

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIDEON SUNDAY Today, Mr. Claude Williams, a representative from the Gideons, will share with us how the Lord continues to use the Gideons distribute God’s Word and how we can help. We will receive donations for Bible placement during a special offering.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for May 31st following the worship service for the purpose of electing officers who are rotating back into office from their sabbaticals.

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 BARBEQUE DINNER immediately following the worship service May 31. 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.

CHURCH COOKOUT We'll have our annual spring cookout **THIS WEEK** on May 20 from 6-7:30pm. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Families with last names ending **A-L please bring a side**. Families with names ending **M-Z please bring a dessert**. Oh, and friends and Frisbee and football....

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.

KING’S THRIFT, a mercy ministry thrift store started by Tim Brieaddy is **OPEN!** A **GRAND OPENING PARTY** is planned for May 23 from 3-6; there will be two bands playing (Joe Next Door and Baco), and hot dogs and chips and drinks will be available (from 4-5:30) at no charge. Tim is looking for volunteers to help serve and bring side dishes, etc. Also, Tim is always in need of donated goods to stock the store and volunteers to help. Tim can be reached at 336-817-5229, or via his website: www.kingsthirt.com.

THE SUMMER FLIP Throughout the summer our Sunday morning worship will be from **9:30 am-11:00 am**. This change will begin June 7 and continue through August 17. At 11:00 am, we would have events planned which will be either: *social* – to which you could invite friends and neighbors, *missional*—to reach out and serve our community, and *familial*—something which we will all do together as a church family. This is a great opportunity to shake and freshen things up, to reconnect with one another, and to recommit to reaching Kernersville. **If you are willing to help plan the Sunday morning activities, please see Randy or call the church office, 993-1305.**

SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE BY PURCHASING A T-SHIRT The Cardboard Box City raised \$12,792.58. Additional monies collected have raised the total over \$13,000! If you were unable to contribute or if you would like to contribute again, Cardboard Box City t-shirts are available for purchase for \$10 each. The total amount contributed goes to “knocking homelessness out of the box. See Terri Norman in the foyer to purchase your t-shirt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Melanie Masi (5/17); Phillip Smith (5/18); Tim Brieaddy (5/18); Sierra Smith (5/18); Julie Collins (5/19); William Edwards (5/20).

HELP NEEDED

TAMMY CABLES: “I am looking for a nanny/sitter for next school year 09-10. I need someone who can either move in (they will have their own bedroom and bathroom) no charge for the assistance of helping get children to school and picked up from school. OR - Someone who can arrive as early as 6:00am until 9:00am and again at 1:00 pm until 3:00pm and we will work out a payment arrangement. Have them call me, Tammy Cables, 336-734-3147.”

REDEEMER SCHOOL is seeking qualified teachers to fill various PT positions for the 2009-2010 school year. If you (or someone you know) are interested, please contact the school at 724-9460.

VBS VOLUNTEERS are needed. Sign-up sheets are on the greeter’s table.

NEW HOPE PCA in Clemmons is receiving applications for a part-time administrative assistant. If you are interested in applying, see the flyer on the Information Desk in the foyer

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SN@G: Meets tonight from 6-7:30pm in the youth room.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BANQUET is scheduled for May 26 at 6pm. Our guest speaker this year is Wake Forest University RUF minister, Kevin Teasley.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER D-GROUP will begin on June 16 and continuing through August 11 from 6-8 pm at the Baum’s home. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS: Mark your calendars for a Lake Getaway on June 26-27. Details coming.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CHARGE: Men, mark your calendar for June 26-27. Get your boots on.

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Walkers</u>	<u>2 Year Olds</u>	<u>Children’s Church</u>
Today	Doug and Beth Burkhardt	Jeremy & Jennifer Spitzer	Dave and Jackie Crowe	May 3 Mike Lis 4 Kevin & Brea McClain K Mike & Jen Rhoades 1st Joe Dell’Arena and Bryan Pardue 2nd/3rd Ted & Amy Mead
5/24/09	Terri Norman Anna Collins	Mike Pellerin Mikaela Pellerin	Chad and Beth Sapp	
5/31/09	Jamie Zeoli Joan Dalton	Tammy Cables Heather Morris	Ben Banks Phyllis Clodfelter	May 31 + June 3 Clay and Nicole Howard 4 Chris and Paige DeBoer
6/7/09	Priscilla Flippin Kay Glore	Chris and Christy Ogburn	Lori Dell’Arena William Edwards	
Ushers		Greeters		
Hugh Smith		Ben Banks		
Dave Collins		Mike Pellerin		
Matt Lievens		Doug Sonnenburg		
		June: Bechtold		
		July: Jewell		
		Rapid Visitation		
		May: Claudia Plybon		
		June: Kay Glore		
		July: Amy Mead		
Worship Team				
Wynn Baum, Clay Howard, Brent Wilson, Bob Cole Kim Baum, Carla Collins, Rick Young				

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 May 10	Year to Date	May	Year to Date	MTD May 10	Year to Date	
\$ 10,970	\$ 116,877	\$ 29,682	\$ 148,680	\$ 9,101	\$ 115,695	
2009 Building Fund Contributions			2009 Missions Fund Contributions			
MTD May 10	Year to Date		MTD May 10	Year to Date		
\$ 206	\$ 8,201		\$ 354	\$ 2,103		



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.

MAY 17, 2009

For Reflection

“Would you like to be rid of this spiritual depression? The first thing you have to do is to say farewell now once and forever to your past. . . . Never look back at your sins again. Say, ‘It is finished, it is covered by the Blood of Christ.’ That is your first step. Take that and finish with yourself and all this talk about goodness, and look to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is only then that true happiness and joy are possible for you. What you need is not to make resolutions and to live a better life, to start fasting and sweating and praying. No! You just begin to say, ‘I rest my faith on Him alone, who died for my transgressions to atone.’”

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Spiritual Depression*, page 35

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.

WE HAD SEVEN IN ’08, BUT WE WANT TEN IN ’09.

Tuesday Prayer. We meet weekly on Tuesday from 10 am till noon in the church office to pray for the church and the needs of the congregation. Join us for all or part of the time, or take time wherever you are and pray for your GPC family.

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 20

Q53. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

PRAISE

MINISTRY OF SONG

Mighty to Save

We are Listening

Satisfied

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Let Me Be

GIDEON UPDATE

Claude Williams

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Nursery is available for two years old and under. Children ages three years old through kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church.

RENEWAL

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

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

Galatians 4:15-21

SERMON

Joy and Stewardship

Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE GIDEONS

Christ, or Else I Die

Gracious Lord, incline thy ear;
My requests vouchsafe to hear;
Hear my never-ceasing cry;
Give me Christ, or else I die.

Wealth and honor I disdain,
Earthly comforts, Lord, are vain;
These can never satisfy:
Give me Christ, or else I die.

*All unholy and unclean,
I am nothing else but sin;
On thy mercy I rely;
Give me Christ, or else I die.*

Thou dost freely save the lost;
In thy grace alone I trust.
With my earnest suit comply;
Give me Christ, or else I die.

Thou dost promise to forgive
All who in thy Son believe;
Lord, I know thou canst not lie;
Give me Christ, or else I die.

BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

FOR REFLECTION

The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever. Does Christian hedonism make a god out of pleasure? No. It says that we all make a god out of what we take most pleasure in. My life is devoted to helping people make God their God, by wakening in them the greatest pleasures in Him.

John Piper, *Brothers, We are not Professionals*

Do what they will, then, we remain conscious of a desire which no natural happiness will satisfy. But is there any reason to suppose that reality offers any satisfaction to it?...A man's physical hunger does not prove that that man will get any bread; he may die of starvation on a raft in the Atlantic. But surely a man's hunger does prove that he comes of a race which repairs its body by eating and inhabits a world where eatable substances exist. In the same way, though I do not believe (I wish I did) that my desire for Paradise proves that I shall enjoy it, I think it a pretty good indication that such a thing exists and that some men will. A man may love a woman and not win her; but it would be a very odd if the phenomenon called 'falling in love' occurred in a sexless world.

C.S. Lewis, *Transposition and Other Addresses*

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. How is your joy this morning? Is there anything lacking in your life which would make your joy more complete?
2. Is God someone in whom you delight? What keeps you from enjoying that delight?
3. Do you have a sense of purpose in your life? What is it? Does God play a part in that purpose?
4. Take some time to delight in something today, and turn that delight to God as gratitude, praise, and service.

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