

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

May 13, 2026

A Letter from Pastor

Dear Grace,

The 120 Espejo property was formally commissioned at service on Sunday, May 10 and as a reminder all of you are invited to an open house on Friday, May 15, anytime from 3:00-7:00. We will have tours and refreshments and hopefully some fellowship! Come by for 15 minutes or stay an hour!

In this home, God's Word will be shared and may all who enter find peace in Jesus. May those who do not know the Lord find him here. Within these walls, learning will take place, everyday administration will be conducted, crushed souls will be consoled, couples will prepare for marriage, and leadership will meet to work for the good of Grace. May we gather here as Christian brothers and sisters sharing in fellowship, thought, conversation and laughter. And may this house give us strength in our ministry to send out His light and love to the world. May God bless our commissioning and open house from foundation to roof, from wall to wall, and may the Holy Spirit dwell within this space as we dedicate it to God. May this space reflect the image, glory and work of Jesus for our church family and community.

Also, I encourage all families to attend the Summer Picnic after church this Sunday, May 17, from noon to three. There is a pavilion reserved near the playground and splashpad.

Peace,
Pastor Miller



ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED

Espejo Open House

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

ANYTIME BETWEEN 3-7 P.M.

Tours and Refreshments

120 Espejo Street, Mobile, AL
Kitty Corner behind the Church

Sunday, May 17

12 - 3 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER PICNIC

Medal of Honor Park

1711 Hillcrest Rd, Mobile



Lunch * Playground * Splash Pad

Hi parents and students,

I am so excited to announce the launch of Abide, a new 4-week youth night pilot program starting on May 3.

We know that between school, sports, and life, schedules are incredibly busy and students are often running on empty. Abide is designed to be a completely different kind of youth group experience. Instead of a traditional classroom setting, we are meeting at the Espejo House across the street for a relaxed, living-room-style night focused on authentic connection, rest, and community, centered around the message of the Vine and the Branches from John 15.



Here are the details for the 4-week pilot:

Dates: May 3, May 17, May 24, and May 31

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: The Espejo House (120 Espejo St, Mobile, AL 36604, across the street from the church)

Ages: 14-18

What to expect: Every night will kick off at 6:00 PM with free dinner (including Foosackley's, Little Caesars pizza, Jimmy John's, and Chipotle taco bar on our final night!), followed by some fun group games like Catch Phrase to break the ice. We will then transition into a short, 15-minute conversational teaching and break out into relaxed living-room discussions.

The goal of this pilot is to create a safe space where students can just breathe, hang out, and grow together without any pressure.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I can't wait to see everyone there!

Best,

Youth Council Member: Anthony Micah Battaglia 251-978-0002



May 14 – Heike Crane
May 16 – Mike Milling
May 17 – Culley Tims



May 20 – Jimmy and Martha Webb



During the month of May, we are featuring in our newsletter, members of Grace Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school or college. Please submit your graduates with a brief bio, picture and their future potential plans. God bless our 2026 graduates!



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2026 IS NOW AVAILABLE!

2026 Price: \$100/set or \$50/each

**Upcoming Dates available:
July 12, 19, 26**



May 2026
We need your help with our Sunday School!

Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning.

Classes include: Preschool (age 3-5)
Elementary (grades 1-4)
Tweens (grades 5-8)

Note from the Treasurer: Please consider, when donating to the Building Fund, to mark it for the Espejo House Principal. The loan for the purchase of the Espejo House was from the Grace Building Fund and all additional Espejo House Principal payments go back into the Grace Building Fund. Donations marked this way reduces the principal remaining on the loan and saves on the Grace loan interest payments on the life of the 20-year loan. (Instead of Grace paying the interest, the money will earn interest in a Thrivent account)

Original Loan Amount \$109,651.00 current Principal Remaining \$96,483.50

The missions project for a Carillon Bell system has received, to date, \$2,057, estimate project needs ~\$20,000.

Take Note! 🎵



CARILLON FROM CANDY AND COINS!!

Please take an M&M tube of Mini's so you can return it in February full of quarters, folding money or a check into the steeple of the little "Sounding Joy Church" Collection Drop Box.

Proceeds go toward funding a new Carrillon musical system for Grace Lutheran Church.

Thank you



STILL AVAILABLE AT ONLY 8 MONTHS AWAY! BOOK NOW!
Call Galyna Henry. Deposits could be as low as \$50 pp.
More info on next page.



6-DAY BAHAMAS CRUISE

Carnival Spirit

Monday, January 11 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

Starting at **\$734.00** per person

ITINERARY:

Monday, January 11: Depart Mobile, AL 3:30 PM
 Tuesday, January 12: Fun Day at Sea
 Wednesday, January 13: Celebration Key, The Bahama
 Thursday, January 14: Nassau, The Bahamas
 Friday, January 15: Fun Day at Sea
 Saturday, January 16: Fun Day at Sea
 Sunday, January 17: Arrive Mobile, AL 8:00 AM

INCLUSIONS:

- ◆ 6-day cruise aboard *Carnival Spirit*
- ◆ Meals and entertainment on board the ship
- ◆ Port charges, government taxes, and fees
- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff
- ◆ Optional shore excursions
- ◆ Travel Protection

NOT INCLUDED:

STATEROOMS:

Prices are per person based on double occupancy.

Cat. 4D - Interior
\$734.00

Cat. 4E - Interior
\$744.00

Cat. 8D - Balcony
\$944.00

Cat. 8E - Balcony
\$954.00

Cat. 8K -
Extended Balcony
\$974.00



Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Stateroom categories and prices are subject to availability and are on a first come, first serve basis. Other categories may be available by request. Pricing and stateroom availability for 3rd and 4th guests are available upon request. Prices are subject to change due to fuel charges and other vendor charges. **A valid passport is required with at least 6 months validity beyond return date.**
Deposit of \$250.00 per person is due with the completed registration form by February 24, 2025. Final payment is due September 29, 2026.



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CAMP DIXIE 2026

Chicken Dinners

Join us at Camp Dixie for our Chicken Dinner fundraiser events! 11am-2pm on the listed dates. \$15 for a good meal of fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, and more! Stop by our Camp Store while you're with us and grab some Camp Dixie swag like a new t-shirt or water bottle!

2026 Dates

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
June 7
September 13
October 11
November 8



A Light Before Others

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 5:16

What is Camp Dixie’s aim? Ultimately, to glorify God! Let us reflect His light, teach of His sacrifice, and encourage other believers to do the same. Shine on!

In Christ,
Sam “Uno” Schmidt
Camp Dixie Director



Support Camp Dixie

Please keep Camp Dixie in your prayers and consider supporting this ministry further. Options include:

- Monetary Donations (head to website for digital donations)
- Gifts from our Wishlist
- Thrivent Action Team Grants
- Volunteer Service

See our website for more information



Grace Lutheran Church
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am

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Weekly newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday of each week.



**If you would like to watch our
Worship Services, you can find them here:**

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page
or
youtube.com**

(Search and subscribe to Grace Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL)