

GraceNOTES

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**HELP WANTED. 1-2 HRS
PER WEEK. MUST HAVE A
WILLING HEART. LOVE
NECESSARY. APPLY INSIDE!**

Pam Pinkerton-Whitley

Greetings Grace! Thank you for responding to the call to help, to work, to voluntarily choose to support the ministries at Grace. Thank you. By volunteering, you are an example to others. Without you, the work could not be completed.

As we moved through VBS we saw many people in action, serving, greeting, monitoring, leading and being present. Some in their comfort zone, some trying something new. We are the hands and feet of God. There are so many ways to share His love with others.

If you sing quietly in the pews, consider praising the Lord in one of the choirs.

It's about praise; God desires praise.

If you enjoy cooking, consider fixing a meal for the children on Wednesday night Bible Study.

If you enjoy interacting with the little ones, consider an hour for children's nursery during the morning worship service.

If you enjoy sharing Gods Word, consider volunteering to give one of the Sunday school teachers time to visit another class.

If you enjoy talking to people, providing direction, consider joining the greeters, ushers, communion stewards.

If you enjoy interacting on social media, we need your fingers help to share what Grace is doing.

If you talk with God a lot, we need you to pray for all the ministries at Grace. Prayer changes things; things are changing at Grace.

God wants you to be in service to others. He is particularly interested in using YOU to grow his kingdom. 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms". Thank you to all for being a light and for allowing it to shine at Grace. You are appreciated!

Please check the Grace calendar to see when various groups meet. For more information, contact any member of the Grace Leadership team.



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Grace UMC Arlington seeks to bring people into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ by making disciples through our words and actions in cooperation with God's Grace.

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Grace and Peace to you!

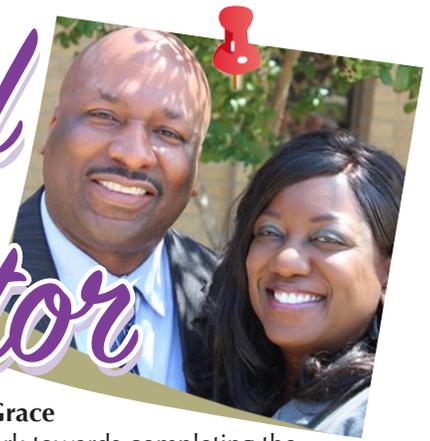
“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
Hebrews 10:24-25

I recently sat in a room filled with a group of godly, inspiring, intelligent individuals who were focused on pursuing their organization’s God-given purpose. As I sat in that room, I was internally inspired and outwardly grateful for what I was observing. You may ask, “Where were you?” I’ll tell you in a few more lines, but first let me further my point as to how inspiring this group was.

The facilitator of the group made a statement similar to this. *“I don’t know everything; actually, I don’t want to know everything. I only need to know people who know what I need to know.”* How insightful. This group of approximately 12 thoughtful, wise and focused people was sitting in a classroom setting at **Grace UMC Arlington** taking the initial steps towards developing a strategic plan for the church and for the kingdom of God. That’s right; I’m talking about the **Strategic Planning Team**.

The **Strategic Planning Team** is preparing to conduct a comprehensive review of all the ministry and administrative operations at **Grace UMC Arlington**. They will do so with the sole objective of evaluating our; mission, vision and core values. They will seek to answer a question like, “Is **Grace UMC Arlington** living into its mission and vision? Another question

a Word from our Pastor



would be; “How does **Grace UMC Arlington** best work towards completing the assignment that God has given it?”

The next few months are critical to this **Strategic Planning Team** as it seeks to develop a “strategic plan” for the next 2–5 years. **Mission**; the reason we exist or identifying our purpose? **Vision**; those definable and measurable goals that we accomplish in order to live into our purpose. We can and should look forward to what God has planned for us!

Thank you for your continued support in prayer, service, witness, financial gifts, and presence as Grace UMC Arlington continues to **“bring people into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ, by making disciples through our words and actions in cooperation with God’s grace.”**

—Pastor Bates and Rona

Announcements

What’s Going On At Grace

August

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Worship Meeting 6 pm Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Class 7 pm	2	3 Mission u	4 Mission u
5 Mission u Communion Steward Meeting 11:30 am	6	7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	8 Worship Meeting 6 pm Bible Class 7 pm	9	10	11 College Prep Inst. 8 am-10am Back to School 9 am-1pm
12 Acolyte, Usher, Greeter, Pastor Assistant meeting 11:30	13 Finance 6:15 pm Admin 7 pm	14 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	15 Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Class 7 pm	16	17	18 Prayer 9 am Nominations 10 am Overture to Music 10:30 am
19	20	21 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	22 Worship Meeting 6 pm Bible Class 7 pm	23	24	25 Prayer 9 am UMW 10 am Planning 11 am
26	27	28 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	29 Worship Meeting 6 pm Bible Class 7 pm	30	31	

BACK to Grace

Celebrating our Wesleyan
HERITAGE

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE CALLED METHODIST AND WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER?

Hosted by
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF ARLINGTON

AUGUST 26 -28
MEAL @ 6:00 PM
MUSIC @ 6:45 WORSHIP @ 7:00

EVENTS HELD AT:
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ARLINGTON
313 NORTH CENTER ARLINGTON, TX 76011

BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO CHURCH

FOOD • GAMES • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

August 11th
9 AM to 1 pm

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