

Vestry Members

Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
Henry Todd - 2025-2026
Jodie Webb, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkauser - 2025-2027
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028
Jamie Ward, Clerk - 2026-2028
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy
Debbie Hand
Bill Scott
Jamie Ward
Jodie Webb 1st alternate
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JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

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GRACE



PROCLAIMING + CELEBRATING + EMBRACING

GRACE CHURCH

13 September 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

SAVE THE DATE

Grace Annual BBQ is October 10, 2026.

It’s almost fall, yall! Save the date for the Fall Festival on October 18, after the 10:30 service.

The annual EYC Holiday Vendor Market will be held November 7, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.. If you are interested in having a space, please talk to Sharon Dorsey.

Grace Life will have a pot luck dinner on Wednesday 9/23. More information to come.

Weekly Gatherings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: FFF meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - Noon.

Women, Wine, & Wisdom meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Ladies Prayer group: Meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish library.

Bridge Card Group: Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. in the library.

Children’s Choir meets at 5:15 p.m. & Adult choir meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday.

EYC meets Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m.

Those with birthdays this week		Baptismal Newbirth Day
Dena Cullen	13 September	
David Burden	7 December	
Fay Theriot		
Dylan Bilbrey	10 November	
Norm Avinger	1 January	
Nancy Devine	3 December	
Cari Baker		
Royce Brown		
Linda Hoffman		
Julien LeBrun	04 November	
Nathanael Burden	10 April	
Jim Boyer		
Brett Dixon	06 June	
Joey Oppermann		

Grace Notes

- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- **Grace is in need of new Ushers.** If you would like to be apart of this team, contact Maxwell Jeffers at jef-fers6sc@att.net or (864) 653-8647.
- Get your **Grace gear!** See a member of EYC outside the sanctuary after the service or talk to Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265 to place an order. Shirts are 100% cotton and feature the Grace Church logo. Each shirt cost \$25, and funds will support EYC. Orders can be place from **August 23 until September 13**. Shirts are expected to be ready for pickup by early October.
- Greetings Grace Church! **It's time to sign up for the ANNUAL BBQ.** There are opportunities to serve for all interests, and sign-up sheets are available in the cloister. Please contact Danny Eh-lert (864) 276-2579 or Brian and Christine Shanahan (585) 953-6565 for more information or questions. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, and we encourage you to reach out to local businesses to help raise awareness and money for Family Promise in Ander-son.
- **Grace Life** will have a **pot luck dinner** on **Wednesday 9/23**. More information to come.
- **Saints and Sinners dinner groups** resumes early October. Spring members are auto en-rolled. There is a sign-up sheet or you can contact Tanya Pusey at 864-359-9878 or email tigerpride49@gmail.com
- **WWW** returns **Tuesday, 9/8**. We'll kick off a new year together in the parlor with *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We meet every **Tuesday, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, 9-14 at noon** in the parish hall. Bring a sandwich to enjoy, and drinks and dessert will be pro-vided. All are welcome to join.
- **Pastoral Care** will be **celebrating** long time member Linda Hoffman on her 90th Birthday on **Sunday, 9/20** during coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join.
- The **Outreach Committee** will be collecting hoodies during the month of October. Chil-dren's sizes will be donated to the children at Homeland Park Elementary School and adult hoodies will be donated to South Main Chapel and Hope Missions. Bins will be set up in the gathering area at the back on the church begin-ning in October.
- "Hi Grace Church! Dust off the old recipe cards and pull out "mama's famous casserole" instructions... Grace is updating its cookbook and we need YOUR HELP! We are working on coming up with a seamless way to gather all the recipes in one place. As we work on the submission process, please prepare your reci-pes you'd like to share! Additionally, if you have any interest in helping put the cookbook together. Please reach out to either Bill Scott (scottwn2003@yahoo.com) or Kirri Kinley (kirrikinley@gmail.com). We look forward to your recipe submissions!!"

The Psalm

Psalm 114 (read responsively by half verse)
In exitu Israel

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judg-ment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die,

we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

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Sending out of Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: Annette, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Norma Strang, Gill Powell, and Lily Hall, that they may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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Those who serve
Vestry-in-Charge: JoCarol Titmas
Second Counter: Bill Scott
Lector: Anthony Guiseppi-Elie
Intercessor: Dylan Hankins
Chalice 1: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice 2: Dylan Hankins
Church Opener: Tab Bates
Celebrant: The Rev. Mike Flanagan
Eucharist Visitor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Expectant Parents
Joey & Asheton Benson

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Dena Cullen	13 September	Tracey Lidlow	15 September
Patty Cleveland	14 September	Ben Dixon	17 September
Beth Ehlert	15 September	Pat Bradham	19 September
Jack Heeney	15 September		

Stewardship Report
As of 07/31/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue \$258,572
YTD 2026 Expenses \$276,931
YTD 2026 (Deficit) \$18,359

THE GRACE CODE

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- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise

