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Have you ever watched a Marathon race? I saw a Facebook post from a pastor friend of mine who recently ran a half-marathon for the first time. In a marathon race, you see hundreds and sometimes thousands of runners starting strong, full of energy and excitement, but as the race continues on, you see the difference between those who merely start and those who actually finish the race. The secret isn't just strength, it's endurance. The Christian life is not a sprint, it is a marathon. And what keeps us going in the race through the heat, the pain, and the weariness is not our own willpower. It's God sustaining grace. The same grace that saves us is the grace that carries us when we're ready to give up. Please join us this Sunday as Pastor Jim gives a message in this grace series on God's Sustaining Grace.

Prelude, Hymns: Yunjia Dai - piano / Julie Probert - organ
Flute Postlude: As the Deer arr. by Joel Raney
Grace Senior Choir, the Grace Worship Team

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 an orange Connection Card. Please fill it out and drop it in one of the offering boxes as you exit the Sanctuary. We look forward to hearing from you!

Need Prayer? Each Sunday a member of the Prayer Ministry is available after worship in the Prayer Room at the front right of the Sanctuary. It is confidential. Every day the Prayer Line is available for your prayer requests. Send them by email to Kathleen at **kbrewer168@gmail.com** or contact her by phone at 506-449-0848.

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We send our deepest condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Alice Gilmore. The funeral will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Wednesday October 29th at 2pm. You can find the obituary on the York Funeral Home website.

Blankets & Tarps Needed. As the weather is getting colder, the Under the Tent ministry is in need of blankets and tarps. We are collecting wool or wool blend blankets that are not too heavy and tarps for the month of October. ** Please note a change in location of the white box (used for our Greener Village donations) is now in the Foyer. These will be passed out at the beginning of November as an outreach to the community. Another option for donations would be a cash donation (please give to Pastor Jim or Pastor Peter). Either donation(s) is greatly appreciated. Thanks so much for your help and generosity!

Second Chance Clothing Collection

This supports individuals transitioning from incarceration back to society. It collects all types and sizes of new or used men's clothing, and donates them to the Saint John Regional Correctional Facility, for men to receive on the day they are released from jail.

When men arrive at jail, their clothes are taken and held for months/years until their release date, after which the clothes are too big or small, dirty or torn. About half of the men do not have a home or family waiting for them at release, so they have a challenging road ahead.

We can meet this need by donating pants, shirts, hats, coats and shoes- both providing dignity to these men, and following scripture, Matthew 25:36, "I needed clothes and you clothed me..."

Simply check your closets and dresser drawers to get rid of items you no longer need (or fit into!), bag them, and bring them to the entryway of the sanctuary.

For more information, contact Valerie Marshall, of Faith Baptist Church in New Maryland, at valmarq3@gmail.com.

Financial Summary as of September 2025

CURRENT ACCT	39 Sundays
Regular Offering	\$185,095
Loose Offering	382
Initial Offering (Envelopes)	65
Easter	6,395
Thanksgiving	125
Christmas	290
Summer Camp Registrations	7,525
Rentals	21,325
Miscellaneous	5,340
Total Current	226,541
Less: Expenditures	250,431
* Current Deficit Jan-Sept	-23,891
MISSIONS ACCOUNT	
Target for Year (Regular)	31,875
Target for Year (Thanksgiving)	0
Target for Year (Christmas)	0
Target Total	31,875
Actual Offerings (Regular)	28,802
Actual Offerings (Thanksgiving)	0
Actual Offerings (Christmas)	0
Actual Total	19,450
Shortfall from Target	-3,073
BUILDING ACCOUNT	
Regular Offerings	7,402
Less Expenses	36,945
Ending Deficit for Period	-29,543
Surplus at Beginning of Period	32,689
Surplus at End of Period	3,146