

# Grace Notes

## Grace Presbyterian Church

Adult Christian Ed 9:30 am  
Worship & KIDS GATHERING 10:30 am  
Fellowship 11:30 am

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### May At A Glance

- 4 - Communion Sunday
- 7 - Taste of Grace
- 14 - Taste of Grace  
    Session Meeting
- 16 - INDIAN TACO SALE
- 18 - PWG's Birthday  
    Potluck
- 19 - Presby. Women, 1 pm
- 21 - Taste of Grace
- 27 - Grace Notes Deadline
- 28 - Taste of Grace

### *Pastor's Pen*

*"The Holy Spirit is the life of Christ in us. Like an iris springing from a dull, dry tuber, we are transformed by the Spirit's life surging into us. Some of us blossom overnight, while others grow slowly like a century plant — we each grow according to the God-seed planted in us and our healthy response to the Spirit's nurture."* --Melicent Honeycutt

As we work our way through the Book of Acts of the Apostles during May, it's impossible not to think about the Holy Spirit. Luke tells us about 120 people were together in Jerusalem for the Jewish holy festival of Pentecost or Shavu'ot. They were there to celebrate the first fruits being harvested and brought to the Temple, and to commemorate the giving of the laws to Moses. What a great time for the Holy Spirit to blow through!

Although the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the Old Testament and the Gospel, it's work as the Advocate, or the Counselor, became clearer at Pentecost. Luke says people understood each other and they understood the Truth of God.

Jesus said, "The Spirit blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes." (John 3:8)

Presbyterians believe that no one person or group has access to the Spirit. Historically, we know when groups begin to think they are the only ones with the Spirit, they get a rude awakening because the Spirit will blow elsewhere --even outside the established Church. This is one of the reasons why Presbyterians use the motto:

*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*  
*meaning: church reformed, always being reformed*

How do you see the Spirit working in you? There's lot of different answers. If you're unsure, the easiest way to find it is to do the following exercise daily: At the end of each day ask yourself, "Where did I feel God's presence the most today?" Keep a log of your answers.

In Christ's Peace,

*Pastor Teri*

**"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"**

**James M. Gray**

**September 9, 1939 - April 12, 2014**

**FINANCIAL HEALTH**  
**Grant Kernan**  
**with Joyce Burns, Treasurer**

March Operating Income	\$7,440.00
March Expenses	9,388.05
<b>March Net Income:</b>	<b>(1,948.05)</b>
Operating Account Balance	\$39,149.45
General Memorial	4,809.41
Music Funds	853.98
Flower Fund	86.64
Property Projects	708.34
Congregational Care	650.00
Children's Ministry	291.91
Mission - General	3,822.14
Mission - Indian Taco	1,000.00

\*Monies available to the Session: \$51,370.41

**SESSION**  
**Rev Teri Summers-Minette, Moderator**  
**Ford Griggs, Clerk of Session**

**April Session Highlights**

- Discussed the Building & Grounds priority lists.
- Moved \$1500 into Property Projects Restricted Fund.

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Next meeting will be Wed., May 14 at 7 pm.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
**Edna Sparkman**

Thanks to Gary & Judy, Rich & Judy, David, Dan, Teri, Scott and Jo Ann for working on Spring Cleaning. The majority of things did not get done. If you have 30-60 minutes, come by to do one. The lists are in Fellowship Hall.

We've been taking bids to move the compressor off the roof since there's some roof damage and the wooden stand is rotting.

**NEW DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Max Miles and Cody Quinton  
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Grove, OK 74345-2033  
johnsonquinton350@yahoo.com

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**Suzie Teehee with Linda Folsom**

**Adult Learning**  
Dan Summers-Minette

The Adult Class will meet through May 18 at 9:30 am as we finish the Book of Genesis. Then starting May 25th, we'll be on summer sabbatical until September.

**KIDS GATHERING**  
Suzie Teehee

Many thanks to Linda Folsom who taught for the past 4 months while Suzie was in Texas.

The CE Team has decided that KIDS GATHERING will be held during worship. Parents may drop off their children starting at 10:20. Then please pick them up after worship.

We are continuing with the *We Believe* curriculum, but may change it for the summer.

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**Catechism Q # 29:** How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?  
*Answer is on page 4.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**  
**Kay Gray**

**FELLOWSHIP**  
Judy Anderson

We had a busy month with the Easter potluck and the funeral. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and help with both things and the Fellowship hours. Thanks to Theresa & Max for the Easter decorations. They were great as usual.

We still need someone for Fellowship on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Start thinking about the summer, then sign up to host Fellowship one Sunday when you'll be in town. Something very SIMPLE like cookies would be enough.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board between the Parlor and Fellowship Hall; or call Judy.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**  
Lowell Crowl

Men's Fellowship is on hiatus until Fall.

**MAY 18th**  
**following worship**  
**PWG is hosting their**



**POTLUCK LUNCHEON**  
**There'll be a free-will offering**  
**for**  
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
**of GRACE**  
**to fund their mission projects.**

**MARKETING**  
**Ford Griggs**

Many thanks to Ruth and Donna for volunteering to help with the website. It will take a while to get things organized, and responsibilities assigned. Hopefully come July, you notice some differences.

**MISSIONS**  
**Marcy Livesay**

**Taste of Grace**

Taste of Grace is being offered weekly now! Thanks to the 16 volunteers who offered to work one Wednesday each month, we now have organized into four teams to cover the normal four weeks of a month. If you have not yet volunteered because your schedule does not permit consistent scheduling but are willing to fill in on an as-needed basis, please call Marcy or David at 918-786-1895 or the church office at 918-786-6191 or sign up on the list on the bulletin board. Many thanks to everyone who is helping!!

**Indian Taco Sale, Friday, May 16**

The Taco Sale is coming soon! It will be held on May 16. Pre-order forms will be going out to local businesses the week of May 5-9. Come join us for a great lunch, and if you can help prepare the day before or serve or deliver the day of the sale, please let Cathy Griggs or the church office know. See you there!

**Angel Card Ministry**

Almost 500 angel medallion cards have been distributed in Grove. It has been gratifying to see how eagerly these cards have been received at the distribution places, and how fast they are going. Over 50 per week consistently still are taken. They do appear to be fulfilling the goal of comforting, encouraging and being meaningful to people in difficult times. Thanks to Rapid Remedy, Dr. Herbst's, Dr. Chouteau's, and Drs. Ferguson's offices for allowing them to be available there.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**  
**Scott Crow, Director of Music Ministry**  
**with Ruth Nandico**

If you play an instrument or know someone who does or a group that would provide special music we would love to have you or them provide some special music for us this summer. We are looking to have special music several Sundays this summer like we did last summer.

With the closing of schools for the summer vacation, we hope all have a relaxing summer but please remember to attend church on Sundays.

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The next Worship meeting will be Wednesday, May 21 at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall.

**Answer to Catechism Q # 29:** *We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual calling by his Holy Spirit. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, the Spirit persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

**Dan says "Summer means wearing shorts to worship."**

## Teri's Gumbo

*As requested by several of you, here's my gumbo recipes for 10-12 servings.*

- 3 lbs cooked chicken thighs, shredded
- 1 lb andouille or other spicy sausage, cut into 1/2' quarters
- 16 oz. frozen shrimp, thawed in lemon water
- 1 c all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c + 2-3 T olive oil
- 2 c onions, finely chopped
- 2 c sweet peppers, finely chopped
- 2 c celery, finely chopped
- 2 T chopped garlic
- 3 qts low-sodium chicken broth
- 4 c frozen, sliced okra
- 1 1/2 t Worcestershire sauce
- 2-3 T Cajun seasoning (recipe follows)
- 2 bay leaves

Make dark roux with the flour and oil in a cast iron skillet. To get it dark enough takes about 20-25 minutes.

Meanwhile, sauté the onions, peppers, celery, and garlic in 2-3 T. of olive oil.

Slowly whisk the broth into the roux. Move to a soup pot. Add the chicken, 1/2 of the andouille, sautéed vegetables, 1 cup of the okra, Worcestershire sauce, Cajun seasoning, and bay leaves. Broil to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer for 45 minutes.

Then add the remaining andouille and 3 cups of frozen okra. Simmer another 15-20 minutes.

10 minutes before serving, drain the shrimp and add to the pot. Serve with rice.

**Cajun Seasoning** *(The commercial versions are mostly salt, so I use my own.)*

- 3 T paprika
- 2 T cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 T ground thyme
- 1 T garlic powder
- 1 T onion powder
- 1/2 T ground black pepper
- 1 T ground dried oregano
- 1/2 T ground dried basil
- 1/2 T ground filé (optional)

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## *With Thanks*

A friendly smile, a casual touch,  
These are the things that mean so much,  
To know you are with us in our time of sorrow,  
Sharing our prayer, today and tomorrow,  
God gives us comfort in the form of good friends,  
May His peace be with you, His love never ends.  
The family of James M. Gray

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GOD WITH PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES OF GRACE

Week of May 4	Carol & Gisele Adair
Week of May 11	Bonnie Anglewicz
Week of May 18	Raymond & Ann BeVier
Week of May 25	Joyce Burns

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

May 7	Sharon LeBot
May 26	Jo Ellen Oestreich
May 31	Ann BeVier

