

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**MISSIONS DINNER** immediately following the worship service NEET WEEK. Donations will help support the Cherokee Mission Trip. Suggested donation \$5 per adult, \$3 per youth age 4 and up, \$20 family plan. Additional donations are appreciated.

**ACE BIBLE STUDY** is an opportunity to get to know others and dig deeper into the previous week's Adult Sunday School lesson. ACE meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the building.

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will have its last meeting this Friday (4/24). Join us as we conclude our study of Isaiah from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 **TODAY**, April 19, from 2:30-4:00pm at Galilee Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Please see Larry Claggett if you have questions.

**SESSION AND DIACONATE MEETINGS** are scheduled for April 20th at 6:30 pm at the office.

Announcing the arrival of a **NEW GRANDSON**, Bryson Edward Horn, son of Laura and Bob on April 6, at 3:17 pm, weighing in at 8 lbs 6 oz and 21.5 " long. Mom and Dad are celebrating along with big brothers, Garrett and Peyton. Everyone is doing great!

**SPRING MEN'S RETREAT** at Black Mountain Retreat Center is scheduled for April 24-26.

Registration cards are located on the foyer table. REGISTRATION IS DUE THIS TUESDAY, April 22nd!

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** is in the final stages of planning. If you would like to reserve a plot, it is important that you contact Randy Edwards this week.

**KING'S THRIFT**, a mercy ministry thrift store started by Tim Brieady is opening. Tim is in need of donated goods to stock the store and volunteers to help. Tim can be reached at 336-817-5229.

**GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL** is now accepting registration for the 2009-2010 school year.

Registration forms are in the preschool office and or on the preschool website ([www.gracehousepreschool.org](http://www.gracehousepreschool.org)). Please call Carla in the preschool office if you have questions.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Sheri Masters (4/19); Cheryl Voss (4/20); Keegan Daurity (4/23); John Devonmille (4/24); Brianna Burkhardt (4/25).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Wednesday Night Kids meets each Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 here at the building.

**CHILDREN OF GRACE FOOD DRIVE SERVICE PROJECT:** Wednesday, April 22 from 6-7:30 at the Wiebkings' (996-9460). Let Carla know if your child will be eating pizza so she can order enough. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear walking shoes.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** June 22-26. The theme for this year will be "Movin' Straight Ahead." There is a preschool program and an elementary program: children 2 years old through 5th grade are welcome (nursery will be provided for children of volunteers). Dinner will be served at a nominal cost. For more information, see flyers. To volunteer, talk to Carla.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING** is scheduled for Monday, April 20th at 6:30 pm.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**SN@G:** HS Youth meets tonight at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room.

**VERTICAL:** Middle School Youth Group meets each Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Youth Room.

**CARDBOARD BOX CITY:** Have you registered for the Cardboard Box City to be held on April 24-25 at Kernersville Elementary? Pick up your registration and pledge forms at the office.

## OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE				
Date	Infants	Walkers	2 Year Olds	Children's Church
Today	Priscilla Flippin Kay Glore	Chris and Christy Ogburn	Lori Dell' Arena William Edwards	<b>April</b> <b>3</b> Mark and Terrica Smith <b>4</b> Beth and Julie Collins <b>1st</b> Jennifer Edwards and Martha Larson <b>2nd/3rd</b> Darlene Clagett and Catherine Edwards
4/26/09	Doug and Beth Burkhardt	Kevin and Melanie Patton	Jim and Claudia Plybon	<b>May</b> <b>3</b> Mike Lis <b>4</b> Kevin and Brea McClain <b>K</b> Mike and Jen Rhoades <b>1st</b> Joe Dell' Arena & Brian Pardue <b>2nd/3rd</b> Ted and Amy Mead
5/3/09	Rick and Maria Reeves Victoria Goode	Laura Devonmille Sean Goode	Jack and Amanda Goode	
5/10/09	Judy Young Jodi Pardue	Doug Jewell Ryann Lievens	Matt and Janice Lievens	
<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Greeters</b>		
Hugh Smith		Ben Banks		
Dave Collins		Mike Pellerin		
Matt Lievens		Doug Sonnenburg		
		<b>Rapid Visitation</b>		
		April: Kristi Maier		
		May:		
		June:		
<b>Worship Team</b>				
Michael Zeoli, Chip Ellis, Randy Edwards, Kristin Dougherty, Kim Lis, Craig Mainhart, Jim Dougherty				

### 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 Thursday 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 Apr 13	Year to Date	April	Year to Date	MTD Apr 13	Year to Date	
\$ 11,748	\$ 91,158	\$ 29,682	\$ 118,998	\$ 11,279	\$ 93,477	
2009 Building Fund Contributions			2009 Missions Fund Contributions			
MTD Apr 13	Year to Date	MTD Apr 13	Year to Date			
\$ 160	\$ 7,685	\$ 523	\$ 1,684			

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.*

**APRIL 19, 2009**

### For Reflection

Now what you want to get clear is that Pride is essentially competitive— is competitive by its very nature— while the other vices are competitive only, so to speak, by accident. Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man. We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others....It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest.

*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

## 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 to pray with you after the service.

**Men's Prayer.** Meets every Friday morning at 6 am in the Fellowship Hall. **WE HAD SEVEN IN '08, BUT WE WANT TEN IN '09.**

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

## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

*You Are Worthy of My Praise*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Jewell

*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 16*

*Q40. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?*

**A. Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.**

*Q41. Why was he "buried"?*

**A. His burial testifies that he really died.**

*Q42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?*

**A. Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.**

*Q43. What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?*

**A. Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.**

*Q44. Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?*

**A. To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 71:1-8

*In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.*

***Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.***

*Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;*

*give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.*

***Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of evil and cruel men.***

***For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.***

*From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.*

*I will ever praise you.*

***I have become like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.***

*My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.*

## PRAISE

### MINISTRY OF SONG

*Come Ye Sinners*

*Rock of Ages*

*Be Unto Your Name*

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are Worthy of My Praise*

### WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

*Nursery is available for two years old and under. Children ages three and four years old are dismissed for Children's Church. Children ages kindergarten through fifth grade may go to Children's Worship.*

## RENEWAL

### PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Doug Jewell

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

Matthew 25:14-30

### SERMON

Randy Edwards

“Stewardship: The Wicked, Lazy Steward”

## RESPONSE

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

*Mighty to Save*

### BENEDICTION

## SERMON NOTES

### FOR REFLECTION

"Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

"There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbour."  
John Calvin

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

Martin Luther

### 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. What parts of your life do you more or less consider yours?
2. Though may apprehend a "right answer," how do you feel about God's generosity to you right now? Is there joy in your service and giving?
3. How did you first respond to the Parable of the Talents? Were you offended? Did you think the Master unjust? Did your view change?
4. Do you believe that today you would be welcomed by the Master saying to you, "Well done faithful servant! Enter into your Master's joy!" What would it take for you to believe that?
5. What areas of your life do you believe God is asking you to trust him with?

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