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May 18, 2025

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GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of
Grace Presbyterian Church

NEW DAY:
Nourishing, Encouraging, Witnessing
as Disciples to Awesome Youth



**Could you survive all weekend
eating only these eight items?**
How can Grace help?

You have heard of NEW DAY. You see articles in *GraceNotes* and you attend fundraisers. You know there is a dedicated area in the back of our church where volunteers bag items to take to schools. **But do you really know what NEW DAY is all about?**

This non-profit is very special to Grace Presbyterian Church, as it originated with our congregation. In these challenging times, it is important to be reminded of our commitment to the students of Arlington, Texas. This issue of *GraceNotes* takes a look at NEW DAY and how Grace Presbyterian can help.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 14
Strength & Balance
Exercise Class via Zoom
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 14
Come & See Worship
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15
Session Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18
Teacher Appreciation
Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Martha Kinard
Ushers: Twylia Dillman, Mike Dillman
Livestream Tech: Sergio Perez
AV Tech: John Hendricks
Offering Counters: Terry Hendricks,
Elsa Louis
Guardian Angels: Jan Nash,
Larry Phipps
Teachers: Net Musfeldt, Leslie Kilton

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, May 31
Pastor Alissa will be presented
at the Presbytery meeting in
Weatherford (Grace First
Presbyterian Church)
Everyone is invited to attend!
(see details on page 6)

NEW DAY MISSION

NEW DAY has one mission: Provide food for students in the Arlington Independent School District who receive reduced-cost meals at school but face empty home pantries on the weekend.

NEW DAY VISION

NEW DAY's goal is to help students stay in school, learn, and become productive members of the community. Private and government studies show the need is great:

- 1 in 4 children in our community do not have enough to eat.
- About two-thirds of Arlington students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

GRACE SITE VOLUNTEERS

Site Coordinator: Docia Thompson

Buyer: Steve Waggoner

Packers:

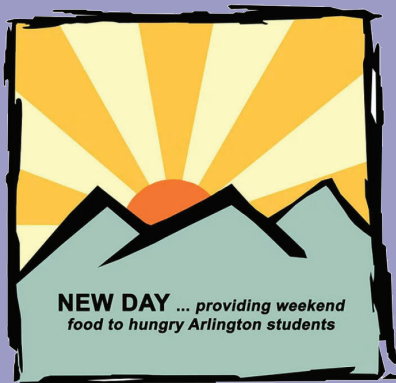
Dixie and Chuck Conine
Ronnie Craven
Claire Harrison
John and Terry Hendricks
Margaret, Trey and Audrey Anna Manning
Net Musfeldt
Betty Patrick
Jenny Ross
Cathy Shaffer
Jasmine Warren
Other groups throughout the year

Drivers:

Bob Cox
Eloy Hernandez
Mary and Larry Lynch
Tish and Gary Shutte
Tom Sicks

As the Site Coordinator for Grace,
Docia Thompson manages everything
it takes to get the food to the schools
as efficiently as possible. If you would
like to volunteer or if you have any
questions about NEW DAY, do not
hesitate to reach out to Docia Thompson!
dociakt@gmail.com
(817) 991-2037





Learn the facts about NEW DAY.

HOW NEW DAY OPERATES

- NEW DAY began as a ministry of Grace Presbyterian Church.
- In 2013 it became a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. It is not directly connected to any one church. Each current church site provides space for NEW DAY to operate.
- Its 11-member board of directors sets policies and goals and oversees fundraising and spending. Three of the current board members are members of Grace Presbyterian (Brian Anderson, Bob Cox and Docia Thompson).
- There are four sites for packing and delivery. Volunteers at each site handle their own purchasing, packing and delivering:
 - Grace Presbyterian
 - Church of Good Shepherd United Methodist
 - St John the Apostle United Methodist
 - Westminster Presbyterian
- Cash donations and food donations also come from churches in Arlington that are not “site churches.”
- The food items are purchased with funds raised primarily through individual donations and some community grants.
- School counselors and teachers are consulted to determine which students are eligible. Currently NEW DAY delivers to 40 Arlington schools.
- The four sites deliver more than 1,000 individual bags each week during the school year.
- The current cost per bag is approximately \$4.00. This includes eight items:
 - Applesauce
 - Cereal Bowl or Box
 - Vienna Sausage
 - ChefBoyardee product (spaghetti, etc.)
 - Ramen Noodles
 - Cheezits Crackers
 - NutriGrain Bar (must be a specific no-nut required bar)
 - Beef sticks
- NEW DAY’s projected budget for the year is approximately \$140,000. That is a little over \$4,000 a week for food for all sites. The capacity for bags is 1,175 which would be \$4,700 a week.



**Now you know
the facts.**

**How can YOU
help this vital
ministry?**

Email:
newdayarlington@gmail

Phone:
(682) 238-0338

Address for donating by mail:
P.O. Box 17122
Arlington, TX 76003

Website:
newdayarlington.org

Facebook:
newday arlington

CASH DONATIONS

The most effective way to help NEW DAY is with a donation by check. Perhaps you could commit to funding bags each month. Spread the word about the NEW DAY mission to your family members and friends. And if you don't like writing checks, the easiest way to donate is to go directly to the NEW DAY website. There are options for one-time donations or monthly donations. You can even donate in honor or in memory of someone.

RIGHT NOW!

**You can use this QR code to go directly
to the NEW DAY website for donating:**



FOOD DRIVES

The Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry will be looking at more creative ways to help raise money for NEW DAY before the end of 2025. The NEW DAY Board suggests each site conduct a food drive at least twice a year. Grace has not had a food drive for NEW DAY in a long time. It will be a high priority to make this happen before school begins in the fall.

NEW DAY NEEDS SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

NEW DAY has the packing and food delivery organized and under control. **Now they really need volunteers with specific skills:**

- We could use an assistant to help receive and stock food for our buyer at Grace, Steve Waggoner
- Currently the Board has three positions open (This is a working Board of Directors!)
- Persons who have ideas or experience with fundraising
- Persons with expertise on websites
- Persons to work on grant writing
- Individual or Corporate Sponsors: even a name of someone who could be contacted would help
- Central buyer (a person who would coordinate food purchases for all of four sites)

PRAY for NEW DAY

Everyone can pray! Pray for the students who receive this food. Pray for the counselors and teachers to recognize which students need help from NEW DAY. Pray for the volunteers who purchase and pack and deliver the food. Prayer can move mountains! Prayer can help NEW DAY succeed in 2025 and beyond!

Write your checks directly to:
NEW DAY
P.O. Box 17122
Arlington, TX 76003

An important note if you write checks ...

NEW DAY: write your checks directly rather than to Grace

If you write checks as donations to NEW DAY, please **write your checks directly to NEW DAY**. This will make it easier for our Financial Clerk, Bonnie Schuler, and will help keep the book-keeping straight for both Grace and NEW DAY.

If you have any questions about making donations to NEW DAY, you are welcome to visit with either Bonnie Schuler or Terry Hendricks, our Treasurer for Grace. Thanks for your help!



Giving to the Pentecost Offering helps NEW DAY this month collecting through June 8, 2025

40% will be given to NEW DAY

25% supports youth ministries

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteers

10% supports the “educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative

Please make your checks to Grace Presbyterian Church with a notation on the check stating “Pentecost Offering”

Join us at the
Presbytery
meeting to
celebrate
Pastor Alissa!

Let us know
your favorite
hymns!

Join these folks
for some FUN
stretching ...

We will celebrate in Weatherford!

Announcing Pastor Alissa's new call to Grace Presbyterian

On **Saturday, May 31**, Grace Presbytery will be having its May Presbytery meeting. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and early in that meeting, they will announce Pastor Alissa's new call to Grace. (It is currently **scheduled for around 11:00 a.m.**, but that is just an estimate according to the Presbytery office.) If you would like to experience this unique and exciting time in our church, you are welcome to make the trek to Grace First Presbyterian Church in Weatherford for the celebration!

You do not need to sign up.

Grace First Weatherford
606 Mockingbird Lane
Weatherford, TX 76086

If you have questions about this event, you are welcome to visit with Becky Couch at 817-371-6304 or becky.couch@gmail.com

Raise your voice and sing!

Congregational Hymns are back for the summer!

We are bringing back a favorite summer tradition! **Congregational Hymn Suggestions!** Beginning in June and continuing through August, if you have a favorite, or several favorite hymns, you may request these and Gehlin will do his best to play them for us during worship. There are several ways to let your hymn be known: you may write the hymn title and hymn number if possible on the attendance card and place it in the offering plate. Or you may send an email to the church office at office@gpcarlington.org. It will be a great summer singing all our favorite songs!

Strength & Balance Exercise Class

**Meeting each Wednesday via ZOOM
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

This online class has been a staple in the lives of many of our members who work to keep moving and enjoying fellowship with one another. This is a class that is surprisingly easy to do online! The exercises are both sitting and standing, always the same, slow and easy, and can be modified to suit individual needs. We will be happy to send you the instructions for the movements.

**Join us each Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to
11:45 a.m. via Zoom!**

For more information, contact:

Nancy Kenney, coordinator at kenneyhavas@gmail.com

**Have you done
your Spring
Cleaning yet?**

Fill 'er up! We have lots of room!

Burt's Big Box

Perhaps you have already started your yearly "purge" around the house. If not, it won't be long before you will want to get rid of all sorts of things and we have the perfect place for you to bring your goodies!



Burt's Big Box is located in the main hallway of the church. General donations of clothing, shoes, and miscellaneous items are collected in the box and delivered to Mission Arlington or Arlington Charities.

We have a special request: If you have more than just a bag or two, please give Nancy Kenney a call or an email and she will be glad to make arrangements to meet you at church so you can pass your items directly to her car rather than haul them into the church. This will save

everyone a lot of time and wasted energy!

Nancy Kenney (559) 904-3856 or kenneyhavas@gmail.com



Thank you for your contributions ...

Our 2025 contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing

Our total offering amount for One Great Hour of Sharing was \$125.00. These funds will help the PCUSA to end hunger, repair disasters and promote the self-development of all people around the world.

Financial Update - April

April 2025 Budget Update	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	27,089	22,951	94,015	91,804
Expenses	32,648	23,768	95,003	95,070
Income over (under) Expenses	(5,558)	(817)	(988)	(3,267)

Women of Grace

OFFICERS

Moderator:

Jamie Curtis

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Secretary:

Cynthia Tucker

Treasurer:

Elsa Louis

Programs:

Julie Bayless

Retreat:

Julie Bayless

Hospitality:

Erinn Bryant

Christian Fellowship:

Karen Ellen Anderson

Mission:

vacant

Nursery:

vacant

Special Projects:

vacant

Bible Study Circles:

Monday Circle:

Betty Sicks

Thursday Circle:

Martha Kinard

Nominating Committee:

Moderator and
Circle Leaders

Voting is complete ...

WOG Church Woman of the Year will be announced June 15th

Each year the Women of Grace honor one of the outstanding women of our church. Voting has been completed and the big announcement will be made during Sunday worship on **June 15th**. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

Summer will be here before we know it!

Women of Grace: Mini-Retreat

Saturday, August 2

from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Every summer for many years, the Women of Grace have had the urge to get together for a day of relaxing and catching up with each other. This year we will have what we have come to call our “mini-retreat” on Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at church. More information will come as it gets closer to the date, but for now please save the date!

Games keep our brains young!

WOG Game Night/Seed & Plant Swap

Our WOG Game Nights are a blast! We had a small group this past Thursday evening, but we had a lot of fun. It does not take much to make these ladies happy! We played several rounds of UNO and everyone went home with some plant “starters.”



Sunday School

We have several great Sunday School classes. Try one and get connected to our church family!

Sunday mornings

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CLASS CONTACTS

Soul Sisters:

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wbaarltx@aol.com

Contemporary Issues:

Chip Black
wblack@wans.net

Children's Church:

Jenny Ross
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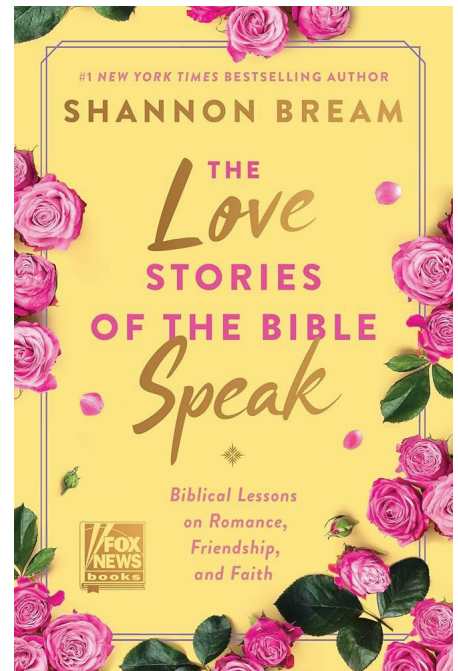
Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters starts something fun just in time for Valentine's! We have studied books by Shannon Bream before and enjoyed them very much! Class continues to meet in the Soul Sisters room. We take turns being lesson leaders.

We are more than just a class ... we are prayer partners, support each other along life's rollercoaster, and treasure our friendships and the supportive bonds that are truly special.

We always have room for one more! So, join us!

For information about this class, contact
Karen Ellen Anderson at wbaarltx@aol.com



Contemporary Issues

Join us on Sunday mornings at the church for a discussion of current events from a Biblical perspective.

For more information on this class, contact
Chip Black at wblack@wans.net



Fresh and engaging Bible study material
for your adult Sunday school class or small group.

Children's Church

Children under age five meet in the nursery with two Guardian Angels each Sunday beginning before worship. Children's Church teachers will guide the older children out of worship after Time for Young Disciples.

NOTE: Children's Church will take a break for the summer. Beginning May 18 through September 7, the children will enjoy their time at Grace Space at the back of the sanctuary instead of going to class.

For more information on this class, contact
Jenny Ross at jross011@att.net

Ruling Elders & Trustees

CLASS of 2025



Chip Black
Communications
Elder



Jan Nash
Clerk of Session
Elder



Walter Nelson
Building and Grounds
Elder



Tom Sicks
Trustee

CLASS of 2026



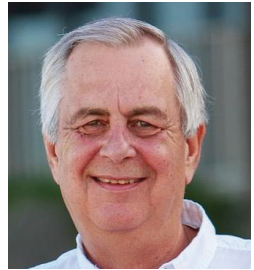
Brian Anderson
Finance
Elder



Becky Couch
Mission &
Neighborhood Outreach
Elder

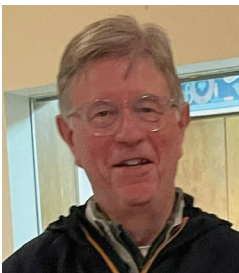


Larry Phipps
Stewardship
Elder



Louie Nash
Trustee

CLASS of 2027



John Hendricks
Pastoral Care
Elder



Elaine McCann
Worship
Elder



Jenny Ross
Christian Education
Elder



Kent Couch
Trustee

Councils

Personnel Council

Walter Nelson, Chair
John Hendricks, member from Session
Kent Couch
Karen Ellen Anderson
Ana Waggoner

Nominating Council

Chip Black, Chair
Larry Phipps, member from Session
Lisa Johnson
Elsa Louis
Anna Perez

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CHURCH STAFF:

Minister:

Rev. Alissa Conner
alissa@gpcarlington.org
(682) 421-7137

IN THE OFFICE:

Monday & Tuesday
10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Friday and Saturday

Director of Music:

Gehlin Menti

Praise Team Music:

Julie Bayless

Administrative**Assistant:**

Cynthia Tucker

Financial Clerk:

Bonnie Schuler



Prayer Chain

Martha Kinard is our Prayer Chain coordinator. If you would like to submit a prayer request, email Martha.

Martha Kinard: martha.kinard@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

If you are struggling with something in your life and would like someone to talk to and pray with, consider having a Stephen Minister. Contact Louie Nash at 817-999-8962 or louie.nash@sidehike.net

Stephen Leader: Louie Nash

Stephen Ministers: Becky Couch and Dick Townsend

For booking an appointment with Pastor Alissa:

Here is a link to her Google calendar:

<https://calendar.app.google/nkqTu8BPx8ca2zjMA>

You are also welcome to stop by the church or request a meeting by email or by phone.