



The Grace Vine

I am the vine, you are the branches. John 15:5

Published monthly for disciples and friends of Spirit of Grace



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Issue 4

Join Us For Our Lenten Pilgrimage To The Cross

SoG NORTH Lenten Schedule

- Lent 4 ~ April 2 7:00 pm
- Lent 5 ~ April 9 4:00 pm

SoG SOUTH Lenten Schedule

- Lent 4 ~ April 2 4:00 pm
- Lent 5 ~ April 9 7:00 pm

Palm/Passion Sunday



Saturday, April 12 & Sunday, April 13 Regular Worship Times

A procession of palms (weather permitting) will begin our worship.

Powerful worship including a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

SoG NORTH 4:00 pm

SoG SOUTH 7:00 pm

We remember Jesus celebrating the Lord's Supper with his disciples, his washing their feet as an example to us of serving one another, and his commandment to them to "Love one another as I have loved you". The service ends with the "stripping of the worship space" in remembrance of the way Jesus was stripped and humiliated by those who put him to death.

Good Friday

Friday, April 18

SoG NORTH 7:00 pm

SoG SOUTH 4:00 pm



We hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion and reflect on Jesus' great love for us that led him to die on the cross for our sins. Tenebrae is a service of darkness. During the service candles are extinguished - symbolizing the darkness that occurred as Jesus suffered and died on the cross.

Easter Sunday



Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 am

Gulf Harbors Beach, 5345 Westshore Dr. New Port Richey

SoG NORTH Campus

9:00 am & 11:15 am

SoG SOUTH Campus

8:45 am & 11:15 am

(NO Saturday Night Service)

Breakfast by the Youth

between services at BOTH Campuses Easter Morning!

Help the youth raise money to go to The Gathering in 2015, come to the Youth Breakfast!

About Spirit of Grace

We are a caring and welcoming congregation whose mission is to share the love and forgiveness of Christ with our community and the world.

**We are ONE church
with TWO worshipping campuses**

NORTH Campus & Office

9525 Hudson Ave
Hudson, FL 34667

Worship

Saturday 5:00 pm (Blended)

Sunday 8:45 am (Blended) 11:15 am (Traditional)

Sunday School & Adult Education

Sunday 10:00 am

SOUTH Campus

8812 Old County Rd 54
New Port Richey, FL 34653

Worship

Sunday 8:45 am (Blended) 11:15 am (Traditional)

Sunday School & Adult Education

Sunday 10:00 am



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The deadline for the May issue
of *The GraceVine* is April 21.

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The next church council meeting will be on Tuesday,
April 8, 7:00 pm at the SOUTH Campus.

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Let Us Know

Please let the church office know if someone is ill,
hospitalized or in need spiritual care. Hospitals do
not call churches. At times we do not find out
someone is hospitalized until they are home.
Telephone 727-376-0919.

Home Communion

Spirit of Grace has a team of trained Home
Communion Visitors. If you or a family
member are not currently being visited and
would like to receive a visit, please contact
the church office at 376-0919.





Pastor's Note:

People of God at Spirit of Grace,

There is one remaining Sunday in Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. All of Lent has been leading us to the cross, leading us to the cross . . .

The Lenten focus was deepening our Call to Discipleship – the weeks have explored the progression to deepening ones faith: *the invited* become followers, followers become learners, learners become ministers, ministers become living examples, living examples become witnesses and witnesses or disciples become leaders.

Notice how it starts with: ‘the invited’ – but who is doing the inviting? Is it you? Or is it you? Thank you if it is you! It needs to be everyone. If you think someone else will do it – let’s clarify: inviting folks you know who are not yet connected to a church home or with Jesus is the privilege of each individual disciple. Everyone is on the evangelism team!

Lent has been leading us to the cross, and thanks be to God, the cross is not God’s last word or act. The Holy Week worship services all go together. Getting the greatest experience, meaning and empowerment for faith-filled living from Easter Worship begins on Palm/Passion Sunday and progresses through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday right up to the empty tomb and celebration of Easter.

Who are you inviting and bringing with to the Holy Week worship services and especially Easter Worship?

See you in worship,

Pr. Rita Gardner Tweed, Transition Lead Pastor

Bring a friend to worship!

Thank You!

Special Thanks to Student Pastor Karl Bawel for supply preaching 5 out of the last 6 Sundays to meet his class requirements and to help Spirit of Grace stretch already thin dollar resources.

Thank You Spirit of Grace Deacons!

Our SoG Deacons have been a significant part of the Lenten Journey and their worship/study leadership on Lenten Wednesdays is greatly appreciated! Thanks, also to Deacon Darlene for recently preaching one of the Saturday evening services as well as a Children’s Message earlier in the year. SoG will continue to experience the Deacons serving in many and various worship and leadership ways throughout the ministry. Thank them. Pray for them. Thanks be to God for them.



A Huge SoG Thank You !

On behalf of the Mardi Gras Planning Committee composed of the Fellowship Team we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to All who donated their energy, time, talents and prayers to making the Mardi Gras outreach event for the community a success. To all who attended the event, your participation was also important to demonstrate your support .

In Christ,

Karin Beeten, Janet Christensen, Carole Coleman, Janet Cox, Betty Hansen, Pat Mullins, Homai & Will Patel

*Be Open
Be Faithful
Be Here
Be Loved
Be Long
Be Brave
Be Connected
& Connecting
With others*

New Disciples will be Received in March.

Thanks be to God for new relationships forming and growing our faith community.
Be sure to warmly welcome:

March 23: SoG North: Mark Abrahamson

March 30: SoG South: Carol Chase and Millie Biggs



**Robin & Mark
Abrahamson**



Millie Biggs



Carol Chase

Skills Enhancement Workshop **Sunday, April 6, 3:00 pm** **SoG South**

Those disciples who have volunteered to assist with Hospital Visits and Homebound Visits are urged to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor Dave at 727-247-2982

You've Got Mail!

Spirit of Grace has a mounted mail box or communication box at each campus. The communication box is for you to provide ministry input &/or feedback, share ministry ideas, provide a ministry compliment, ask questions, get information, generate a conversation on a ministry area/topic. Next to the communication box are note cards/pen-pencils to make sharing easier.

You can also use the email: transition@soglutheran.org. If you are providing feedback, also be sure to include your idea to make it better for next time. Look for responses in the monthly newsletter.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 12, 8:00 am
SoG South Campus

Clean-up day at SoG South Campus!

Come lend a helping hand so our church looks inviting to everyone at Easter! We will be cleaning the inside and out, so there is something to do for everyone of any age or ability!

You've Got Mail Answers

- 1. Now we'll have more money with the trailer gone, right?** The absence of the trailer frees the congregation from \$1425 monthly rent and approx. \$300 for utilities – *however*, the spending plan only included 3 months of trailer expense for 2014. The remaining month's expense was already eliminated from the spending plan, helping get expenses down to the \$73,000 gap between income and expenses. No New Available Monies for Ministry result from the removal of the trailer. In fact, the \$5000 bill to have it removed, per the originating contract, is currently in the SoG 'to be paid' stack of bills. Will someone step forward and help pay this expense (above and beyond your regular tithes/offerings?)
- 2. Turn some lights out in the sanctuary; and set temperatures at 75 degrees to save electric.** Sanctuary lights are high efficiency energy saving lights and the thermostats have been re-set.
- 3. Screen Sync is non-existent! !** Projection folks continue to work on this and it is hopefully improving.
- 4. There should be an annual audit of the church monies because of the amount that is handled and dispersed.** Yes. That is also constitutional and a part of good order. That is on the to do list for the financial team to address.
- 5. Green Fiber is who handles all the paper and cardboard recycling for Pasco County Libraries and Schools. Since it is a fund raiser for them, it might pay more than you get now. In addition, the south campus only takes newspaper and the north does not take card board. Green Fiber takes it all. Office paper, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, almost any kind of paper as well as cardboard. They turn it into Green Insulation. It is environmentally better and might be financially better as well. (Shredded paper, too.) Also, you could ask the congregation to donate their used ink and toner cartridges to the office so the discount can be applied to office supplies.** These are both great ideas! Would you please come forward and look into these opportunities for SoG? Or would someone who is inspired by one or both of these possibilities take it further and find more information and lead the way? More leaders are needed; this is a short term task. Anyone? ? ? Please call Deb in the church office if you can take this further.

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The Soggies



PRESCHOOL

- **Toddler Time**—Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am ~ A special time for parents (or care-givers) and preschoolers. Toddler time involves stories, games, music, crafts and snacks. It's our FREE gift to you! For more information, please call Christina Hill 727-375-7678

ALL AGES

- **Door Hangers** - Sunday, April 6, 3:00 pm, BOTH Campuses Everyone- Meet at to promote Easter services with the door hangers; walkers & drivers needed. NO Talking involved! A great way to get some exercise
- **Campfire** - Sunday, April 6, 5-7 pm SoG South. We will build a campfire, roast marshmallows & hot dogs, tell stories, play games, sign songs and have a great time in the outdoors!
- **Easter Breakfast**- Sunday, April 20, 8:30 am BOTH Campuses. This Easter breakfast is sponsored by the youth and their friends! We will provide the breakfast, so let Christina know what you are bringing (727-375-7678 or Spiritofgraceryouth@gmail.com). We will set-up, cook, serve and clean-up. Panckae mix and syrup will be provided. This is a big fundraiser for The Gathering and Summer Camp. Participation is required if you plan to attend The Gathering. We will also attend Easter Service.
- **Possible Car Wash** - Sunday, May 4 Hoping to have a car wash, still working out details. Watch for more details soon.
- **Mother's Day Brunch** - Sunday, May 11 Just like Easter breakfast, we will provide the food, set-up, serve, clean-up etc.
- **Fun Combined Event** - Sunday, May 18 We will get together with youth from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for some fun. Details to be announced.

For more information about these events, please call Christina Hill @ 727-375-7678 or the Church Office @ 727-376-0919

Vacation Bible School

The VBS planning team has already met several times and will be publishing their meeting dates and invite any and all disciples who are willing to help plan our VBS for 2014! They have already picked dates for our TWO weeks of VBS and our theme!

The dates for our 2013 VBS are:



NORTH Campus
June 15-18
6:00-8:30 pm

SOUTH Campus
July 13-16
6:00 - 8:30 pm

The theme this year is **Weird Animals ~ Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind!** Come and join the fun! If you have any questions, please Call Janet Cox at 727-819-1002 or Christina Hill 727-375-7678

Pasco Summer Camp Through Metropolitan Ministries

June 9-August 1, \$10 per week

Camp is for elementary-aged children and middle school youth whose families are experiencing homelessness or financial hardship. At the end of the summer all campers receive a new pair of shoes and a backpack filled with school supplies. For more information please call Nancy Dougherty at 937-3268 ext 202 or email nancy.dougherty@metromin.org

VBS HELP

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm SoG South

The VBS team needs your help!
You can stay for the evening or take home a packet to do at home.
ALL skill levels are welcome!!!
Call Janet Cox at 727-819-1002 or Christina Hill 727-375-7678 for more info



Soul
Sisters



**Soul Sisters is taking a break until Fall
Watch newsletters for return date!**

The Purpose of Soul Sisters: To gather together to share the experiences and challenges of our daily lives as we build our relationship with God.

For two hours you will encounter God through times of silence, times of reflection, times of sharing. Come with an open heart and mind to listen for God's voice. Give yourself the gift of experiencing God in new ways with a wonderful group of caring women. Women of all ages are invited to participate.

Please call Jay Kane 727-862-7234 or the church office 727-376-0919 for more information.

Helping Hands Outreach Ministry

"Graceful Helping Hands"



Do you have a job around the house that you need help with? Please see the brochure in the Narthex at BOTH Campuses, fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or stop by the church office. We could always use more "handy people" to help with these odd jobs. If you would like to help please call Gene Kortier at 727-819-2008.

Church Calendar is Online!

The Church calendar is online for *everyone* to see what building or room is available at what day and time! You still have to call the church office to reserve a time/place for your meetings, but are able to access it through our website to look at the calendar. Just go to our website, www.soglutheran.org and under the "Welcome to Spirit of Grace" tab at the top, you will find the calendar listing. Click on that and you will be able to view our calendar! Due to the many ministries and outside groups supported by Spirit of Grace, it is important that we coordinate activities and events carefully.

Quilting Ministries At Spirit of Grace

Prayers and Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand tied quilt.



The purpose of Prayers and Squares is to promote prayer through the use of quilts.

Our motto is:

"It's not about the quilt: it's all about the prayers".

NORTH Campus: Mondays, April 14 & 28, at 6:45 pm.

For more information call the church office 727-376-0919.

Sew And Sews

The Sew and Sews quilting ministry will resume on Thursdays at 10:00 am at the NORTH Campus.

This quilting group makes quilts that are distributed all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. For more information see www.lwr.org or call the church office.



Music & Worshiping Arts

REHEARSAL TIMES BY CAMPUS

SOUTH Campus

Praise Team - Thursdays, 8:00 pm

Chancel Choirs - Thursdays, 4:00 pm

NORTH Campus

Praise Team - Weds 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir - Thurs, 6:30 pm



We offer Chancel Choirs that sing at the Traditional Services. Lucile Elmore is the director at SoG NORTH (727) 819-0210 and Pat Deighton is the director at SoG SOUTH (352) 232-1622. We would like to invite anyone who loves to sing praises to God and singing in a choir to join!

The NORTH Campus Praise Team sing at both Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:45 am services and is directed by Bob Sacco (727) 815-5757. The Praise Team at the SOUTH Campus sings at the Sunday 8:45 am service and is directed by Pat Deighton (352) 232-1622. Both teams offer different musical styles, reaching out to multiple generations and are always looking for additional singers and instrumentalists.

Liturgical Dance

The Grace-Full Liturgical Dancers share their gifts of dance several times a year. All levels of experience are welcome. Please contact Deb Boland 727-376-0919 if you are interested.



COMMUNICATION

Communication from the Church office to our various ministries and church council is very important! That's why we have mailbox slots just inside the door of church office at SoG North. Once we've established an office space at SoG South we will have a similar system put in place.

In order for this to work, you MUST check your box weekly!

Thank you from your church staff.

lost and found

Anyone missing a cell phone? If you recently lost something, please call the church office or stop by and check out the items we have in the office that were left behind. You just may find what you are looking for!

Office Point at SoG South: already in the works is an office point at the South campus, too! Some modifications will be ahead to re-configure the Toddler Time & Nursery room space to accommodate this multiple-use. Ultimately, though, It will have volunteer staff, a few pastoral hours each week, & a copier. Stay tuned for more developments!

Being the Best Possible Stewards

- The trailer was removed in early March!
- SoG uses high efficiency lights! (South Lighting still being addressed)
- Thermostats are re-programmed for greater efficiency!
- Come to the Financial Forum to hear about the improved copier contract
- Thrivent choice dollars: Thank you everyone who directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to SoG. (That total was unavailable at the time of newsletter printing.)

You've Got Mail Cont from page 4

6. **Topic: Power Point. As a baptized, confirmed, attended a Lutheran college (Capital University), married in a Lutheran church, raised our children in the traditional Lutheran religion, I object to power point sermons of any kind in the worship service. This is not a corporate meeting. It is a worship of our Lord. We would prefer to have our attention on the words of our pastor and leader. Please reconsider this practice. Bethany Lutheran in Ashtabula, Ohio has lost a large number of members because of this. I like SoG and I believe there are others who feel the same. The 1115 worship team thanks you for your input and will discuss it again.**



Planning Committee

Our next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, April 8, 1:30 pm, SoG NORTH**

Third Thursday

April 10, 1:00 pm, SoG NORTH (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Ellen Harveaux, a member of our congregation will be sharing a brief overview of the counseling method she is presently studying called "Creation Therapy", which is Bible-based and counsels the five temperament types. She will be discussing the five categories of personalities and will then offer a free test to anyone who wants to take the official temperament test from the National Christian Counselors Assoc. After the tests are scored, the test takers will be provided with an official print out of their temperament type with the individual personality characteristics. Sign up sheets are in the narthex of both campuses.

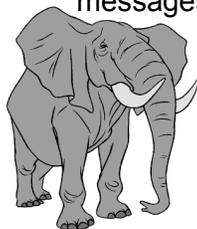
Please sign up before April 7th.

Trips

No trips are currently planned, watch for program information in the fall.

Looking for Sign Letter Changers!

Needed: two people at North and two people at South who will share on a scheduled basis keeping the sign messages current. Messages will be provided. Thanks to Lou Vuozzo current message updater!
Call the church office to keep this simple and vital ministry current.



Taking a Bite out of the Financial Elephant: From the Council

It's been shared with council folks that there are some people wanting to donate money or have money to give to the church, but they are waiting to see what direction the church is going or afraid the church will not be here. Why wait and see. Waiting is a sure fire way to add to decline and struggle. If you are thinking about giving money, money you have put aside, give it, don't wait and see, give it and see what good things will happen. If you wait and see, the good things just may not happen or it will take too long. If you are committed to the church, and committed to Jesus, and see what the transparency of the financials say, then let's make this ministry financially solvent by all pulling faithfully together. You will see God at work. You will see and maybe even be pleasantly surprised at how God will use the blessings that you bring in to this ministry.

From Lou Vuozzo, Council President



In that spirit, the council has determined that if everyone would be willing give up eating out one meal a week and give to SoG the savings of that meal (which would be above and beyond your regular tithes/offerings) AND have one less starbucks (or coffee out per week) and give to SoG that savings (above and beyond your regular tithes/offerings), a significant impact could be made in the \$73,000 gap between expenses and income. **There will be a bucket from Kentucky Fried Chicken & Starbucks Cup for these extra, above and beyond offerings beginning this Sunday, April 6.**



Taking a bite out of the financial Gap: April 15 is Tax Return Day. Council requests that you prayerfully consider making a contribution from your 2013 Tax return! Can you tithe on your tax return? Contribute 25%, 50% of your tax return or even donate your entire tax return?





Adult Education Classes

The Wired Word

Sundays 10:00 am

Worship Room NORTH Campus

Toddler Time Room SOUTH Campus

The wired word takes news articles ripped from the headlines and allows us to take God's word and apply it to today's issues. If you are interested in joining in an open discussion and learning how to apply Biblical principles to current events happening in our lives today, this is the class for you! Please join us! All are welcome!



book of faith

Worship Room SOUTH Campus, Sundays 10:00 am

The Greatest Story Ever Told

Everyone loves a great story. In the bible God has given us "the Greatest Story ever told!" It is a tale of God's love and faithfulness throughout the generations. Come and join us as we do an overview of the story and messages of the bible. This class is great both for those unfamiliar with bible study and those wanting a refresher course.

Food Pantry News

Spirit of Grace Food Pantry needs more food! We are feeding more than a thousand people a month. At this time the food comes from the generosity of the disciples of our church both in food and funding. As the need grows it is getting harder and harder to keep the shelves stocked. With this in mind, if you own/operate a business or belong to an organization where a box to collect non-perishable food could be placed, please contact Pat Mullins at 727-379-3641 or the church office 727/ 376-0919. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Volunteers are always needed, call:
Sherri Hubach (SOUTH) 727-846-7158
or Pat Mullins (NORTH) 727-379-3641**

Book Discussion Group

BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

April 28, SoG SOUTH, 10:00 am

This bible study alternates campuses every month. Bible/Book Study is studying "How Lutheran's Interpret the Bible" If you have any questions, please call the church office at 376-0919



Toddler Time

**Thursdays 9:30-10:30
SOUTH Campus**

Toddler Time involves stories, games, music, crafts and snacks.
It's our FREE gift to you!

For more information, please call
Christina Hill 727-375-7678.

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

**April dates 1, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 pm,
NORTH Campus ONLY**

Gospel of Matthew will be the focus of this year's study led by Pastor Dave ALL are invited!

Women's Monthly Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Studies will be on the theme of the Women of the Bible

April - Rizpah, A Vigilant Mourner

MORNING Women's Bible Study—SOUTH Campus. Monday, April 14, SOUTH Campus. This Bible Study takes place the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 am at SoG SOUTH. Call Church office for info, 727-376-0919.

AFTERNOON Women's Bible Study—Tuesday, April 22. This bible study takes place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at someone's home. Call Mae Haines at 727 863-4329 for location.

5th Anniversary Gift Response



Many thanks to everyone at Spirit of Grace who contributed to the 5th Anniversary Gift!

5th anniversary gift contributions totaled: \$1,177.00

The free will offering for the fellowship lite food: \$170+

The staff gift totaled: \$820.00; checks for \$117.14 for each of the seven 5th anniversary staff (Deb, Michelle, Carolyn, Pat, Lucile, Pr. Dave, Christina) will go out next week!

Sorry for the delay in announcing these gifts! Thankfully 5th anniversary gift contributions came in till the end of February, then the office re-located; and a month later the office is just beginning to come together.

Looking for Altar Flower Coordinator(s)

Here are just some of the duties involved.

- Check weekly for flower orders
- Check to see if payment has been received
- Check with office on birthday roses
- Call in order to Florists
- Coordinate with office to update weekly announcement sheet
- Make sure flowers are set out on Saturday/Sunday worship.
- Take care of flowers after worship if not picked up.



Undy Sunday!

April 27 – bring new clean undies and new clean socks as part of your offering to worship. The last pair was put to good use by the young woman escaping from an abusive relationship. Let's re-stock or re-sock! Thanks be to God for the compassion ministries of Spirit of Grace.

Call the church office 727-376-0919 to make this happen!

Bring a friend to worship!

Notes from the Office:

- **A Note from the Bookkeeper:** When filling your offering envelopes, please take the time to write your name on the front of your envelope and write your envelope number on your check. That small task will help immensely with making sure your donations get credited properly.
- **Media:** Please remember all media (fliers, bulletin inserts, mailings, posters, banners etc..) MUST come through the office. We will gladly create advertising for your event, bible study or group. Please make sure to let the office know a month in advance.
- **Address, Phone & Email changes:** If you have moved, gotten a new cell phone or home phone number, or changed email addresses, PLEASE let the church know. We would love to keep you up to date on all of the events coming up!

USE OF BUILDINGS

Many groups and ministries took a break over the summer. As school begins so does the new program year. Many groups, those that are from Spirit of Grace and outside community groups, use our facilities.

The Center for Independence will be using our South Campus Modular Building & Fellowship Hall for the next few months as they remodel their buildings next door.

If you need to use EITHER Campus for a meeting or event **PLEASE** call the church office for rooms that will be available. Please do NOT assume your "usual" space is available. We have many groups to accommodate so it is important that you call the church office to get your meeting / event on the calendar.

If a room is accidentally "double booked" we ask for your understanding and graciousness in being flexible and going with the flow to find a space. We appreciate your willingness to be helpful in this matter.



Birthdays in April

4/2 Mary Ellen Badeau	4/14 Violet Hummel	4/21 Jon Altonen
Maxine Nelson	Gloria Warner	Dawn Partlow
Paul Pecora	4/15 Elaine Capolon	4/22 Molly Boland
4/3 Alex Adair	Joan Crespo	4/23 Carol Etienne
Tanner Clifford	Crystal Dwyer	4/24 Ben Adair
Stephen Stimson	Amanda MaGee	Gabby Eith
4/4 Elinor Heitner	4/16 Joan Benson	4/25 Ralph Ferry
Beth Hollenberger	Hans Bodenstab	Michelle Manzo
Barb Lentz	4/17 Sharon McTeer	4/26 Sally Dagenais
Butch St. Jacques	Wendy Midkiff	Audrey Gerds
4/6 Kelle DeGroat	Louise Salvato	4/27 Marilyn Moll
4/10 Mary Ann Branson	Joyce Thompson	Edith Oesterling
Chris Dell Aquila	4/20 Sharon Burke	4/28 Molly Brown
George Metzenthin	Anthony Knudson	4/29 Helen Roark
4/11 Alexis Rios	Marie Mercurio	4/30 Robert Brink
4/12 Russ Custer		

Tax Time is Coming!

Have you donated to the food or clothing pantry this past year? If so, the church office can provide you a receipt letter for your tax records. Call the church office 376-0919 and we will send one to you.

April Anniversaries

Harold & Toni Amundson
 Rodney & Karen Carroll
 Joe & Kelle DeGroat
 Frederick & Dottie Evola
 James & Robin Hindman
 Scott & Connie Hughes
 Allen & Shirley Hunt
 Don & Sharon McTeer
 Bob & Della Whitten

Memorial Services

A Memorial Service for Annikki Boller will be held Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm at the Finnish American Club on the corner of Delaware and Madison in New Port Richey.

A Memorial Service for Helen Booth will be held Sunday, April 6, 2:00 pm at the South Campus Memorial Garden.

Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated at the NORTH Campus during the month of April for Mae Bea Ellen Bixler, parents Kevin & Vicki Bixler, brother Kaden and granddaughter of Lou & Lorri Vuozzo. May God's Blessings be with Mae and her family



Pray for Spirit of Grace Daily!

Notary Service Available

Kay Wright at 727-389-7929
 A FREE service for all disciples of Spirit of Grace.

Worship Attendance

(Average Weekly Attendance for the Month; for the Year)

SoG NORTH Campus

	Sat 5:00	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:15	Total
Avg. Feb	34	98	81	193
Y-T-D Avg	31	103	53	187

SoG SOUTH Campus

	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:15	Total
Avg. Feb	78	50	127
Y-T-D Avg	80	42	122

Financial Report February 2014

2014 Projected Offerings	\$437,226
Needed Monthly	\$42,444
Received in February	\$ 34,594
Amount <u>Under</u> "Goal"	\$ 7,850

YTD

2014 Projected Offerings YTD	\$437,226
Received YTD	\$63,353
Amount <u>Under</u> "Goal"	\$20,846

Keep in mind the total Spending Plan for 2014 is \$509,328 which – even after rental income is included - presents a significant \$73,400 "challenge gap" for Spirit of Grace.



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Be Faithful:

Put God First
Seek and Do God's Will
Pray Daily
Worship Weekly
Study and Know God's Word
Love and Serve Others
Tithe Thankfully
Share the Gospel
Participate at Church
Repent Unfaithfulness

BE-Attitudes:

Be Open
Be Here
Be Faithful – see faithfulness list
Be Loved
Be-lieve
Be-long
Be Brave
Be connected and connecting with others
Be the one who turns and gives thanks