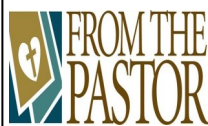


# SPIRIT OF GRACE

Jan. 7, 2021



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I pray that you had a wonderfully blessed Christmas and New Year's. I thoroughly enjoyed our advent celebrations this year. A special thanks to JoAnn Pilcher, Jessi Pitman and Andi Peltonen for creating our family advent books and Facebook page. It was truly a wonderful addition to this Christmas celebration.

I also want to thank all of those who helped with our outdoor Living Nativity. It was a great success. We received rave reviews from those in the community and our church family. A special thanks to Everett for building our manger scene. I believe that next year we can expand on this outreach event for our community.

We also had wonderful Christmas Eve services. Thank you Bro. Mike, choir, and orchestra. We had about 270 in person and hundreds of others watching on-line. Even though we had to adapt to the Covid situation it did not keep us from sharing God's awesome love story and worshipping Him.

Even though 2020 was a very trying year for everyone on so many different levels...**GOD REMAINED FAITHFUL** as He always does. There are some great opportunities that God has in store for us in the coming weeks and months.

**JESUS IS LORD!**

Love ya!  
Bro. Jerry

### Upcoming New Ladies' Bible Studies

*"Forward: Discovering God's Presence and Purpose in Your Tomorrow,"* 6 sessions, by Dr. David Jeremiah, facilitated by Elizabeth Hanna. Begins **Thursday, Jan. 14 at 10am** in the FH. Contact Elizabeth to sign up and reserve your book (\$10 each).

*"Everyday Theology,"* by Mary Wiley, facilitated by Mary Jane Smith, Begins **Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 10am**—The study of God and His work, is for you in your everyday moments, everyday questions, and everyday decisions. Books available from Amazon. Meetings held at GMBC and Zoom. Please contact Mary Jane at 985-640-5267 to sign up.



### Kid's Cross Training

Sundays at 2pm

Join us on Facebook Live

With Bro. Mitch. *Hope to see you there!*



### BIBLE DRILL BEGINS *this Sunday, January 10!*

In-Person (upstairs in the children's building):

Children at 4pm, Youth at 5pm

Online: Children at 2:30pm, Youth at 5pm

### Sewing with Grace

Monday, January 11, 2021, Fellowship Hall

10am-2pm AND 6-8:30pm

For more info, contact Jan DeMeyere 985-640-0136 or Lener Carruth 985-707-7748

### Wednesday Night Worship-In Person

5:45pm—Fellowship Dinner

1/13 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, TX Toast, Ice Cream Sandwiches

1/20 Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

1/27 Chili, Cornbread, Dessert



6:30pm—Adult Bible Study

Children's Missions

Youth Bible Study (7pm Zoom)

6:45pm—Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

### MEN OF GOD BBQ

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 6-7 PM



Meat of the month, 2 sides, dessert and drink—\$5. \*Bring your favorite outdoor chair and more importantly bring a friend! **Cut-off date to sign-up is Wednesday, Jan. 20!**

### Worship in the Park at JOHN SLIDELL

Sunday, January 31, 3-4:30pm

More details to come!!



### Early Learning Center

The ELC will have registration for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Feb. 1- deadline for currently enrolled students & siblings

Feb. 3- registration for GMBC children not currently enrolled, 10:00am

Feb. 4- open registration, 9:00am

### Nursery Ministry Needs You!

Our GMBC nursery ministry is still in need of **3 more** volunteers to complete our 16 member team. Could you be one of our missing team members? Sign up on your tear-off to help care for the youngest members of our church family on a once-every-two-months rotation!

*"Children are a gift from the Lord."*

*Psalms 127:3a*

***Congratulations to these in our church family who received college degrees this winter!***

...MARK JONES,  
**Louisiana State University,**  
BA in Political Science & Minor in Music

...LUKE WEBB,  
**University of New Orleans,**  
BA in Music



***Opportunities to serve!***  
If you are interested in serving on our media team, please contact the church office.

Training provided! We need volunteers to run projection and the sound board during Sunday worship. Join us!

### **The Ladies' Book Club**

We will be meeting for the month via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12, at 7pm. It is a one-time discussion, facilitated by JoAnn Pilcher.

### Stewardship

#### December 27, 2020:

Budget Receipts	\$	61,186.00
Missions		347.00
Lottie Moon		585.00
Building Fund		4300.00
Other Designated		928.00
Total		67,346.00
2nd Deposit		+7208.32

#### END OF YEAR 2020

Budget Needs	\$	950,000.00
Budget Receipts		841,917.82
All Missions		18,224.00
Total Other Designated		54,293.40
Total Deposits	\$	914,435.22
GVOM Balance	\$	938,929.28



### Youth Text Service

If you are a student, a parent of a student, or a youth Sunday School teacher, stay up to date with our new text messaging service.

To join, text @gmbcst to 810-10.



### Youth Saturday Night Live

**Will be postponed for this week.**

**We plan to meet next week.**

Congratulations on Your New Baby!



### **Congratulations to...**

...Ashley Mansfield on the birth of her daughter, ***Ella Rose*** on December 22. Proud grandparents are John and Darla Mansfield.



### Stewardship

#### January 4, 2021:

Budget Receipts	\$	13,054.69
Missions		245.00
Lottie Moon		240.00
Building Fund		5.00
Other Designated		60.00
Total		13,604.69

#### YEAR-TO-DATE

Budget Needs	\$	TBD
Budget Receipts		13,054.69
All Missions		485.00
Total Other Designated		65.00
Total Deposits	\$	13,604.69
GVOM Balance	\$	938,934.28

#### 3 Ways to Give Tithes and Offerings:

In person, mail, or online at [www.discovergrace.us](http://www.discovergrace.us)

#### January 4, 2021 Attendance

Worship: In Person-129, Online- 240  
Sunday School: 187

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