meals start at **5:00pm and end at 6:00pm**. Show your appreciation with a free-will offering to help cover the expenses. **For sanitation purposes, your meal will be served by a member of our Fellowship Team. Thank you for your understanding.**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Pizza & Salad**

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Taco cornbread casserole**



Stephen Ministry is a valuable ministry, in place at Grace since 2005. Do you know of someone (look in the mirror first) who is hurting? Do you know it is not good for him or her to be walking this path alone? Pride says we can, but pride is wrong. We have trained Stephen Ministers ready to walk with those hurting. Talk to

Pastor Pase or any Stephen Minister you see wearing their blue nametag. And remember ... this isn't just for Grace members. Look around your sphere of influence.



**Our next 2022 Family Promise Dates are**

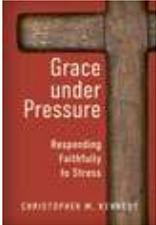
**September 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Talk to Teresa Clingman-DeShaw or Pastor Pase about getting involved as a Family Promise servant.**

**Grace was the first congregation to host Family Promise when it began in Midland!**

# Family Resource Center

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Pastor announced 5 new books and two new pamphlets in the Resource Center. That Sunday all 3 copies of one book were signed out. That's great! Here are the books and their summaries.



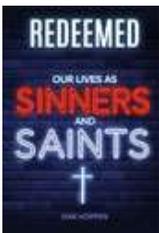
## Grace Under Pressure:

Study Christ's words on the cross to see how you can have more Christlike grace in your life.



## Continue:

These poems are for those who simply, yet bravely, love Christ with their whole hearts. For those in the day-to-day faith who just want to take one step forward.



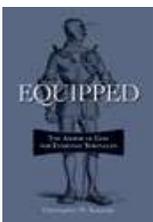
## Redeemed:

The author takes you through biblical examples of different sins that various biblical characters committed to show that no matter how bad the sin, God still loves His creation.



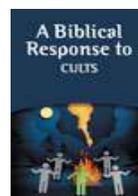
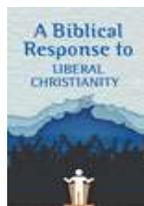
## Overcoming:

Settle into Jeremiah's narrative with Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing and see how Jeremiah finds hope and joy despite numerous tragedies.



## Equipped:

Follow along in Ephesians 6 to see the armor God equips you with to defend yourself against Satan.



The "A Biblical Response" pamphlets need not be returned. More coming on soon from this series. Remember the Project Connect rack from The Lutheran Hour. These need not be returned either.

# *What's Going On At Grace*

## **Monday Evening Divine Service – 7:00 pm**

**Services will resume on August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Remember, CD and DVD copies of each divine service are available upon request to the church office. You may also listen to the service via our website, [www.gracelutheranmidlandtx.org](http://www.gracelutheranmidlandtx.org).



The Columbarium is fully functional and there are several niches available. Engravings are also available. Engravings have been done on the niches occupied. If you would like to purchase a niche in the Columbarium, please see Victoria in the Church office for the forms.



**The prayer focus for August is:**  
***ECP Ministry Board***

***Chair: Sandra Parsley  
Lenae Beran, Jason Hawkins,  
& Kelli Jones, Kelly Patterson***

## Voters' Assembly

The Voters will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> after the Divine Service. All voting members are reminded of their privilege and responsibility. Lunch will be served.



## Graceful Seniors

We will meet in August on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am. We are studying Genesis. Chapter 4 on the 9<sup>th</sup>. And you are invited to join us! We are meeting in the Parlor. Enter through the circle-drive doors.

## Grace Quilters



Please join us on **Thursdays at 1:00 pm** in the Community Room in our “labor of love”. No quilting experience is needed. Contact Neta Gohr at 432-528-3252 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358. *We have seen a few new faces lately and hope to see some more!*

## 2022 FLOWER CHART



There are still a few openings on the **2022 Flower Chart** located on the Grace bulletin board in the south hallway. Please fill out an envelope, place payment inside and turn it in either in the **offering plate** or on **Victoria's desk** no later than Monday preceding your flower date to get the dedication in the Worship Folder on the day your flowers are on the altar.



**Everything Is Going UP!** The cost of our Altar flowers has been increased by the florist to \$50 per vase due to shipping and cut flower costs. This is a difficult time for all and we appreciate your understanding.



Attention all seniors and current college students. Please don't forget to apply for the Baumann-Gwyn scholarship. Please stop by the Church Office and pick up your application.



***Two more Tellers are needed for 2022!  
In November & December***

***Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET**  
in your weekly worship bulletin.***

**Please check your calendars to see when you are able to serve.**

**Thank you, Jerry Damm  
for signing up for August!**

A teller assists Jim Raven (Grace's Financial Secretary), in counting the tithes collected after Sunday service. It normally takes about one hour. ***No prior training is needed.*** Jim will show you on the spot how to help, and your presence serves as an important "control" in ensuring more than one person is present while tithes are counted.

# WHAT'S GOING ON IN . . .



The Bibleville Kids made First Aid Kits for the 10 new residents at **Field's Edge**. The residents will be moving into their tiny homes soon and these first aid kits will be part of the Welcome Basket they will each receive!

## New Youth Groups Coming!

"KIDS FOR CHRIST," a youth group for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders is back! If you weren't here, the KFC group began with Mr. Eaton AND NOW it's back! Watch Grace in Action for their first activity! The Youth Leader for the KFC group will be Carol Massie.



Something New! A Youth Group for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade! This group will be known as the **BK Kids** - "**BAPTIZED in the KING.**" Watch Grace in Action for their first activity! The Youth Leader for the BK Kids will be Jaime Moerbe.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## Birthdays

Brendan Pelletier	08/01
Denise Schumacher	08/04
Sam Witt	08/04
Jonathan McCann	08/04
Wade Stansell	08/04
Kevin Gohr	08/05
Yvonne Cadra	08/06
Sharon Burks	08/06
Matt Walsh	08/11
Kyndall Jones	08/11
Jennifer A. Powell	08/11
Hope Molina	08/11
Doris Turner	08/13
Marilyn Richmond	08/15
Bruce Johnson	08/15
Camille Hobratschk	08/19
Ross Bynum	08/20
Ann Poteet	08/21
Scott Gengler	08/24
Roger Barnes	08/26
Saul Deras	08/26
Mark Zimmerman	08/26
Jennifer Powell	08/28
Mina Fitting	08/29
Thomas Wolfmueller	08/31



## Baptismal Birthdays

Jennifer A. Powell	08/01
Brandon Pokky	08/08
Michelle Wolfmueller	08/08
Charlotte Wolfmueller	08/10
Tyler Hall	08/10
Michael Perry, Sr.	08/15
Genevieve McWhorter	08/16
Mia Shultz	08/17
Jon Baumann	08/18
Cutter Lange	08/20
Kiernan Baker	08/21
Allison Jones	08/25
Saul Deras	08/30
Karsen Mitchell	08/31



## Anniversaries

<b>BRADLEY &amp; CHERYL BAINS</b> 38 YRS.	<b>08/04</b>
<b>GARY &amp; SANDRA PARSLEY</b> 39 YRS.	<b>08/06</b>
<b>CLINTON &amp; STACY BAKER</b> 13 YRS.	<b>08/08</b>
<b>FRED &amp; CLAUDIA CHANEY</b> 52 YRS.	<b>08/15</b>
<b>MARK &amp; GINA ZIMMERMAN</b> 41 YRS.	<b>08/15</b>



# Camp Lone Star 2022 – Camper Chatter

The theme for the week at Camp Lone Star was “Refuge” based on Psalm 46:1-2a

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way.*



Our 28 Campers were asked these questions:

**What does “God is our refuge” mean to you?  
How has God used the week of camp to grow you?**



**TH:** God will be here for me forever and ever. Camp helped me know more about Jesus.

**EH:** Refuge means to seek safety in God when we have challenges. God used camp to help me grow and get closer to Jesus.

**MH:** Refuge in God means protection, love, quiet, help and concern.

**EH:** The Lord has called me through my counselor, Major, and my cabin-mates to be a soldier of the kingdom of heaven and not of any kingdom of this world. Refuge means we can always go to the Holy Word of God, who always gives words of wisdom to us.



**JH:** God has helped me grow in knowing I’m a leader and to have fun in Him in every way possible. Refuge means that God is my sense of safety and I know he always love me. He knows me forever.

**DR** (guest of Cadence): God is my refuge means He is here to protect us no matter what. At camp, I grew in my relationship with God.

**BH:** God is my refuge means He helps us and loves us. At camp we learned about God more.

**HW:** God has used me this week to learn that he is kind and cares for others.

The word refuge means to me that I will be safe in God’s house and He will save me from death, sin and hell.

**JK:** God is using this experience to grow me to be able to build up my community back home in a God pleasing way. God being my refuge means He will always be there to support and protect me.



**KM:** God will continue to help me preach his name to people that do not believe the amazing things He has done. God is my refuge means to me that God will always protect me even if I wander off like the one sheep, but like the shepherd, He still cares and will protect me.



**HD:** God is going to use me to help others have a better life style and do more things that fill them up with joy. God is my refuge means I can go to Him with all of my problems and He is a shelter in times of trouble.



**MD:** God being my refuge means that He is always my safe place. He runs to me and never makes me feel alone or unseen. God is THE refuge. I am going to use my camp experience to shine my little light to everyone . . . those who did come to camp and those who couldn't.



**KJ:** God has blessed me so much and will continue to be with me even after my "Camp High" to help me in faith and continue to grow. My refuge is God. He is my protector that will always comfort and protect me.

**MS:** God will use this week to help me grow by giving me awesome people with awesome counselors along with just an awesome camp and bringing me closer and closer to Him. God as a refuge means to me that I can come to Him with anything and everything that is bothering me in good and bad days!

**WW:** God is my refuge and I can come back to Him, He will seek me. He will rejoice if one sinful person turns to God. He will always protect me from sin and the devil. God will use my experience from camp to make me grow in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



**GK:** God is going to use this week to help me grow in my faith.



**AJ:** Refuge means that God is my Savior. God will use my camp experience to teach us about God so we become a better Christian.

**CK:** Refuge means God helps us when we struggle. God used this week to help me be a better Christian by encouraging me.

**JM:** God has used this week to help me learn of Him. Refuge means God is a place of safety.

**JJ:** Refuge means knowing Jesus is my refuge, that God helps us through our troubles.

**CB:** God is my refuge because He is making me a better person.

**CH:** God is my refuge which means that there is a place that I feel safe. God used camp to grow my faith.



**EH** (guest of Molly Hawkins): God is my refuge means we can run to Him. God is using this week to help me learn more about Him.

**CK:** God is my refuge. He protects me. God is going to use this week to grow and share His name.

**AH:** God is my place and person for safety, love and care. God has used the week to help me grow so I can serve the Lord always and forever.

**SD:** God has brought me closer to Him and showed me how to spread His Word to others around the world.

**KB:** Refuge means in times of trouble. He will always be there to protect and comfort us. I grew in my Christian life and in His Word.

**CW:** A refuge is a safe place to go. God grew me to understand that I don't need to hide.



# Camp Lone Star 2022

More Camp Pictures...from morning devotions to evening devotions, our Grace campers were part of an amazing week of fun, fellowship, and Bible Study!



Camp Lone Star  
Sunday School Offering  
January - December 2022



#### NEW STAFF HOUSING

Currently, we have 7-10 full-time staff living in mobile homes that are in need of constant repairs. The new homes are a necessity to retain talent and staff for years to come.

##### Current:

- 4 staff families living in mobile homes

##### Future:

- 0 staff families living in mobile homes

**\$7.8 million dollar goal**  
**\$5.8 million committed**  
**\$2 million remaining**



#### NEW BASE CAMP DINING HALL

Our dining hall capacity has not increased since 1979. The new dining hall will provide adequate dining space for all campers, as well as provide new meetings rooms and community spaces.

##### Current:

- Youth dining capacity: 120
- Summer campers eat in 3 meal shifts
- Summer campers check in outside in the hangar

##### Future:

- Youth dining capacity: 284
- One meal shift resulting in 1 hour more of programming
- Indoor, air-conditioned summer camp check-in area



#### RETREAT CENTER EXPANSION & RENOVATION

With these improvements, Camp will have the ability to serve 1,000 more guests annually and provide a larger meeting space, giving higher comfort and flexibility to our adult guests.

##### Current:

- Adult Dining Capacity: 70
- Bed Capacity (after code updates): 42
- Meeting Room Capacity (with tables & chairs): 50

##### Future:

- Adult Dining Capacity: 150
- Bed Capacity (after code updates): 81
- Meeting Room Capacity (with tables & chairs): 180



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### Increasing Investments. Doubling Donations.

Do you know that Texas District Church Extension Fund has paired up with Texas Partners in Mission to increase financial resources available for starting new ministries in Texas?

It is a wonderful way for investors to not only earn a full extra 1% back on their investment, but also a grand way to support missions here in Texas. Every dollar donated goes directly to supporting missions.

*Here's how it works:*

#### STEP ONE:

An investor opens a new fixed-rate investment of \$5,000 or more and gives a gift of at least 10% of the initial investment amount to Texas Partners in Mission.

#### STEP TWO:

Texas District Church Extension Fund will match the gift 100% to Texas Partners in Mission AND will pay a bonus 1% interest rate for the initial term of the investment.

You can find out more about this program at  
[texascef.org/texastwostep](https://texascef.org/texastwostep)

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Through investments from Texas District LCMS congregations and their members, Church Extension Fund will be the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.



### Congratulations, Pam!

Congratulations to Texas CEF's Director of Operations, Pam Herber! After 20 years with Texas CEF, Pam is retiring on June 30, 2022. We give God the praise and glory for the wonderful years she has been here. Please join us in praying for God's blessings to surround her as He leads her on a new adventure.

### Loan Supporting Funds Statements are Here!

Our new software system has recently created a report called the "Loan Supporting Funds Statement". This document contains all the pertinent information CEF Reps and Pastors need to help them create and reach goals for their congregations:

- Number of Loans
- Number of Investments
- Number of Investors
- Amount Invested (Supporting Funds)
- Loan Balance
- Monthly Rebate Amount
- Total Rebate for Current Fiscal Year
- Investment Percentage

The level of supporting investments is one indication of the strength of the partnership between CEF and the borrowing ministry. The stronger the level of partnership, the better for each partner.

If you would like the Loan Supporting Funds Statement sent to you monthly, please call Raelyn at 512-646-1242 or email her at [rpracht@texascef.org](mailto:rpracht@texascef.org)

## TEXAS DISTRICT CEF JULY 2022 INTEREST RATES

Investment	Fixed Rate (2)		Floating Rate (2)	
	Rate	APY	Rate	APY
One Year Note (1)	1.150%	1.15%	1.750%	1.76%
Three Year Note (1)	1.275%	1.28%	2.500%	2.52%
Five Year Note (1)	1.950%	1.96%	2.625%	2.65%
Flex Savings			0.750%	0.75%
Rainy Day Fund **			1.000%	1.00%
**Amounts over \$10,000 receive the Flex Savings rate				
<b>For Congregations Only</b>				
Congregation Savings			1.000%	1.00%
Building Fund			2.000%	2.02%

All individual Texas District CEF investments (FLEX, fixed and floating rate notes) may be included in a person's IRA portfolio, through our custodian GoldStar Trust Company. [www.texascef.org/ira.html](http://www.texascef.org/ira.html) (1) Subject to penalty for early withdrawal. (2) Rates subject to change. Rates reviewed monthly. Texas District Church Extension Fund is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, CEF investments are not SIPC or FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This does not constitute an offer to sell or a request to buy. The offer is made solely by CEF's Offering Circular.

# *Grace Prays*~~~~~2022

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation's leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our ECP

*For updates to Grace Prays,  
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432.697.3221*

## **OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

- ❖ Eleanor Dillenburg
- ❖ Doris Turner, Manor Park, Cowden Cottage #116
- ❖ Charles Colgan

## **ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS**

- ❖ Charles Colgan, BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, & Holly Walker.

## **ILL OR RECOVERING**

- ❖ Chuck Wolfmueller (Thomas' dad) a 7/5 PET scan showed 1.1cm liver tumor. He will have Chemo to shrink the tumor. Surgery decisions will be made after the 7/12 biopsy.
- ❖ Londyn McWhorter was diagnosed with an oblique fracture of her shin after having X-Rays on 7/6. No surgery is needed at this time. She will be in a cast for 6 weeks.
- ❖ Kevin Christianson (family friend of Bob & Lisa Lange) is 27 yrs. old and sustained a broken neck in swimming accident over July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Kamey Grabowski (Jason Hawkins' sister) has Hodgkin's lymphoma, Chemo will start soon.
- ❖ Norma Baumann has been diagnosed with COVID.
- ❖ Bill Bartlett is awaiting results on two medical procedures he had on 7/13 & 7/14.
- ❖ Steve Nobis (Cindy Hilton's brother in Michigan) was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He's at Univ. of Michigan hospital to plan next steps and treatment.
- ❖ Shay Hammontree (husband of Michelle Wolfmueller's friend) is at MCH being treated for DVT.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

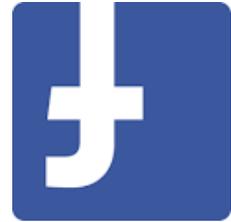
- ❖ Baby Caroline Bassett (nee Martin) is doing well. Breathing treatments are finished and she's back at daycare.

## **PRAYERS OF MOURNING**

- ❖ Jane Pase died on 7/14.



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