# SHARING THE PEACE

A Newsletter from Peace Church Pearland

"Inviting ALL to flourish in the family of God, by inspiring them with the Word of God, " to become fully devoted to God.."

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"Built for What?"

foundation, unlike the shifting sands and muddy soils of our culture around us! God has given us his Word in the Bible and the traditions of the church on which to build the church of today and the church of tomorrow. We stand on the shoulders of saints who have faithfully walked the journey of faith before us.



Because of this firm foundation on which we stand, we can face whatever storms of life that may come. Those skyscrapers I mentioned, whether they are built on solid rock foundations or the "floating" foundations we have here in Houston are able to flex and bend when the high winds of storms buffet them. I remember feeling the movement of the tall building in Galveston when I was a kid on a field trip in school. We were on the observation deck and it was a particularly windy day, so our guide told us to all stand as still as possible to see if we could feel the building swaying in the wind. Sure enough! God has given us firm and unmoving foundations in Christ, his Word, and our church history, but he calls US to

#### be flexible and willing to bend when life throws storms at us. But we most remain grounded in our foundations or those storms will untether us from our faith.

This fall we'll be looking at the foundation stories in scripture that have molded and shaped our individual and corporate faith. We'll explore the passages that have been submitted by folks in the church and discover how they have led us to our mission statement, core values, and definition of discipleship. God will help us remember our past and he'll help us see the future he has for us in this series!

This will also be the Partnership Renewal Campaign series where we will remember who we are as a church and what God has called us to be focused on in the year ahead. Our ministry teams will be developing goals for 2025 and presenting those to the congregation. We will pray and listen to God speak his plans over us, and discern the Spirit's leading in those goals and plans. And then the whole congregation will have an opportunity to renew our commitments to support those goals with our time, talent, and treasure.

So please begin praying now for God to speak loud and clear through our leadership to reveal his will for us. And pray that God leads us ALL to generously commit to supporting his will for Peace Church in 2025. Thanks! Revelation 3:15 In Christ, Scott Cummings, Pastor

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September 2024

#### most skyscrapers of any city in the United States? Only New York and Chicago have more tall buildings than Houston has! And for many years we held the record for the tallest building outside of a downtown area (Williams Tower in the Galleria - formerly the Transco Tower). Interestingly enough, all of our skyscrapers are technically floating on their foundations!

Did you know that Houston has the 3

See, the bedrock underneath Houston is so deep (not sure they have even found it!) that the building cannot be built with foundations strongly connected to the solid rock underneath them like they are in cities like New York and Chicago. Engineers and architects had to develop new techniques for the skyscrapers in Houston when it comes to their foundations. They dig down deep through the soft, muddy soil and pour in a concrete slab several feet thick very deep in the earth. Then they connect the building above through concrete pillars. The slab acts like a boat, floating the building under the earth. This method holds the buildings firmly in place as the stories rise hundreds of feet into the air. Houston skyscrapers stay upright because they have "floating" foundations!

Thankfully, when it comes to our faith, we don't have a "floating" foundation because we DO have bedrock underneath us! We have built our faith, and our church, for that matter, on the bedrock of God, almighty. God is a sure and strong

Mon. Sept. 2	Labor Day - Church Office Closed						
Sun. Sept. 8	12:30pm Stewardship Team Meeting						
Mon. Sept. 9	Outreach and Mission Team Meeting, <b>7:00 p.m.</b> on Zoom						
Tues. Sept. 10	Discipleship <b><u>7pm</u></b> Team Meeting						
Wed. Sept. 11	<b><u>7pm</u></b> Wednesday Night Small Group at Iguana Rana's						
Sat. Sept. 14	Drive Through Prayer and Food drive <b>10 am to 12 pm</b>						
Sun. Sept. 15	Worship Team Meeting—Sunday, 11 a.m. Session 12 ;30 PM, in person.						
Wed. Sept. 18	<b>7pm</b> Wednesday Night Small Group						
Wed. Sept. 25	7pm Wednesday Night Small Group						



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Peace Church Scholarship Fund: The application period for the Peace Church Scholarship Fund has ended! The Scholarship awards funds to eligible individuals (youth & adult) seeking academic or spiritual education (seminars, retreats, etc.). Spiritual education scholarships do not have a deadline and can be awarded anytime throughout the year. Each type of scholarship has its own application, deadlines and requirements. More information and details can be found at www.peacepres.net/scholarship or contact the church office. Paper forms are available for pick up at the church or online on the website.

## NEW MISSION STATEMENT: Inviting ALL to flourish in the family of God, by inspiring them with the word of God, to become fully devoted to God.

Tagline: Welcome to the family!

### Values:

Inclusion: We include ALL because Christ included ALL of us when we didn't deserve it.
 People: People missing from God's family matter to us because they matter to God.
 Transformation: God loves us as we are but loves us too much to leave us as we are.
 Inspiration: The Spirit empowers us to live out our mission in and outside the church.
 Devotion: We're fully committed to Christ because he's fully committed to us.

### Worship Team's next meeting is Sunday September 14, 11:00 am



New Sermon Series: Foundations: Who ARE we?: The foundation of every building ever built is the most important part. Without it, the building would collapse. The foundations of our faith as a church and as individual followers of Jesus are just as crucial. In this series, we will explore 8 foundational scripture passages that inspire our church's mission statement, core values, and definition of a disciple. This sermon series will run

from **September 8—October 27.** Join us and rediscover what makes Peace Church such an amazing FAMILY!

Annual Peace Immunization Clinic: Mark Sunday September 15th from 10am—12pm as a time to come get your immunizations updated. Our church, in partnership with Randall's, will be offering flu, tetanus, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines. Stay tuned about other vaccine availability.

**<u>Flowers for 2024</u>**: The sign-up sheet for September - December 2024 is now available. Flower arrangements are \$25. You can give by check or online - just make sure your giving is designated for "Flowers" and the date you would like to sign up for.

Stewardship Team's meeting will be **Sunday**, **September 8th at 12:30pm**. On Zoom.

<u>Ways to Give</u>! You can give IN-PERSON, ONLINE OR BY MAIL! Visit <u>www.peacepres.net/</u> <u>giving</u> or send your check to <u>"Peace Church, 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503, Pearland, TX</u> <u>77584".</u>

**Summer Food Challenge:** Last Sunday was our final day to contribute to our Summer Food Challenge. When all of the attendance and food weights were calculated, the results are: Southminster had a total food weight collected of **976 lbs**, and 853 people in worship services this summer (an average of **1.14 lb** per person). Peace had a total food weight collected of **1306 lbs**, and 570 people in worship services this summer (an average of **2.29 lbs** per person). So, once again.....**Peace Church wins the Soup Can Cup**, and gets to hold the title until next summer, when Southminster will try to dethrone us again! Thank you for everyone's contribution, and for those dedicated volunteers who brought the food each weekend to the grateful staff at Christian Helping Hands!

Mission's Team meeting will be **September 9th 7:00 pm**, on Zoom.

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PeaceKids & PeaceYouth Sunday School: Children (PreK—4th grade) and youth (5th—12th grade) classes meet in-person at the church at 11:15am!.

App Sunday School Class Curriculum:

Being Human. This class has started a new video series by Jo Frost and Peter Lynas. It is a riveting exploration of the cultural stories shaping the world we live in, as we seek biblical answers to the question, 'What does it mean to be human?' If you're unsatisfied by or worried about the post-truth, you-doyou narratives that are common these days, this six-part video series will reorient you to God's good and beautiful plan - and Jesus, our perfect model – for Being Human. This group meets in the Grappling Zone lobby at 11:15 am on Sundays. Join us and invite a friend!



NEW APP CLASS STUDY Starts Sunday, June 9th!

11:00 a.m.

Join Jo Frost and Peter Lynas on a riveting exploration of the cultural stories shaping the world we live in, as they seek biblical answers to the question, 'What does it mean to be human?' If you're unsatisfied by or worried about the post-truth, you-do-you narratives that are common these days, this six-part video series will reorient you to God's good and beautiful plan – and Jesus, our perfect model – for Being Human. This group meets in the Grappling Zone lobby at 11am on Sundays. Join us and invite a friend!

**Peace Youth Group Meetings:** The next youth event will be our fall event planning party on Sunday, September 8th, 5-7 p.m. at the church. Please send your youth with \$5 for dinner. Future events will then be announced after the planning meeting.

Weekday Small Groups Resume!! Joins us as we resume small groups on Wednesday, September 11th, at 7 p.m. as we resume our weeknight small groups! We'll meet at Iguana Rana's Restaurant for discussion and deciding our curriculum in their back room. See you then!



FOOD DRIVE! Saturday, September 14th 10a - 12pm Peace Church Pearland 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503, (Corner of FM 518 & Miller Ranch Rd.) Join us for our neighborhood outreach event as we hold signs with POSITIVE

messages about God's love and offer prayer to anyone who stops by. We'll also be collecting food for Christian Helping Hands! Sign up or let Pastor Scott know you can help!

DRIVE THROUGH PRAYER & Mark your calendar for Drive Through Prayer & Food Drive! We'll have another one of these areat outreach and mission events on Saturday, September 14th, from 10am— 12pm. Please plan to come and help hold signs with positive messages and invite people to donate food and receive prayer! Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board today!

Mark Your Calendar for the Golf Tournament! Our 11th Annual Susan Jenkins Memorial Peace for Pearland Golf Tournament will be Friday, October 18th at 9 a.m. A leadership team has formed and will be recruiting more volunteers, so please let Pastor Scott know if you can help out. EVERYONE in the church will need to help in some way to make this very important fundraising and outreach event happen!

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### Youth Lake Trip 2024













# <u>2024 Golf Tournament News</u>



### **SPONSORS NEEDED!**

So far we have donations from Central Texas BBQ, Taste of Texas, and Pena's Donut Heaven! Keep asking people and businesses you know to be sponsors!



This year, **Isaiah 117 House Brazoria County** will be our beneficiary! This is a wonderful organization building a home for kids transitioning into foster care. It will be a place for them to go until they are placed into a foster home. They will have a safe, comfortable home with EVERYTHING they could need provided for them, such as food, clothes, games, diapers, toys, etc.

Visit www.peacepres.net/golf\_tournament for more info and to register online!

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<u>Golf Tournament NEED GOLFERS & SPONSORS!</u> Right now there is 3 Hole & Event Sponsors and 6 registered golfer teams. PLEASE spread the word with anyone who would love to participate as a golfer and/or sponsor! Golfer Entry Fee - \$115 & Team Entry Fee - \$460 | Hole Sponsorship - \$300

<u>Golf Tournament VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>! Volunteers are greatly needed for the Golf Tournament! We need help before, during and after the tournament. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. The next volunteer meeting is TBD.

### DON'T MISS IT!! WE WILL HAVE A GAS GRILL AND BIG SCREEN TV UP FOR RAFFLE!! RAFFLE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

# Peace Church Care Groups

Below is a list of Care Team Leaders with their Care Groups. Please check the list for your name. You can visit with this person at worship, text, or email this person if you have concerns and want support or have someone pray with you. This Care Group Leader will notify Pastor Scott of these concerns. The elder coordinating this Team is Linda Cook.

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### **Current Undergraduate College Students:**

Ben Cummings, Chris Murrhee, Lily Newsom & Sarah Phipps

### Graduates

Jake Cummings Michael Ingram, Raissa Mathura, Marc Mathura, Suzy Newsom, Lily Newsom Andrew Phipps, Shauna Smith, Darren Zach & Dean Zach

### Bible Word Finds: #16 - Zechariah 8:16-17

Explore the world of the Bible as you search through the diagram for all the words that appear in all CAPITAL LETTERS in the word lists. For each line in the word list, all CAPITAL WORDS will be found together. All the auotations in the Bible Word Finds are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

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Q: What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? A: A stick.

Q: How do you stay warm in any room? A: Go to the corner it's always 90 degrees.



### <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

September 26 Chris & Marlene Cummings

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary, we're sorry! Please call the church office so we can update our records!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

September 5 - Carol Pritchett September 13 - Laura Caudill September 17 - Raissa Mathura September 24 - Mark Ingram September 29 - Ruth Fairchild September 30 - Zeandra Mathura September 30 - Sheila Marshall September 30 - Jessica Ingram

Riddle: Riddle: I am a three digit number. My tens digit is five more than my ones digit. My hundreds digit is eight less than my tens digit. What number am I? Answer on Page

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Date	10am Contemporary Service
9-1-24	Alex & Vicki Evans

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Peace Church Session Contacts

## **Contacts and Ministries**

### MINISTRY TEAMS - Check out our ministry teams and see if you would like to pitch in!

<u>Worship Team</u>: Responsible for everything that goes on in worship, the music, the video and sound projection, the greeters and ushers, preparing the elements for communion, folding bulletins, choirs, drama, banners, flowers. They also sponsor occasional concerts throughout the year. Rick Conrad are the elder for this team.

**Discipleship Team:** Responsible for making disciples of Jesus Christ and equipping disciples through Bible Studies, Sunday morning classes for all ages, small groups, PeaceYouth fellowship and PeaceKids activities. Cay Cummings is the elder for this team.

<u>Stewardship Team:</u> Responsible for using the resources God has given us to grow our church and God's kingdom. This team is responsible for setting our annual budget, Long Range Planning, annual Stewardship Campaign, supervising our Information Technology, Personnel, Property issues and of course....paying bills. Jim Newsom is the elder for this team.

**Outreach & Mission Team:** Responsible for membership interaction with the community and community interaction with membership. Includes servant opportunities, visibility of the church in the community (advertising, walks), seeks ways to bless the immediate Pearland community and encourages individual blessings by members/friends in their work places, recreation spaces, and homes. Charged with blessing people in need. Projects include but are not limited to Christian Helping Hands Projects, Blood Drives, Compassion Intl., etc. Steve Zach is the elder for this team.

<u>Congregational Care Team:</u> Responsible for overseeing care groups and pastoral care needs of the church. Linda Spears Bell is the elder for this team.

### Peace Presbyterian Contacts and Services

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Pastor: Scott Cummings	ssc70@peacepres.net	Jim Newsom	713-416-1932
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Worship Streamed on Face Sunday School Classes onli		<b>Discipleship</b> Cay Cummings	401-651-3964
Zoom & in-person at 10:10c Phone: 713-436-5673	IM	<b>Worship</b> Rick Conrad	409-331-5143
Website: www.peacepres.net www.facebook.com/Peac	eChurchPearland	<b>Outreach</b> Steve Zach	2871-851-2727
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Church & Office Address: 2 Pearland,	•	Steve Zach Congregational ( Linda Bell	281-851-2727 Care 512-656-8653
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## **September Prayer Calendar**

On this page below, you'll find a Prayer Calendar. Put it where you'll see it and take a few minutes each day to pray for the people listed on that day. At the end of the month, you will have prayed for the entire congregation at Peace, and they will have prayed for you, too! <u>How do I use this calendar?</u> Look at the date you want to start. Active Peace members are listed each day, but please pray for our inactive members and frequent guests and you can also add your own family members and friends. You can determine how much time you want to pray, or you can pray several times during the day. It's between you and the Lord. You will be blessed for your time and attention to the prayer concerns! <u>Submit your prayer requests by phone or email to the church office or to Pastor Scott or on Sundays using the green "Prayers and Praises" cards during worship. All prayers and praises submitted are included in the bulletin insert and Weekly Update email message.</u>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Body of Believers	Teachers & Students	Military, Law Enforcement & Firefighters	Our Country & World Leaders	Church Leaders & Missionaries	Extended Family	Neighbors
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Peace Church ECO	Mark Ingram Monica Ingram Michael Ingram Jessica Ingram					