

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD’S SUPPER: Next Sunday, March 29 we celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. We encourage you to prepare your hearts this week as we come together to celebrate Jesus’ wonderful provision and promises to us.

CHURCH-WIDE FISH FRY: March 29 immediately after the service. Donations will help support the Cherokee Mission Trip. Menu: Flounder, baked potato, slaw, roll, and banana pudding. Corn Dogs and chips will be available for kids who don't like fish. Suggested donation \$5 per adult, \$3 per youth age 4 and up, \$20 family plan. Additional donations are appreciated.

CHEROKEE MISSION TRIP. Aug 1–Aug 8; We have three families going so far and would welcome more. We need to plan in advance for this trip as there are many details that the team leaders need to address. We have many opportunities for service on this *family mission trip*: sports clinics, painting, VBS, senior care, etc. See Joe Dell’ Arena or Dale Underhill for more details.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY meets at 9:30 on Friday mornings at the building. We are studying Isaiah. Childcare is provided. See Randy Edwards for details.

KING’S THRIFT is opening in April. Tim Brieady is opening a mercy ministry thrift store in Waughtown April 1. He is in need of donated goods to stock the store and volunteers to help. Tim can be reached at 336-817-5229.

JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING: If you are interested in or are currently involved with Prison or Jail Ministry with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry, the next annual training date is April 19 from 2:30-4:00pm at Galilee Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Please see Larry Clagett if you have questions.

ACE BIBLE STUDY: We continue our Sunday school study on Romans on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30.

GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL CONCERT: Tuesday March 24th at 7 pm at Main Street United Methodist Church. Donations will be taken for Pediatric Cancer Research and in honor of a young boy in Kernersville who recently died of leukemia. No admission for the concert.

ROOTED IN GRACE: If you are interested in learning more about Grace Presbyterian and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America, join us for Rooted in Grace on March 27 from 7-9 pm and March 28 from 9-11 am. If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace, attending Rooted in Grace serves as the first step in that process. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Edwards at 993-1305 x11.

twentiesgpc: March 28, 7-9pm. Gauche Bowling or Non-Dominant Ten-Pins at Countryside Lanes here in Kernersville. See Pastor Randy for details.

SPRING MEN’S RETREAT at Black Mountain Retreat Center is scheduled for April 24-26. Registration Cards are located on the foyer table.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL is now accepting registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Registration forms are in the preschool office and on the preschool website www.gracehousepreschool.org. Please call Carla in the preschool office if you have questions.

FAMILY PROMISE CARDBOARD BOX CITY 2009— a fundraiser for F.P. is scheduled for April 24-25 at Kernersville Elementary. You must register before April 17. See Pastor Randy for details

VISIT www.gracekernersville.org and check out our new website layout. We’re especially excited about the calendar page which will be current and up to date. You can also join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: Providence Presbyterian Church (OPC) invites you to join us for our 2009 Marriage Conference, "To Known and Be Known: The Marvel of a Christian Marriage" on April 17-18 at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. The fee of \$60 per couple includes a hot lunch on Saturday, and the registration deadline is April 13. For further information or to register, please call 1-888-838-3231, or visit our website at <http://providencegso.org/conference.htm>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Alan Cables (3/22); Garrett Horn (3/23); Jackie Crowe (3/24); Sydney Reeves (3/26); Anna Wiebking (3/26).

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN’S PROGRAM: 6:30–7:30 pm

ARTWORK FOR THRIFT STORE: Grace kids will be doing artwork for King’s Thrift using unique materials. Please save bottle tops, all kinds of cardboard, etc. You may drop the materials by Carla’s office or put (the bottle caps) in the large jar that we will have out next week. The February project was a huge success and we are hoping to keep moving forward.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 22-26. To help with the planning stages, contact Carla.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH AMAZING RACE: Sunday, March 22 5-8pm. Meet at the church building.

VERTICAL: Middle School Youth Group Wednesday evening, from 6-7:30!

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE				
Date	Infants	Walkers	2 Year Olds	Children’s Church
Today	Rick and Maria Reeves	Jack and Amanda Goode	Laura Devonmille Sean Goode	March 3 Kelly Young 4 Pinkney Greene and Linda Mainhart K Karl and Mary Freeman 1st Joe Dell’ Arena, Debbie Potts, Charity Moore, Bryan Pardue 2nd/3rd Darlene Clagett, Catherine Edwards, Jessica Moore
3/29/08	Judy Young Jodi Pardue	Doug Jewell Ryann Lievens	Matt and Janice Lievens	April 3 Mark and Terrica Smith 4 Beth and Julie Collins K Jennifer Edwards and Martha Larson 1st Jennifer Edwards and Martha Larson 2nd/3rd Darlene Clagett and Catherine Edwards
4/5/09	Terri Norman Anna Collins	Mike Pellerin Mikaela Pellerin	Chad and Beth Sapp	
4/12/09	Jamie Zeoli Joan Dalton	Tammy Cables Heather Morris	Ben Banks Phyllis Clodfelter	
Ushers		Greeters		
Hugh Smith	Ben Banks			
Dave Collins	Mike Pellerin			
Matt Lievens	Doug Sonnenburg	Rapid Visitation		
		March: Amy Mead		
		April: Kristi Maier		
Worship Team				
Wynn Baum, Clay Howard, Chris Hicks, Bob Cole, John Devonmille, Kim Baum, Carla Collins, Cheryl Voss				

Our Church Officers

Session: Wynn Baum, Don Bechtold, John DeBoer, Randy Edwards, Doug Jewell, Jim Plybon.

Diaconate: David Collins, Karl Freeman, Jim Dougherty.

Church Staff and Contact Extensions

The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until Noon.

Randy Edwards, Pastor/Teacher • ext.11

Carla Collins, Accountant/Children’s Ministry Coordinator/Preschool Director • ext.12

Deacon and Mercy Ministry Voicemail • ext.22

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

2009 General Fund Budget						\$356,185
Contributions		Budget		Expenses		
MTD Mar 16	Year to Date	March	Year to Date	MTD Mar 16	Year to Date	
\$ 20,445	\$ 70,653	\$ 29,682	\$ 89,316	\$ 15,882	\$ 70,392	
2009 Building Fund Contributions			2009 Missions Fund Contributions			
MTD Mar 16	Year to Date	MTD Mar 16	Year to Date			
\$ 785	\$ 7,300	\$ 225	\$ 1,111			



Grace Presbyterian Church exists to focus attention on God’s grace as He transforms us into a community that delights in his worship, is marked by a selfless care for others, and proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ with gospel-transformed words, relationships, vocations, and lifestyles, resulting in the transformation of the communities of the Triad and the world.

MARCH 22, 2009

For Reflection

“The law cannot save us, for its only effect is to stimulate sin and show us how far short we fall of righteousness. The outward trappings of religion cannot save us either, any more than mere circumcision can save the Jew. Is there any way of deliverance, then, from the wrath to come? There is, and Paul knows it. ‘Being now justified by his blood,’ Paul proclaims, ‘we shall be saved from (God’s) wrath through him’ (Rom 5:9). By whose blood? The blood of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God. And what does it mean to be ‘justified’? It means to be forgiven, and accepted as righteous. and how do we come to be justified? Through faith—that is, self-abandoning trust in the person and work of Jesus. And how does Jesus’ blood—that is, His sacrificial death—form a basis for our justification? Paul explains this in Romans 3:24f, where he speaks of ‘the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, by his blood.’ What is a ‘propitiation’? It is a sacrifice that averts wrath through expiating sin, and canceling guilt. This...is the real heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ, by virtue of His death on the cross as our substitute and sin-bearer, ‘is the propitiation for our sins’ (1 John 2:2) Between us sinners and the thunder-clouds of divine wrath stands the cross of the Lord Jesus.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, which you would like to have offered during the Pastoral Prayer, please speak with the pastor during the break.

Elder Prayer. If you would like prayer, Elders are available after the service.

Men’s Prayer. Meets every Friday morning at 6 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Prayer. Drop by the church office between 10 am and Noon and pray with the staff for the needs of our congregation.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Jesus My King My Wonderful Savior

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Bechtold

Pew pads are located along the inside aisle. Please take a moment to let us know that you were with us this morning and to tell us how we can help you today.

OUR HISTORIC FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 12

Q31. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Q32. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 2:6-15

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Hear Our Praises

Warrior

Be Unto Your Name

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You Are My King

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Nursery is available for two years old and under. Children ages three years old through third grade are dismissed for Children’s Church.

RENEWAL

CORPORATE PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

Don Bechtold

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 2:2-20

SERMON

Randy Edwards

“When Man is Silent”

RESPONSE

Jesus My King My Wonderful Savior

Jesus, my King, my wonderful Savior

All of my life is given to thee

Now I am living in your great salvation

Your precious blood is making me free

Wonderful Savior, wonderful Savior

You are so near, so precious to me

Wonderful Savior, wonderful Savior

My heart is filled with praises to thee

Freedom from sin, O wonderful story

All of its stains washed whiter than snow

Jesus has come to live in this temple

All of my days his love I will show

(chorus)

Jesus my Lord, I’ll ever adore thee

Lay at your feet, my treasures of love

Lead me in ways to show forth your glory

Ways that will end in heaven above

(chorus)

When in that bright and beautiful city

There I will see your glories untold

I will be life you, my wonderful Savior

I will sing praises while ages unfold

BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

FOR REFLECTION

“Do you ask, ‘What is faith in Him?’ I answer, the leaving of your own way, your objects, your self, and the taking of His and Him...and doing as He tells you. I can find no words strong enough to serve the weight of this necessity—this obedience.”

George MacDonald

“Discipline—obedience—faithfulness—strength—growth. It is this spectrum of qualities that becomes available to the well-disposed characters.”

Michael Ward, *Planet Narnia*

“But anyone can find out what will happen,” said Aslan. If you go back to the others now, and wake them up; and tell them you have seen me again; and that you must all get up at once and follow me—what will happen? There is only one way of finding out.”

“Do you mean that is what you want me to do?” gasped Lucy.

“Yes, little one.” said Aslan.

“Will the others see you too?” asked Lucy.

“Certainly not at first,” said Aslan. “Later on it depends.”

“But they won’t believe me!” said Lucy.

“It doesn’t matter,” said Aslan.

“O dear, oh dear,” said Lucy. “And I was so pleased at finding you again. And I thought you’d let me stay. And I thought you’d come roaring in and frightening all the enemies away—like last time. And now everything is going to be horrid.”

C.S. Lewis, *Prince Caspian*

OUTLINE

TABLE TALK

Much of Martin Luther’s theology was clarified, distilled, and applied around the dinner table with his friends. The informal discourse of two friends pursuing the same truth does more to work into one’s life an understanding of that truth than all the talk of great speakers. Take some time this week to discuss these questions over coffee or a meal.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Read 2 Kings 23-24 and 2 Chronicles 36 for the historical context.
2. In what ways are you tempted to not wait on the Lord, but instead take up illegitimate means to get what you believe you must have?
3. When was the last time you were silent before the Lord? Have you ever prayed, “Lord, I am here. I will wait on you”? Take some time to try it this week.
4. From which “cup” have you been drinking this week? Has it been bitter? joyful? thirst-quenching? gall?
5. In which of the soldierly areas are you in need of help? Discipline? Obedience? Faithfulness? Strength? Growth?

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