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GRACE PLACE CHURCH OF CHRIST

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 16,
2020**



**KNOW
GOD**

**GROW
IN FAITH**

**GO
SERVE**

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Due to privacy & security regulations, details on those listed will not be published. Their prayer requests can either be a health and/or a personal concern.



SYMPATHIES TO:

Family & friends in the loss of **Mary Wooten Duncan**.

Family & friends in the loss of **Roy Glenn Roach**, former member.

Sondra Hester in the loss of her aunt, Pansy Yankey. Services Monday, Aug. 17

MEMBERS & ATTENDEES:

Wanda Bottoms, Anne Bunn, Al Dacus, Wes Esquivel, Debbie Peterson,

Gordy VanSteenberg, Terri Vehon, Marissa Villareal, Joanna Wright-Johnson

FORMER MEMBERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS:

Jose Avalos: Uncle of Raul Guerrero, **Olivia Carson:** Niece of David Carson, Melissa

Cruz: Mother of Destiny Guerrero, Destin Guerrero: Daughter of Juan Guerrero,

Terry Hesson: Niece of Gayle Ward, **Pansy (Hester):** 100 year old aunt of Sondra

Hester, **Andy Priddy:** Son-in-law of Stan & Bridget Dacus, **Able Ramirez:** Friend of

Juan Rivas

"LET'S GET READY TO TALK ABOUT RACE" VIRTUAL SEMINAR VIA ZOOM



The GracePlace Leadership Team recently (elders/ministers) participated in a seminar to begin to educate ourselves about racial issues. This training is sponsored by the The Hills Church in Ft. Worth. The information shared was impactful for those who attended. This training was developed to help non-people of color understand the root influences of some of the racial tensions we face today. The Elders would like to invite anyone who would like to participate in this seminar to join a Zoom Seminar this fall.

Here is information concerning the next seminar:

Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sign Up Process:

- Go to: thehills.org
- Choose "Get Involved" tab at top
- Choose "Groups" tab
- Choose "Equip" tab
- Choose "Find a Group" tab
- Choose "Equip: Let's Get Ready to Talk About Race" Course
- Choose blue "Register Here" link
- Complete pop-up form, hit submit

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY

SCAVENGER HUNT!

Who: All ages can join the fun!

When: **August 22**

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

eat lunch before or bring with you

RSVP: **TODAY, Aug. 16th with Hai or Kim**

Special back to school goodies will be given to all who RSVP, and prizes given to top winning teams! We will conclude with a time of prayer for the new school year!

GO OPPORTUNITIES FOR GP KIDS FAMILIES TO SERVE GOD & OTHERS

Who: GP Kids' families

What: 2020 Summer IMPACT

When: **August 15th**

Window Art Project

August 29th

Cards & Cookies Project

Cost: \$5 per packet

\$10 max per family

RSVP: You MUST RSVP to **Hai** (haicao@ourgraceplace.org) the Monday before the service project date so you can get your packet. Contact Hai for more info.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, your GracePlace Leadership has weekly considered what does it look like for us to gather as a church family on a weekly basis. For a season, we understood the safest thing we could do for our church body was just to gather virtually. As State and Local Governments allowed a loosening of the stay at home mandates, we began to consider our alternatives again. It was at that time that we put into place the weekly outdoor gatherings as a means for those who were comfortable to come out of their homes and meet together. We have continued the virtual service for those who are not comfortable meeting in person, as well as providing the radio broadcast so that people could sit in their cars and experience the service. In the coming weeks, we are looking at opportunities to move our outdoor gatherings inside sometime this fall with appropriate protocols. Our plan would include continuing the virtual service for those who do not have a comfort level to meet in person as well as our live stream via FACEBOOK LIVE. These in-person gatherings will have a different look as we are considering all things necessary to stay safe by following a series of best practices. Here are some of the things that we are considering...

- Adults and kids 10 years or older, we would ask to wear a mask while you are in the building and during times of worship and singing.
 - In the Auditorium or the Centre, we would ask that you bring your own chair. Plastic chairs are available for those who do not have their own chair. We would ask that there is appropriate social distance between families and groups.
 - No Kids Ministry will be available at this time, but we welcome children, even the energetic ones, to join us for worship. We just ask that they be accompanied by an adult at all times. Age appropriate kids packets filled with activities will be provided for kids.
 - We are looking at overflow seating throughout the campus.
- Before leaving home, we would ask you to self-screen to confirm no signs of illness, particularly those associated with COVID-19. We would ask that you do not come to the GracePlace campus if you are experiencing the following symptoms: persistent cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fever, chills, shaking, body aches; headache or sore throat; and/or loss of taste or smell. We would like your feedback regarding this step and these safety measures. You may give us your feedback by emailing at the following email address: thecentre@ourgraceplace.org. Let us hear from you as we covet your thoughts as we look to what it means for us to safely gather together.