

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15. We are continuing a four week study on the book of Job.

HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP meets tonight at Panera from 6:00-7:30. Please read chapter 1 of *Chosen by God*. Let Randy know if you need a copy; they are \$9.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS continue with Grace Kids (K-5) and Middle School Youth (6-8) each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm. **There will be no Wednesday night programs on March 10 due to the Grace House Consignment Sale.**

WINTER CHURCH WORKDAY REDUX Thanks to all who came out to help.

REMINDER Next Sunday is Why Did We Start Church an Hour Earlier Sunday or, as it is more commonly known, Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead.

MISSIONS LUNCHESS The missions committee will be hosting missions lunches on the second Sunday of each month through June (our first will be March 14) to help raise funds for summer teams and the registration for those attending the PCA Global Missions Conference in November.

WELCOME HOME AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Alan Cables who has just returned from a two year deployment and tour in Iraq is scheduled for March 21 following the worship service in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Tammy Cables.

GHPS CONSIGNMENT SALE: Grace House Preschool consignment sale is March 12 & 13. We are in need of volunteers on Saturday March 13 to help clean up after the sale (Noon -4pm). Please contact Danielle Wiebking (996-9460) if you can help. Any items not picked up at the end of the sale will be donated to King's Thrift in Waughtown.

ATTENTION PARENTS of high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. There will be a brief meeting after the worship service on March 21 to discuss plans for a senior banquet. If you have questions, see Kim Baum.

GPC AND FAMILY PROMISE: Great news! Enough money has been received in order for us to move forward with the installation of smoke detectors. We now need to make sure that everyone who committed to be involved last summer is still willing and able to be involved. Please speak with your team leader to let him or her know. Additionally, if you would like to be involved and did not sign up last fall, we have a place for you to help—just let Randy Edwards or Nancy Jewell know that you'd like to be a part. Please keep praying!

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: We are planning on receiving new members during the worship service on April 18. If you've taken Rooted in Grace and would like to move forward in the process, please let Pastor Randy know.

REDEEMER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Redeemer School will be holding an evening Open House on Thursday, March 11th from 7:00-8:30 PM. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Redeemer School, tour the school, and meet with our Headmaster and Curriculum Coordinator. Please call 724-9460 to let us know you are coming or for more information or questions.

HIPPITY HOPPITY HELP NEEDED: The Grace Kids Easter Party is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for April 3! The party is for preschool through 5th grade and will take place rain or shine. The format will be a little different this year and we need some help to pull it off. We are in need of 10 adult volunteers to lead the various stations (one parent will need to be available to accompany his child through the stations). You can choose which station you want to do and there is no training needed. If you cannot help on the day of the party we need help stuffing treat bags ahead of time. We also need treat bag fillers. Please bring one bag of individually wrapped candy or a bag of jelly beans per child attending the party. There will be a collection box in the hallway for the candy. To volunteer in any way, call Carla at church or Lori Dell'Arena (722-4144).

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to dedicate a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form located on the welcome table. You may drop the completed form and your check into the offering plate or bring it by the church office. **Orders must be received and paid for by March 28.** Easter lilies may be picked up on Easter following worship.

FAMILY PROMISE OF FORSYTH COUNTY is now serving its sixth family. We will be holding a community meeting on Tuesday, March 9th to update the community on how our network of interfaith congregations and community organizations dedicated to helping homeless families with children is serving our guests. Also at this meeting we will have a presentation on the framework of poverty within economic classes, how homelessness affects children and families, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network's role in helping these families move forward. This meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Kernersville Wesleyan Church, 903 N. Main Street. We will meet in the preschool wing in the Fellowship Sunday School Classroom. Best way to enter is to take N Main Street to Chaucer Manor Drive and park in the parking lot that is off Chaucer Manor Drive. For information please call Debbi Butner at 245-1807.

ARE YOU READY TO LEAP? Registration is open for LEAP Week (London Evangelism and Prayer Conference) from July 12-19. The cost is \$925 plus airfare. LEAP is an incredible opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and experience engaging, hands on ministry is South Hall among South Asians. Though this may sound like "advanced" missions it is more of a "foundational" experience. If you are interested in participating, please see Darlene Clagett.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mona Underhill (3/09); Josh Smith (3/11).

CONGRATULATIONS to Tim and Rebekah Brieady and Greer, Charity, McLaren, and Jezreel on the birth of Ellinoah (Ellie), born March 1st at 1:09 am, 8 lbs 9 oz.

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Infants	Walkers	Children's Church
Today	Amanda Goode Sean Goode	Jack Goode Victoria Goode	March 2/3 yr Paige Baum and Julie Collins 4/K Ben and Suzan Banks 1st-3rd Darlene Clagett and Catherine Edwards
Mar 14	Chris & Christy Ogburn	Doug & Nancy Jewell	
Mar 21	Janice Lievens & Carter Lievens	Matt Lievens & Ryann Lievens	April 2/3 yr Mona Underhill & Jessica Moore 4/K Dave and Danielle Wiebking 1st-3rd Joe Dell'Arena and Marha Larson
Mar 28	Barry and Pam Ingram	Wes and Tara Sink	

Ushers		Greeters	
Hugh Smith	Ben Banks	March: Bechtold	
Dave Collins	Mike Pellerin	April: Jewell	
Matt Lievens	Doug Sonnenburg	May: Mainhart	
Craig Mainhart	Jim Dougherty	Rapid Visitation	
		March: Amy Mead	
		April: Kristi Maier	
		May: Claudia Plybon	

Worship Team	
Randy Edwards, Michael Kuehn, Lee Adams, Michael Zeoli, Kim Baum, Carla Collins, Craig Mainhart, Rick Young	

Our Church Officers

Session: Don Bechtold, Larry Clagett, John DeBoer, Randy Edwards, Doug Jewell, Matt Lievens.

Diaconate: David Collins, Joe Dell'Arena, 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

General Fund 2010 General Fund Budget \$324,860					
WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT		Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet budget
	MTD Feb 28	\$ 27,072	\$ 26,965	\$ 28,609	\$ 107
	YTD	\$ 54,144	\$ 47,513	\$ 46,879	\$ 6,631
Building			Missions		
MTD Feb 28	\$ 317		MTD Feb 28	\$ 492	
YTD	\$ 392		YTD	\$ 1,024	



DELIGHTING IN HIS WORSHIP FOR THE JOY OF ALL PEOPLES

MARCH 7, 2010

For Reflection

“But, O my Father, thou infinite Love, though my arguments be many and strong, my heart is bad, my strength is weakness, and I am insufficient to plead the cause of thy love and loveliness to myself or others. O plead thy own cause, and what heart can resist? Let it not be my word only, but thine, that thou lovest me, even me a sinner! Say as Christ to Lazarus, ‘Arise!’ Tell me, as thou dost, that the sun is warm, yea, as thou didst, that my parents and dearest friends loved me! Tell me, as by the consciousness and works of life thou tellest me, that thou hast given me life; that while I can say, ‘Thou that knowest all things knowest that I love thee’, I may infer, ‘Therefore I know I am beloved of thee!’

Thus let me come to thee in the confidence of they love, and long to be nearer, in the clearer sight, the fuller sense, and more joyful exercise of love for ever!”

Richard Baxter, *Dying Thoughts*

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 to pray with you.

Men's Prayer each Friday Morning in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:15 am. Will there be Ten in Ten?

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Great God of Wonders

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Claggett

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 10

Q27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28; Heb. 1:3; Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2; Prov. 16:33; Matt. 10:29

Q28. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Job 1:21-22; James 1:3; Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18; Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38-39; Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 8:1-9

MINISTRY OF SONG

This is My Father's World

All Creatures of Our God and King

Psalms 55: 1-7; 16-18; and 22

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Larry Claggett

This is My Father's World

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Nursery is available for children under two years and under. Children ages three years through third grade are dismissed to Children's Church.

RENEWAL

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Larry Claggett

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-44

SERMON

Randy Edwards

Who is Jesus? The Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

²⁸ And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

RESPONSE

We Will Dance

BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

FOR REFLECTION

“Hopeful, therefore, here had much ado to keep his brother’s head above water; yea, sometimes he would be quite gone down, and then, ere awhile, he would rise up again half dead. Hopeful also would endeavor to comfort him, saying, ‘Brother, I see the gate, and men standing by to receive us.’

But Christian would answer, ‘It is you, it is you they wait for; you have been Hopeful ever since I knew you.’

‘And so have you,’ said he to Christian.

‘Ah, brother!’ said he, ‘surely if I was right he would now arise to help me; but for my sins he hath brought me into the snare, and hath left me.’

Then said Hopeful, ‘My brother, you have quite forgot the text, where it is said of the wicked, *There are no bands in their death; but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued like other men.* These troubles and distresses that you go through in these waters are no sign that God hath forsaken you; but are sent to try you, whether you will call to mind that which here-tofore you have received of his goodness, and live upon him in your distresses.’”

John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*

NOTES

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. Hope may be defined as that for which one lives. What are you living for? What would disappoint you if Jesus Christ were to return today?
2. Is Jesus Christ your Cosmic Hope? Do you believe in the resurrection?
3. PREPARE: Next Sunday we will be looking at John 12:36-43. The arm of the Lord.

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