

SPRING 2026

EVENT DIGEST



ONGOING EVENTS

G4 Monday Nights

MEETS WEEKLY

Mondays | 7 p.m. | MT208



Are you a single or married young adult between 18-35 years of age looking to get connected into a community? You're invited to join us on Monday nights for our weekly young adult gathering! No matter where you are in your walk with Jesus, this is a place for you to build deep relationships with other young adults while diving into God's Word and sharing in each other's lives. We will not meet on the following Mondays: February 16, April 6, May 25.

Students: Crowded House

MEETS WEEKLY BEGINNING JANUARY 11

Sundays | 5-7 p.m. | Grace athletic fields or gym

Crowded House is an opportunity for students to come together for big group games, dinner together, and small groups focusing on our Sunday morning lessons. This is the perfect event for students who are new to church! If you want to make sure you are up to date on where we meet, join our Remind! We will not be meeting on February 8 (Super Bowl); February 22 (Lunch is Served); March 8 (Spring Break); April 5 (Easter)

SPECIAL CROWDED HOUSE EVENTS:

- Sunday, April 26, 5-7:30 p.m.: *Talent Show*
- Sunday, May 17, 5-7:30 p.m.: *Slip n Slide Kickball* (last Crowded House)

Each year we roll out the slip n slides, pour out the bubbles, and fill up the kiddie pools for the harrowing sport of kickball via slip n slide. Wear clothes that are muddy-capable.

Grace Mom's Bible Studies

MEETS WEEKLY BEGINNING JANUARY 13

Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary (childcare available)



Join Grace Moms on Tuesday mornings as we gather together to share life as moms of littles and dig into the Word of God. We meet in the Sanctuary for worship with Ivy Castle Simpson before splitting off into small groups, and childcare is available. We'll be studying *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith.

Inspire!

MEETS WEEKLY, BEGINNING JANUARY 13

Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Tuesdays | 6:45 p.m. | MT 201



Join us for one of our Bible studies, in the morning or evening, no matter what your life stage. We meet in a large group and then break up into small groups. The focus of our studies is to encourage women to live fully as disciples of Jesus Christ as we pray for one another, support one another, and allow the gospel to transform us where we live, work, and play. We'll be studying *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books* by Nancy Guthrie.

Women of Grace Circle meetings

MEETS THE FIRST MONDAY OR THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Various times



Women of Grace is a group of women dedicated to fellowship, Bible study, and outreach through mission projects. We meet monthly in "circles" for fellowship and to study God's Word. We'll close out our year together with a luncheon on May 11 at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome to attend Circle Meetings. If you would like more information, contact Traci Baudin (tbaudin@gpch.org).

MONDAY CIRCLES (FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH):

- Circle 2: 10 a.m. in MT103
- Circle 3/4: 10 a.m. in McKechnie Dining Room
- Circle 5: 10 a.m. in MT102

THURSDAY CIRCLES (FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH):

- Circle 7: 10:30 a.m. in MT102
- Circle 6/8: 6 p.m. in MT101

Grace812

MEETS WEEKLY

Tuesdays | 6 p.m. | MT 101



Grace812 is built upon the gift of grace from God, the teachings of Jesus in the eight Beatitudes, and a discipleship road map to live life to the fullest. Share a community meal and conversation about our spiritual journey, discover God, grow in faith, and live in community.

The Grace Chancel Choir

MEETS THE FIRST, THIRD, AND FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

7 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal Room

We joyfully lead the congregation in music with special songs, traditional hymns, and choral anthems; and join the praise band in leading the weekly worship service. The spring is the perfect time to try out the choir! We can't wait to welcome new members of all ages and ability levels at our next choir rehearsal as we pray for one another, have a snack, and make a beautiful noise to the Lord together! Contact Stephanie Clarke (sclarke@gpch.org) for more information.

GPCH Midday Group

MEETS WEEKLY

Wednesdays | 1 p.m. | MT 201

Journey to ancient Egypt, where the Israelites lived under the crushing power of mighty pharaohs, vast armies, and a multitude of gods. God's people seemed powerless—until the Lord Himself stepped in. Through the study, *God Heard Their Cry: Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials* by Ray Vander Laan, you'll see how God heard the cries of His persecuted people. No homework and no registration required—just drop in!

Meals for Ministries



Help feed our people! Sharing a meal together has long been acknowledged as a wonderful way to spark conversation and help people feel at ease with one another. In fact, Grace812 and several Grace Student Ministries events are centered on that premise. You can help these ministries thrive by providing a meal for the folks participating. Opportunities and details are at the QR code.

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES



**Friends of
Westchase**
HOUSTON, TEXAS



Make a difference in the lives of students and families right here in Westchase! Join us this spring by serving with one of Friends of Westchase's programs:

- **Lunchtime School Mentoring:** Spend just 30 minutes a week over lunch mentoring a student at one of our partner schools. Your presence and love make a lasting impact in the life of a child or youth.
- **F3 Afterschool Program:** Share Bible stories, play games, and build meaningful relationships with children in our weekly program.
- **MENTorUP:** Calling all men - mentor young men through our monthly Saturday or weeknight gatherings focused on life skills, leadership, and encouragement. Spring outings include: sports nutrition workshop, Houston mural tour/lunch at Space City Birria, Third Coast Volleyball day, Kids' Meals service event/smoothie bar outing.
- **Community Garden:** Help us grow and harvest fresh produce year-round. Spring weather is inviting and the perfect time to get your hands in the soil and serve alongside others. All produce is shared with families who live in Westchase.
- **VBS:** Please consider joining our team as we welcome students from Emerson Elementary to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer! Our VBS team collaborates with Grace Children's Ministry to coordinate a faith- and fun-filled week for a small group of students. We provide transportation to and from Emerson, breakfast, a full day of VBS, a fun lunch, and sports camp, before returning the group to the school for pickup.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** If you enjoy blessing teachers and planning events/lunches, we would appreciate your gifts in helping us plan and serve teachers during the month of May. Bring your creative ideas!

For more information, visit friendsofwestchase.org or email Kristy Elmore at keltmore@gpch.org.

Saturday Serve: Stretch Series!



Saturday Serve is a once-a-month, come-as-you-are, intergenerational service opportunity. This spring, we are challenging ourselves to stretch! We will still offer on-campus opportunities to serve, but in addition, we plan to visit new communities and learn about important ministry taking place across our city! Stay tuned to learn more ways you can get involved. Watch the Grace homepage and Grace Weekly email for project details each month.

YEAR-ROUND OPPORTUNITIES

West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)

WHAM continues to see an increase in demand for food support across our Westchase community. Please consider donating non-perishable items to support essential needs of families in the Westchase community. Items can be brought to Grace and left in the bins marked "WHAM" in the Connection Center.

Clothed By Faith

Community partner, Clothed By Faith, exists to demonstrate God's love through the provision of clothing to those in need. Closets for Schools is just one program that addresses clothing insecurity in our city. By providing clean, fitted, and seasonally appropriate clothing, students feel confident and prepared for school and life. Please consider donating any clothing items in the bins marked "Clothed by Faith" in the Connection Center.

REGISTER TODAY!

Friends of Samburu Mission Trip

June 5 | Kenya

Twice a year, Friends of Samburu brings hope, healing, and connection to the Samburu people of north-central Kenya—and you're invited. The next trip is scheduled for June 5-22, 2026.

Serve alongside our Samburu friends—building relationships, sharing faith, and being transformed in return. Reach out to Margaret Ellis at friendsofsamburu@yahoo.com for more details.



Grace Women's Retreat

March 27-28



High School Mission Trip

June 13-20, sign-up deadline is February 1



Middle School Mission Trip

July 12-16, sign-up deadline is April 1

Cub Scout Pack 1040

Pack meetings are at Grace



Back to school is a great time to get your children acquainted with Scouting. Kids kindergarten through fifth grade may join at anytime. Our pack meetings are Sunday afternoons, with special events throughout the year. More information and registration is available on our website at the QR code, or talk to us on Scout Sunday, February 1.

JANUARY

Open House at Pastor Julia's

Sunday | January 4 | 1-3 p.m. | 1602 Beaconsire Road

Pastor Julia is welcoming everyone into the new year at her annual open house. Drop by at any time for some coffee, cookies, and conversation and start 2026 with a smile!

The Bible in a Year class

Sunday | January 4 | 11 a.m. | MTH A



The Bible in a Year program will continue into 2026, encouraging the congregation to read the entire Bible together through the year. This class will meet together each week to discuss what we've been reading and support each other as we practice the daily reading of scripture together. We will be using videos and other resources from The Bible Project, and the class will be a discussion-based format facilitated by Grace pastors and staff.

Grace Men's Ministry BBQ Night

Friday | January 9 | 5:30 p.m. | The Bennett's home



Grace Men! Come join us for an evening of brotherhood and barbeque hosted by Grace Men's Ministry and the Bennetts. We will be meeting on Friday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m., at the home of Brett Bennett. Our entire objective is to create a space for the men of Grace to know each other over some good barbeque. At this event we will announce our 2026 Men's Ministry calendar. The event is free, but we ask that you register so that we can provide the appropriate amount of barbeque and fixins!

Adult Equipping Hour Training

Saturday | January 10 | 10 a.m. | Molly Ann Smith Building



Have you ever led an Equipping hour class? Have you ever felt the desire to lead, but felt like you lacked the knowledge or training to do so? Join us on January 10 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Molly Ann Smith Building where pastor John Pflug will lead a training for all teachers and facilitators who are interested in leading, teaching or assisting with an equipping hour class.

Students: Abide Worship Night

MEETS MONTHLY

Wednesday | January 21 | 6 p.m. | Welcome Center

While Abide Together Groups are taking Abide out from Grace, we still want to have a place for students to worship together! All students and all Abide Together Groups are invited each month to come eat together in the Welcome Center and worship together in the Sanctuary!

Saturday Serve

Saturday | January 24

Join us for Soup Serve! Please help us by providing a batch of your favorite soup—we will be cooking and packing on Saturday and then sharing quarts of soup with the congregation on Sunday. We'll ask the congregation to pick up a quart and take it out to bless someone on Sunday, January 25.

Students: 242 Night

Saturday, January 24 – Sunday, January 25

Prepare your home and hearts for a night of chaos. Your student plans a sleepover with one other person who doesn't really go to church, and together they complete crazy challenges. The challenges are sent out at 5 p.m. on Remind and through email. Be on the lookout for potential shopping lists... either way you already know you need to stock up on Saran Wrap.

Covenant Partner Course

Sunday | January 25 | 11 a.m. | MTH A



The Covenant Partner Course is for all who are interested in learning more about Grace's key theological beliefs and the vision, the mission, and the strategy. The course is led by pastors, elders, deacons, and staff, and it is our unique way of talking about membership in a congregation. During the course, you will be invited to explore how joining as a "Covenant Partner" is a significant next step in your journey of faith in Jesus. Refreshments and drinks will be provided. If you have children, Children's Ministry offerings will be provided from 11 a.m. to noon and then childcare will be provided until 1 p.m. When you register for the course, you will be asked to register your child for childcare.

Better Together Lunch Bunch

MEETS MONTHLY

Monday | January 26 | 11:30 a.m.

la Madeleine, 10001 Westheimer

Let's have lunch! On the fourth Monday of each month, come and enjoy fellowship and lunch with other women who have lost their spouses. Learn from one another and be uplifted with joy. To receive email reminders, contact Denise Phelps (dphelps@gpcc.org or 713-267-5063).

F E B R U A R Y

High School Student Summer Mission Trips registration deadline

TRIP: June 13-20 | REGISTRATION: February 1



High Schoolers must register by February 1. All high schoolers (rising tenth graders through graduated seniors) are invited to join us as we fly to Montana! We will be assisting in various projects around Whitefish, MT, ranging from work on farms and reservations to working within the church with VBS.

Students: Abide Worship Night

MEETS MONTHLY

Friday | February 6 | 6 p.m. | Welcome Center and Sanctuary

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Students: Dash n' Dine

Saturday | February 7 | 4:30 p.m. | begins at Grace

High School Students are invited to a night on the town, where we eat our way through the homes of various covenant partners! Drop off and pick up is at Grace! Dress...dashingly!

Young Adult Worship Night

Monday | February 9 | 7 p.m. | Founders' Chapel

Join us for a night of worship! We will be reflecting on Proverbs 1 and the power of Godly wisdom. Dinner will be provided!

Saturday Serve

Saturday | February 14 | 9 a.m. | begins at Grace

Make plans to join us for a special day of serving with the Ronald McDonald House Houston! We will travel together to the Ronald McDonald House to serve a special Valentine's Day Brunch to families with children receiving medical care in the Texas Medical Center and staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We hope to return around 1 p.m. We will be preparing brunch and then staying to serve and fellowship with families! We have limited spaces, and due to health considerations, this project is only open to anyone 18 and older.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday | February 18 | 7 p.m. | Founders' Chapel

The Ash Wednesday service is a beautiful time of reflection and meditation on our mortality, sinfulness, and need for a savior. As we renew our commitment to daily repentance in the Lenten season and in all life, we will be led by beautiful music, readings, and reflections to remember with confidence and gratitude that Christ has conquered death and sin. Ash Wednesday worship is a powerful testimony of our union with Christ. The service will include the imposition of ashes.

A Grace Disguised Class

MEETS WEEKLY

Thursday | February 19 | 6 p.m. | MT201



Whoever thought that grief would be described as grace? Anyone that has suffered loss knows that processing grief is very difficult. In *A Grace Disguised* class, participants will learn and share about the grief process, pray, and enjoy fellowship together. This is a six-week class.

Ladies' Night (Galentine's Edition)

Friday | February 20 | 6:30 p.m.

Calling all young adult ladies (ages 18-35 years): join us on as we gather for a fun night of fellowship! There will be fun games, DIY flower arrangements, and great company!

Lunch is Served/Student Sunday

Sunday | February 22 | 9:30 a.m.

A Sunday where students take over all of worship, leading the congregation in a joyful noise and gathering in honor of our God. After the service, the students also help hold an auction that funds our summer mission trips. Our congregation does a wonderful job of supporting our students each year on this day that we all look forward to!

Better Together Lunch Bunch

MEETS MONTHLY

Monday | February 23 | 11:30 a.m.

1a Madeleine, 10001 Westheimer

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M A R C H

Young Adult Game Night

Monday | March 9 | 7 p.m. | MT208

Join us for a night of fellowship, fun, and food! We will have all the classic video games from Guitar Hero to Mario Kart.

Saturday Serve

Saturday | March 21

Join our team as we set out to bless our local schools during our Campus Clean-up day! This is a great project for families to share in together!

Launchpad

Sunday | March 22 | 12:30 p.m.

Once each semester, Grace Student Ministries bring parents and students together for an intro into a topic of conversation. This month, we'll be diving into the topic of political discourse. How can we have conversations with people from across the aisle?

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Women's Retreat

Friday-Saturday | March 27-28 | The Tremont House, Galveston



Join us for a fun overnight getaway in Galveston at the historic Tremont! Our theme is *Restored to Rise*, and we'll be led by our very own Ivy Castle Simpson. You won't want to miss her inspiring, heartfelt message. Women of all ages will be refreshed during this time of fellowship, discipleship, and learning.

A P R I L

VBS registration opens

Wednesday | April 1 | 10 a.m.



Save the dates for the best week of the summer, June 8-11. Discover that you are priceless to God!

Middle School Student Summer Mission Trips registration deadline

TRIP: July 12-16 | REGISTRATION: April 1



All middle schoolers (rising seventh graders through graduated eighth graders) are invited to join us as we serve the local Houston area.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship Service

Sunday | March 29 | 9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Parents: arrive early so your children may participate in the traditional palm processional. Hosanna!

Maundy Thursday

Remembrance and Supper

Thursday | April 2 | 6:30 p.m. | MT Fellowship Hall

This multi-generational supper is a mosaic of beautiful traditions that we cherish from the past meshed with the new traditions we are making together as the Grace family of today. We will be led by Scripture as we walk through the final moments Jesus had with His disciples at the Last Supper. Serving one another and actively participating in the evening, we will share this simple meal and count down the final days of the Lenten season together before turning our eyes to Good Friday. No childcare will be provided as we encourage guests and covenant partners alike to experience this beautiful family-friendly evening together.

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday | April 3 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary

A solemn evening service for this, the darkest of days of remembrance. You will gain a new understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and the reason for each day of reflection and remembrance during Holy Week. The service will make Easter even more joyful, as the darkness and reflection of the Good Friday Tenebrae service will remind us on Easter Sunday of all the many reasons to praise him through every season!

Grace's Greatest Baker

Drop-off Saturday | April 4 | 1-5 p.m.

Grace's Greatest Baker Ingredients: Sugar, Spice, and everything nice. Instructions: Pick up a bag in the Welcome Center with your platter, judge's plate, and entry sticker beginning March 30. Bake 2 dozen of your best recipe and place some samples on the judge's plate. Place the rest of your goodies on the platter provided. Deliver Saturday April 4 from 1-5 p.m. to the Kitchen in Massey-Tucker Hall, or bring on Easter morning to the Welcome Center. Don't forget to put your entry sticker on the bottom of the judge's plate! Good Luck!

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday | April 5

6:30 a.m. in the Courtyard

9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Grace en Español worship at 11:15 a.m.

"The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" Join us on Easter for a joy-filled Sunday celebrating our risen Lord with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Julia Leeth, and inspiring music to rejoice and praise His name this special morning. Sunday school classes are not meeting on Easter Sunday, but will return April 12. Child care for kindergarten-age and under will be available beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Family Activities in the Courtyard

Sunday | April 5 | 10 a.m. | Courtyard

Children and their families are invited to join us between morning Easter for crafts, snacks, and fun.

Mission Partner Visit—Rosie Pastas Phom

April 9-22

Mark your calendar and make plans to welcome Mission Partner Rosie Pastas Phom back to Grace! Rosie will be with us in April and we are excited to hear updates on her family and ministry through the schools and the un-homed community in Budapest, Hungary.

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Junior/Senior/Young Adults Paintball Day

Saturday | April 25 | 9:45 a.m.

Urban Warzone Paintball, 2315 Telephone Road, Houston



Juniors and Seniors are invited to join the young adult paintball day! Scan the QR code at the bottom right for registration and waiver.

Confirmation Recognition Sunday

Sunday | April 26 | 9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

On this special Sunday, we recognize our confirmands and the hard work they put in to become covenant partners!

Better Together Lunch Bunch

MEETS MONTHLY

Monday | April 27 | 11:30 a.m.

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M A Y

Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday | May 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

On this special Mother's Day Sunday, we recognize our graduating seniors as they come to the end of a chapter, and we want to recognize their time with us in various ways!

Better Together Lunch Bunch

MEETS MONTHLY

Monday | May 18 | 11:30 a.m.

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Sundays At Grace

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. Equipping Hour for children, students, and adults

11:15 a.m. Grace en Español Worship in the Founders' Chapel