



FALL 2026

CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



"The Hills Are Alive With the Sound of Music"

By Rev. Tyler Henderson

Unfortunately, the only "hills" in our part of Texas are the overpasses we drive on... and the only music on those hills is from our radios. So, there are times when us flatland Texans need to find some steeper topography (*and cooler weather*)! This summer provided two such trips for our church. In June, many of our GLPC choir (and others of us that are less musically inclined) had the amazing opportunity to travel to Europe. Then, in July, our youth had the experience of a lifetime traveling to beautiful Alaska. Whether in the Alps or Alaska, there is something about mountain majesty that leaves us in awe.

One of the places our choir trip visited was Salzburg, Austria - which was the setting for the 1965 movie classic, "The Sound of Music". The movie opens with the iconic scene of Julie Andrews singing, "The hills are alive with the sound of music!" as she dances upon the hillside surrounded by the beauty of the Austrian Alps. While our choir did not get to dance and sing on the same hillside that Julie Andrews did, we did get to gaze upon the beauty of God's creation.

One of my favorite John Calvin quotes is as follows:

"[God has] revealed himself and daily discloses himself in the whole workmanship of the universe. As a consequence, men cannot open their eyes without being compelled to see [God]. Indeed, his essence is incomprehensible; hence, his divineness far escapes all human perception. But upon his individual works he has engraved unmistakable marks of his glory, so clear and so prominent that even unlettered and stupid folk cannot plead the excuse of ignorance. Yet, in the first place, wherever you cast your eyes, there is no spot in the universe wherein you cannot discern at least some sparks of his glory. You cannot in one glance survey this most vast and beautiful system of the universe, in its wide expanse, without being completely overwhelmed by the boundless force of its brightness."

Calvin was saying that God's existence and glory should be so obvious to us that when we gaze upon the beauty of creation, there is no excuse not to be completely in awe of God. Calvin understood creation to be a theater of God's glory. All we have to do is gaze upon the beauty of creation to see evidence of an omnipotent Creator. Of course, this is easier for us to do in the beautiful places like Alaska or the Austrian Alps... but God's glory is displayed all around us - we need only open our eyes and sing! Consider the words of Psalm 148. How will you praise the Lord this day?

(If you are wanting a song to have on your heart today, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" is a great one! You can scan the QR code for a recording of it from one of our services.)



Worship



Discipleship



Mission



Fellowship

WORSHIP

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October 4th - World Communion Sunday

Join us after the service for a church-wide potluck!

October 25th - Reformation Sunday

November 1st - All Saints Remembrance

November 8th - Commitment Sunday

This is our opportunity to recommit our hearts to God by offering our time, efforts, gifts to the service of God's will.



Worship Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for worship services in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or something, please sign up in the binder near the volunteer desk!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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Sunday School:

On Sunday mornings we have two adult classes:

- The Disciples Class has in-depth studies of Books of the Bible chosen by class consensus. Please join this class in Room 203.
- The Cultivators Class will cover the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Please join us Sunday mornings in room 209.

Mid-week Bible Studies:

We have three Bible study groups that meet on weekdays:

- **Thursday Women's Bible Study - starting September 3rd!** The first meeting will be for brunch at a local restaurant. This is a very welcoming group of women of all ages. This group does various studies throughout the year including book and media studies. They meet in room 209 at 10am.
- **Friday Women's Bible Study - starting August 21st.** This is a congenial group of mostly grandmas (some great grandmas) who love studying the Bible as well as enjoying wonderful fellowship! They meet in room 209 at 10am.

Caring for a loved one with dementia?



Savvy Caregiver* is a licensed, evidence-based program that will help you understand dementia, its effects on behavior, and how to develop personalized strategies for dementia caregiving and decision making.

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Savvy Caregivers: In their own voice
When my sister was diagnosed, I realized I needed to know more about dementia. The Savvy Caregiver class helped me understand the phases of dementia and gave me the help I'll need as a caregiver.

— Berniece D., Savvy Caregiver Program Participant

*There is a \$30 class materials fee.



MISSIONS

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Upcoming Mission Opportunities:



KCM Food Center Donations

On the 1st Sunday of the month all are welcome to fill our missions collection box nonperishable items to help support the KCM Food Center!



Love & Serve Day! Sunday, Nov 15

Everyone is encouraged to wear their GLPC Mission t-shirts to church on Sunday, Nov 15. (If you do not have a shirt, we will have some available to pick up on the Sundays leading up to that day.)

After the service concludes, we would love to have as many GLPC'ers as possible to drive over to H-E-B on Fry and 99 to purchase donations for KCM's Food Pantry. A truck will be available right outside H-E-B to collect the donations.

Outreach Ministry

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The **Communication & Outreach Ministry** is proud to present the third annual **Acorn Art Festival!** We feature a festival of artists and craft vendors, food trucks, live music, and fun for the kids such as face painting and a bounce house! We will also have an indoor exhibit of our own GLPC artists!



Follow us on Social Media
@Acorn Art Festival



Instagram



Facebook



What can you do?!

We'd love the help of our church family to make this event spectacular! Sign up in the church foyer to volunteer.

If you can't volunteer, just come join the fun!

For more information, contact Susan Hutson or email us at info@acornartfest.com.

VBS Recap!

Our GLPC Kids had an awesome Vacation Bible School! During VBS, we spent the week learning that we can trust Jesus in all situations! In our fun outdoors Alaska theme, not only did we sing and dance to catchy songs, create amazing crafts, eat yummy snacks, and play exciting games, we enjoyed snow cones and a petting zoo! The kids learned about wonderful services Hope Impacts, Lunches of Love, and CASA provide to those in our community. They made bracelets, decorated lunch sacks, and collected items for kids.



TRUNK or TREAT will be Sunday, October 25! Hope all kids will come in costume to enjoy games and treats in the back parking lot! Bring a friend!

If you'd like to host a trunk, or donate candy, please let Jessica know!

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held each Sunday at 9:30am & then again during our worship service for Pre-K through 5th grade. Elementary aged children will begin the service with their family and be dismissed to Faith Express after the Children's Lesson. 4th & 5th graders meet upstairs in Room 210 in a room just their own! Childcare is available for our youngest kiddos. We would love to see your kids there!



CLUB 45 is a special time for 4th & 5th graders the 1st Sunday of each month from 5:00-6:30pm upstairs in Room 210! We will participate in fun activities, dig into God's Word, & have a little time to hang out with the youth!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR practices each Sunday morning at 10am in Faith Express starting August 17! Children will sing in the service once a month. Hope your kids can join the fun!

YOUTH

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Summer Alaska Trip - Recap!

We had an amazing trip youth trip to Alaska this summer! The week was spent assisting local ministries. Our Bible study focused on following God on the way through the wilderness - and how Jesus is THE Way, truth, and life. And of course, we enjoyed the beauty of Alaska through numerous hikes, kayaking a lake, and even a glacier cruise outing. Thank you for ALL your support for this unforgettable, faith-building experience! Scan the QR to watch our trip video.

Check out our
Alaska trip
video!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We want to say a very sincere thank you to all who helped make our Youth Breakfast Bar and Talent Show fundraisers wonderful events! Your support made our youth summer trip to Alaska and other retreats possible!

Sunday Youth Bible Study 5:00-6:30pm

We hope all Middle & High School youth will join us throughout the year for Bible Study, fellowship, and fun! See our Fall Calendar for info about our theme nights. Friends are always welcome!

GLPC Student Ministry FALL 2026

AUG.

- 2 - End of Summer Swim Party (@ Dentons)
- 9 - Back-to-School Bingo
- 16 - Kick-Off Tailgate Cookout (rep your fav sports team!)
- 23 - Fizzy Fun Night
- 30 - Show & Tell

SEP.

- 6 - No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)
- 13 - Neon Night
- 20 - Seriously Cereal Night
- 28 - Hungry, Hungry Hippos

OCT.

- 4 - Duct Tape Games
- 9-11 - FALL RETREAT WEEKEND!
- 18 - KickBall World Series
- 25 - Battle of the Brands

NOV.

- 1 - The Great Youth Bake Off
- 8 - Harry Potter Night
- 15 - ZaZerts & Mismatch Night
- 22 - No Youth (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Saturday, 28 - Santa's Sleigh Shopping (@ Walmart)
- Deck the Halls at GLPC
- 29 - Fixer Upper: Gingerbread House Edition

DEC.

- 6 - The Great Gingerbread Man Chase! (3-5pm)
- 13 - Christmas Party!
- 20 - No Youth (Christmas Break)
- 27 - No Youth (Christmas Break)

YOUTH FALL RETREAT October 9-11

We are heading to Camp Lutherhill (located near La Grange, TX) for a weekend of Bible study, fellowship, and as always - fun!

Registration is officially open! Sign up in the GLPC app, or by using the QR code.

Early registration: now - Sept 20 : \$50
Late registration ends Oct 1 : \$100



FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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Table for 8-ish

Connect with a group of 8-10 people once a month for a meal and fellowship to create lasting friendships. Sign up at the church, through the website, the GLPC app, or the QR code!



World Communion Sunday Potluck

Stick around after worship on Sunday, October 4th for an International Potluck in celebration of World Communion Sunday! Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish representing your heritage or just a food you love!



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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It takes a village. Lately I have been marveling at our village and how we work to care for each other's needs and look out for one another. Whether you drive from Richmond or Katy, Houston or Fulshear, or maybe just a few blocks away, each Sunday we gather as a church family. We pray and study God's word together. We enjoy good times and fellowship together. We take care of each other. So, I appreciate how each of us answers the call to support what it takes to "keep the lights on" at GLPC by giving of our time, talents, and treasure.

Keep growing with us!

Total 2026 Budgeted Contributions:	\$744,161
YTD Income as of July 31:	\$471,295
Remaining to meet 2026 goal:	\$272,866

63% of Annual Goal
58% Target



MEMBERSHIP

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We honor our members who have joined the church triumphant in the past year:

Ron Gilbert

Victoria Braquet

Bob Bishop

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."*

2 Timothy 4:7-8

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

We are excited to welcome the following new members to the Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church family:



Matt & Bev
Wanner



Mittelbronn family:
Rob, Kate, Brie, & Will



Audrey Martin
&
Stephanie Olukoya



Sandra Allan

GIVING THANKS!

We are so thankful for our wonderful deacons who
are rolling off from active service:

Geoff Alldred
Courtney Astley
Karen Nance
Debbie Nichols

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE!!!



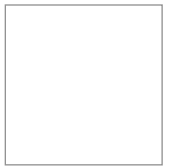
**We also welcome on our newest
deacons who will be ordained on
Sunday, August 23rd!**

Cassandra Harmond
Ruth Ann Irwin
Neeraj Peter
Sherry Ryan





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