



CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church



“Hope-Filled”

By Rev. Tyler Henderson

With the exception of one arctic blast, we did not see very many cold days this winter. This is one of the joys of living where we do - we certainly earn it enduring all the hot and humid days of summer! Already plants are beginning to bud and pretty soon the vibrant colors of spring will be in full bloom. The Spring season is a yearly reminder of the hope of new life.

If I had to pick a word for this year, I would choose the word “hope-filled”. What I mean by being hope-filled is a subtle distinction from being “hopeful”. To me, being hopeful in our day and age equates to wishing for something to happen. There’s nothing wrong with that, of course. However, I want us to be “hope-filled” - and by that I mean having a living hope as we are in Christ here and now. While we can be hopeful about the future, being hope-filled impacts us in the present. We are hope-filled because we are filled with the Spirit of God who empowers us today.

As a church, we are tasked with the responsibility to make the invisible Kingdom of God visible through our love for God and obedience to His call. Our collective actions represent God’s goodness and truth in the community in which we live, work, and play. Simply put, we want to know Christ and to make Him known. As I reflect on the ministry that we have partnered in together in 2025, I am hope-filled for how God is leading us into 2026. I pray that we will be hope-filled together as we grow in the grace of our Lord and humbly serve His Kingdom.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” - 1 Peter 1:3



Worship



Discipleship



Mission



Fellowship

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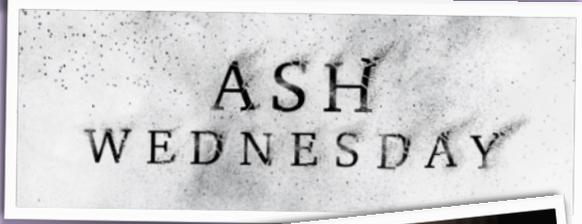
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LENT

A Season of Reflection, Prayer, and Repentance

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter morning. We encourage you to journey with us through this season and draw your heart closer to God. Lenten devotional booklets are available in the church foyer.



Special Services During Lent:

- February 18 - Ash Wednesday
(Service at 6:30pm; Childcare Available)
- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday
(Service at 7:00pm; Childcare Available)



EASTER SUNDAY!

April 5th

Come celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with us!
We will have two services of worship:

- **7:00am - Outdoor Sunrise Service**
(Weather permitting we will be outdoors, behind the church. Please bring your own foldout chair! In the event of inclement weather, we will move the service inside the sanctuary)
- **10:30am - Sanctuary Service**



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 by the volunteer desk!

MISSIONS

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We have numerous Mission Partners in and around the Katy/Houston area. Many of these organizations are in need of regular volunteer support. If you would like information for how to volunteer with our mission partners, scan the QR code:



RECAP : SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! For the first two Sundays of February we encouraged everyone to help us collect food pantry items for Katy Christian Ministry through the “Souper Bowl of Caring” initiative. We are so happy to have collected 801 lbs of food to help feed those in need of care. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important ministry!



Love & Serve Day

Sunday, April 26 - following worship

Everyone is encouraged to wear their mission t-shirt to church on this Sunday. 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.



Faith in Practice

For over 30 years Faith in Practice has been medical care to the needy in Guatemala. Through long-term partnerships and relationships, Faith in Practice (FIP) has developed that trust and it has given that trust to those with whom it partners. This long-term commitment, going deep rather than wide, empowers the local community to serve, it ensures transparency, and it produces results. FIP cannot eradicate systemic poverty, but it can strengthen and support local Guatemalans so that together we can improve the healthcare of the poor.

GLPC member, Bill Favnesi, will be serving with the Faith in Practice team from May 23-30. Be on the lookout for more information about how we can support Faith in Practice!



Our Missions Team is currently planning an end of the year Staff & Teacher appreciation at RAE. If you would like to help out, let us know!



In recognition and appreciation of GLPC's support, The Arc of Katy has granted us the Ann Davis Founder's Award! We are happy to partner with such a wonderful organization!

GLPC KIDS

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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. Childcare is available for our youngest kiddos. We would love to see your kids there!



CLUB 45

CLUB 45 is a great time for 4th & 5th graders the first Sunday of each month from 4-5:30pm to dig into God's Word, have fun, & spend time with the youth group!



Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets Sunday mornings at 10am in Faith Express. Children will sing during the worship service once a month!

A colorful graphic for Palm Sunday, March 29. It features several Easter eggs in the background. The text is organized into three columns: 'Palm SUNDAY Beginning of the Worship Service', 'Journey to the Cross During Worship in Faith Express', and 'EASTER EGG HUNT After Worship in the back of the church'. The 'GLPC KIDS' logo is in the top left corner.

PALM SUNDAY: March 29th, children will have the opportunity to wave palm branches at the beginning of the service!

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: March 29th during 10:30 Sunday School, children will go on a impactful Holy Week journey to catch a glimpse of Jesus & reflect on His love through the power of His sacrifice!

EASTER EGG HUNT: After the service on March 29th, GLPC Kids will enjoy an Easter egg hunt and receive a bag full of goodies!

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Starting to make summer plans?! Reserve June 22nd-25th for VBS! We're excited to trust God together in this wild world at True North VBS! Sign up today!

If you're interested in helping, please contact Jessica.

A scenic landscape graphic for 'True North GLPC VBS'. It shows a river, mountains, a bear silhouette, and a moose. The text reads: 'TRUE NORTH GLPC VBS', 'JUNE 22-25 | 9AM-NOON', and 'AGES 4-5TH GRADE'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

YOUTH

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Recap:

2026 Winter Retreat

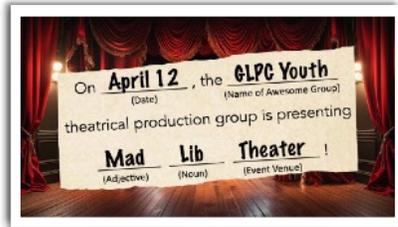
Our youth had the opportunity to travel to Mo-Ranch Presbyterian Camp for a retreat weekend! Our Bible Study focused on Jesus' ministry and how we are called to follow Jesus in our own lives. Outside of that there was lots of fun and fellowship!

Scan the QR code for our retreat video!



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

All Jr. High & High School students are welcome to join us for a time of Bible Study & fellowship! We have lots of fun theme nights planned. Friends are always welcome!



GLPC Student Ministry SPRING 2026

JAN.

- 4 - Pajamas & Cocoa
- 11 - Campfire Glow Night
- 18 - Lego My Eggo (legos & breakfast for dinner!)
- 25 - Show & Tell

FEB.

- 1 - "Super" Bowl Night (as in, rep your fav super hero!)
- 8 - NO Youth (Super Bowl Sunday)
- 13-16 - Youth Winter Retreat!!
- 22 - Oddball Olympics

MAR.

- 1 - WhataNite
- 8 - NO Youth (Spring Break)
- 15 - Disc Golf Picnic @ Willow Fork Park
- 22 - March Madness
- 29 - Disney Night

APR.

- 5 - NO Youth (Easter)
- 12 - Mad Lib Theater
- 19 - Oreo Night
- 26 - Cabbage Ball

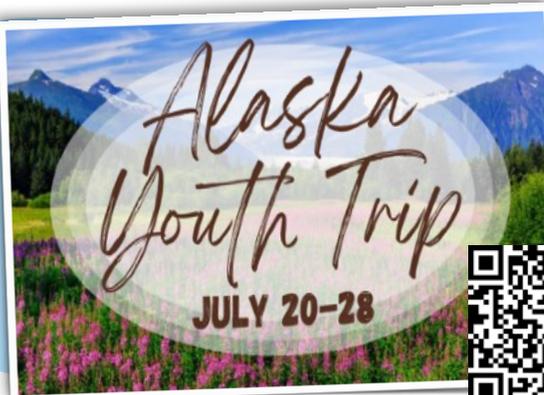
MAY

- 3 - May the 4th Be With You
- 10 - NO Youth (Mother's Day)
- 17 - Youth Sunday
- 24 - NO Youth (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 31 - Summer Kick-Off!

ALASKA YOUTH TRIP

July 20-28

Yes, you read that right! We are gearing up for an incredible, unforgettable, and engaging trip opportunity for our youth. With the help of a former GLPC couple - now Alaska residents (Harold & Lorissa Jackson), this will be a spiritually formative time as we engage in daily Bible studies, service projects, and of course... enjoy the beauty and fun that Alaska offers! Scan the QR code for more information.



FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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Check Out What We Have Coming Up!!



Chili Cook-Off Sunday,
February 22nd after the service
join us for some award winning
chili! Sign up in the foyer.

Spring into Action

In March, we will be teaming up
with our Facilities team to
beautify the church inside & out,
so stayed tuned for more info!

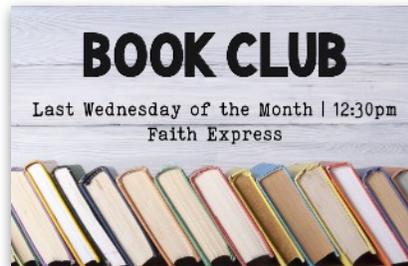


Murder Mystery Dinner

Friday, April 17th bring your favorite
appetizer and come in costume for a
fun evening of 'Whodunit?'

Ladies' Tea

Saturday, May 9th ladies of GLPC are
invited to enjoy tea & light snacks to
celebrate the women in our lives!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30am

Combined Class

Room 201/202

Presently, the Sunday morning two discipleship groups
have merged and are studying a in-depth look at proverbs
lead by Dr. Rick Myers.

Discipleship is a central part of what it means to
follow Jesus. As disciples (students) of Christ, we
emphasize the importance of gathering together
to study God's word. We have wonderful Sunday
morning classes for children, youth, and adults.
We also have other Bible study groups that study
and fellowship together.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Thursday Bible Study

Room 209

We meet Thursday at 10am and we would love to have you join
us! Our studies vary, and we always enjoy great discussion!

Women's Friday Bible Study

Room 209

Fridays at 10am. This class has a goal to grow an understanding
of God's word and to deepen our relationship with Him by
studying the Bible as well as Bible studies by other theologians.

Men's Friday Bible Study

Room 209

Fridays at noon. We read aloud and discuss books by renowned
theologians along with pertinent Bible passages, always from a
Reformed perspective.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

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We asked, and you delivered! There is no doubt that we see 2026 as our turning point for congregational growth and continued excitement to connect with God and our community. The final stewardship campaign tally was \$583,461 in pledges. In comparison, last year's original pledges totaled \$534,557. This signals that our financial health is back to nearly pre-pandemic figures. What this also means is we now can set our sights on planning for additional pastoral staff down the road as we continue to grow. In the meantime, we handily rose to the challenge to care for our church and call to mission, care for our pastor and church staff, and ensure the ongoing maintenance of our building and property.

Highlights of this past year included additional paydown of \$46,000 on our mortgage as well as successful management of cost increases of insurance premiums, Board of Pension dues (for our pastor), and inflation in general. Our extra debt reduction, in addition to previous paydowns, has effectively shortened our long-term payment schedule by more

than five years. We also received the Kelso Trust Grant of \$5,000 for a third year which goes toward providing upgrades to our facilities.

Session, with the help of the Finance Committee, will prayerfully continue to strive to be the best stewards of our members' contributions.

OUR 2026 BUDGET IN BRIEF:

INCOME (Estimated):

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| Pledges – | \$583,461 |
| Other Income* – | <u>174,900</u> |
| Total All Income – | \$758,361 |

EXPENSES:

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| Op. Expenses* – | <u>\$(758,361)</u> |
| NET TOTAL – | \$ (0) |

**Does not include Youth Ministry 2026 travel*

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” -Galatians 6:9

Giving Thanks!

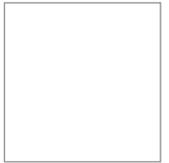
The finance team would like to celebrate the extraordinary dedication and visionary leadership of long-time member Jim Thompson. Jim and his wife Judy joined GLPC prior to the construction of our building in 2006-7. Having previously served on Presbyterian Sessions in New Jersey and Virginia, he assumed the role of Finance Chairman as we transitioned into our new building. His management experience in the paper industry proved to be a valuable asset in meeting our local needs. As his initial terms concluded, he mentored numerous successors on critical matters such as debt reduction, budget creation, salary and administration, as well as Christian discipleship and Mission efforts. Jim's most notable contribution has been serving as our Stewardship Campaign chairman since 2008. Jim firmly believes that God



will answer our prayers and needs, and his leadership and faith in our members and donors have been instrumental in maintaining our favorable financial health. As Jim steps down from his role in 2026, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for his years of faithful service and wish him and Judy continued good health, prosperity, and God's blessings.



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