



GRACE NOTES

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Have you ever felt like God’s voice was hard to hear? Whether life feels overwhelming, distractions creep in, or our hearts seem closed, we’ve all struggled at times to connect with God. In Luke 8:4-15, Jesus addresses this very issue through the parable of the sower and the soil. This parable reveals why some hearts are receptive to God’s Word while others struggle and gives us hope by reminding us that our hearts can change. This Sunday Pastor Jim will share how we can prepare our hearts to hear God more clearly.



Julie Probert, organ, The Worship Team, and the Grace Church Choir

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM Looking for someone to pray confidentially with you? A member of the **Prayer Ministry Team** will be available after worship each Sunday at the front of the sanctuary. Someone will then bring you into the private Prayer Room.

NEW TO GRACE? If this is your first or second time coming to Grace, welcome! We would love to meet you and get to know you. The pew in front of you should have a yellow **Connection Card**. Please fill it out and drop it in the one of the offering boxes as you exiting the sanctuary. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Rev. Dr. Peter Lohnes
Rev. Scott Dunham
Rev. Jim Bae
Julie Probert
Erma Hawkes
Lisa Melanson
Vonda Johnson

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GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE JAN 19-26

At Home: Heather Fletcher-Switzer, Marie Salter, Lisa Lohnes, Gerry Crouse, Teddy & Claire Randall, Helen Currie, Sheila Martin, Rose Marie Patterson, Shirley Pierpoint, James Rankine, Edgar & Dorothy Barrieau, Lawrence Steeves, Ron & Sherrie Evans, Marg & Stephanie Pollock, Erma Hawkes, Sylvia Dykeman

Eden Retirement Villa: Hazel Ridley

Farraline Place: Phyllis Betts

Shannex: Gregory Nickerson, David Ridley, Mavis Hallett

Windsor Court: Eileen Wallace, Dorothy Dean



GRACE YOUTH— PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Youth** use their words and actions to glorify God. May the things we say and do be a reflection of His teachings in the Bible. Which is why it is important to spend time in His word, to understand His nature. May they seek to do God's will, spending time in prayer and reflection to hear the Holy Spirits voice.

Thank you for praying for our youth as they grow in CHRIST



GRACE CHILDREN — Please pray for:

- **Our children**, to hold on to the word of the Lord with bravery and courage and to not be shy with it. Pray they may be the light and influence in their world wherever they are and wherever they go. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;
A CHRIST CENTERED MOSAIC**

MANY PEOPLES—ONE COMMUNITY

PRAYER MINISTRY is **always available** and welcomes your prayer requests. Please send them by email to Kathleen Brewer at kbrewer168@gmail.com or by phone 506-449-0848. New members are always welcome.



THE 2025 VISION TEAM DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Late in 2024, the Leadership Board commissioned a Vision Team to develop the vision and goals which will give direction to Grace's ministries for the next five years (2025-2030). It is hoped the whole process will take about six months. The goal is to be able to discern God's unique calling for Grace at this stage of our history. The team has adopted a five-stage process:

1. Input – The team will spend several weeks researching and assessing current ministries and consulting with the congregation in a variety of ways. Input from the congregation will include, but not be limited to, conversations with small groups, listening groups at the annual meeting, and a survey of the congregation. The team hopes everyone will have an opportunity to give input.

2. Discernment - The team will take all the input and prayerfully look for common themes and ideas which God seems to be bringing out and seek to identify key priorities to focus on.

3. Vision Draft – Having identified priorities the team will draft an initial vision document that will help guide the congregation over the next five years.

4. Draft Revisions – The team will share a first draft with key leaders and the board for input, impressions, and corrections and then revise the document based on the feedback.

5. Congregation Adoption – The team will then share the revised Vision Document with the congregation through a variety of means, finally bringing it to a Congregational Meeting for approval. Once adopted by the congregation, implementation will belong to the congregation and ministry teams.

The Vision Team would like to ask for your prayers both for the team and the church as a whole as we go through this season of discernment, seeking God's leading and vision for Grace.

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