

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE COMMUNITIES meet each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15. Don Bechtold continues our study of the Minor Prophets.

EASTER LILY SALE: You may purchase Easter Lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Order forms are available in the foyer, and the cost is \$8 for one plant and \$15 for two. Orders must be made by Tuesday, April 19.

HIPPITY-HOPPETY, I NEED HELP! The children's Easter Party will be April 23rd at 10:30 AM. Adult volunteers are needed to help run the stations and hide eggs. If you can help, please let Lori Dell'Arena know at jdellarena@triad.rr.com or 722-4144. Thanks.

GRACE KIDS EASTER PARTY: April 23 @ 10am, rain or shine! Please bring one bag of individually-wrapped candy per child attending to the church building by April 17.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Due to this week's Holy Week services and our hosting Family Promise next week, we will not meet on Wednesday night until May 4.

CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT will be held on May 4 from 6:00-8:00. Bring chairs and blankets as we enjoy one another's company and the balmy spring evening. This concludes our Wednesday night activities for the Spring.

HIGH SCHOOL D-Group meets tonight at the Bectolds' at 6pm. Read Chapter 4 in *Gospel in Life*.

HOLY WEEK: Join us for services on Holy Thursday (Lord's Supper) and Good Friday. Both services are from 7-8pm. Good Friday's service is more contemplative and quiet. Children are welcome, and parents should be prepared for the different tone of the service.

JAIL MINISTRY: Our next opportunity to minister at the jail will be May 8. If you did not attend a training in 2010 you must attend a training before you will be allowed to enter the jail as a volunteer in 2011. Please let Larry Claggett know if you have any questions.

NURSERY GREETER NEEDED: We are in need of a volunteer to greet and check in children in the nursery on Sunday mornings (before worship, at the meet and greet, and at the end of worship). This is a monthly rotational opportunity, a great way to get to know people (and greet some potential new friends), and bless our families with young children. If you are interested in this position, please contact Christy Ogburn (993-8233 or 993-1305 x10).

CHANGE HOMELESSNESS: After each worship service during the month of April the children of Grace will be collecting spare change to donate to Family Promise's Cardboard Box City fund raiser.

VBS VOLUNTEERS UNITE! There are endless volunteer opportunities with this year's VBS and we could use countless talents from all; we are even using volunteer dead flies and worms. See? Opportunity for all! There are sign up sheets on the greeter's table or call the church office for more info.

PUSH: Grace House Preschool will be hosting the 2nd annual P.U.S.H. (Preschoolers Uniting to Stop Hunger). There are 6 area preschools joining together with a 5,000 pound collection goal to donate to 2nd Harvest Food Bank. Be on the lookout for places to donate non-perishable items. The focus of our collection will begin May 2. If you have connections that could help us advertise in the Kernersville area, please let Carla Collins or Christy Ogburn know.

WORLD HARVEST MISSION GOLF CLASSIC: May 4th, Bermuda Run Golf Club, Winston Salem. NON-GOLFERS WELCOME for dinner to hear a message from Josiah Bancroft. This is a worthwhile event for a mission agency we strongly support. Register at www.whm.dojiggy.com or contact Matt Lievens at 336-918-9832.

PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT: Girl Scout Troop 41583 is partnering with Project Night Night to help the littlest victims of homelessness have sweeter dreams. From April 11 through May 31, the Girl Scouts will be collecting new blankets (crib size or smaller) as well as new or "like new" children's books and stuffed animals smaller than 30 inches. For more information, talk to Adriana Dell'Arena, or Zoe or Ava Howard, who are all members of this Girl Scout Troop.

AFRICA BENEFIT CONCERT: April 30th @ 7:30pm, Spring Garden Community Church (853 South Elm St., Greensboro). Featuring: The Collection and Elisaray. Cost: \$5 at the door. For more information on the bands, go to thecollection.bandcamp.com and <http://www.facebook.com/elisaraymusic>. All proceeds benefit a mission trip this summer to Good Shepherd's Fold, an orphanage in Uganda.

CARDBOARD BOX CITY: Family Promise of Forsyth County will be hosting its annual fundraiser at Kernersville Elementary School on April 29. Participants must raise \$50 each. Please see Joe Dell'Arena if you are interested in participating.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: We are now accepting registration for Grace House Preschool for the 2011-2012 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office, on the greeter's table, or online at www.gracehousepreschool.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! VBS is just around the corner – June 27-30. This year's theme is *Just Deserts*. Make plans to join us young and old alike as we minister to the children (adults receive lots of wonderful ministry as well!) in our community! We usually have over 100 children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Cheryl Voss (4/20).

For more information see our website: gracekernersville.org. You may also receive updates by following us on Twitter @GraceKville or by becoming a fan on Facebook: Grace Presbyterian Church Kernersville.

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE			
Date	Infants	Walkers	Children's Church
TODAY	Doug Jewell Cara Mead	Gail Kuehn Hazel Ellis	April 2/3 Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene 4/K Dave & Danielle Wiebking 1st-3rd Joe Dell'Arena & Sarah Hicks 4th-5th Darlene Claggett & Erin Collins
Apr 24	Martha Larson Anna Plybon	Helen Libby Bryan Pardue	
May 1	Mark & Kristi Maier	Debbie Potts Jessica Moore	May 2/3 Mike Lis and William Edwards 4/K Karl & Mary Freeman 1st-3rd Jennifer & Catherine Edwards New 4th-5th Amy Mead
May 8	Matt Lievens Carter Lievens	Janice Lievens Grayson Lievens	
Ushers		Greeters	
Hugh Smith	Ben Banks	April: Mainhart	
Dave Collins	Doug Sonnenburg	May: Plybon	
Matt Lievens	Jim Dougherty	June: Bechtold	
Elder Prayer Rotation		Rapid Visitation	
April: Larry Claggett		April: Kristi Maier	
May: Don Bechtold		May: Claudia Plybon	
June: Matt Lievens		June: Amy Mead	
Deacon			
Apr 17	Apr 24	May 1	
Chad Sapp	Jim Dougherty	David Collins	
Worship Team			
Michael Kuehn, Zoo, John Devonmille, Kristin Dougherty, Catherine Edwards, Tim Irvin			

Our Church Officers

Session: Don Bechtold, Larry Claggett, Randy Edwards, Doug Jewell, Matt Lievens, Jim Plybon

Diaconate: David Collins, Joe Dell'Arena, Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, and Chad Sapp.

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 2011 General Fund Budget \$323,870					
WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT		Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet expenses
	MTD Apr 11	\$ 26,990	\$ 15,980	\$ 7,725	\$ 11,010
	YTD	\$ 107,960	\$ 90,473	\$ 89,029	\$ 17,487
Building		Missions			
MTD Apr 11	\$ 50	MTD Apr 11	\$ 378		
YTD	\$ 130	YTD	\$ 2,524		



DELIGHTING IN HIS WORSHIP FOR THE JOY OF ALL PEOPLES

April 17, 2011

“A person will worship something, have no doubt about that... That which dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives, and our character. Therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we are worshipping we are becoming.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“God may be using this time to remind the church that Christianity is unintelligible without enemies. Indeed, the whole point of Christianity is to produce the right kind of enemies. We have been beguiled by our established status to forget that to be a Christian is to be made part of an army against armies.”

Stanley Hauerwas

“...American teenagers ‘tend to view religion as a Very Nice Thing’ —meaning that religion may be beneficial, even pleasant, but it does not ask much of them or even concern them greatly, and as far as they can tell it wields very little influence in their lives.”

Kenda Creasy Dean

“A man who has faith must be prepared not only to be a martyr, but to be a fool.”

G. K. Chesterton

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.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! (#198)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just, he comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy

WELCOME!

Larry Clagett

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. Gen. 2:17; Rom. 8:3-4; Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9

Q41. Why was he "buried"?

A. His burial testifies that he really died. Isa. 53:9; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Cor. 15:3-4

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. Ps. 49:7; John 5:24; Phil. 1:21-23; 1 Thess. 5:9-10

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, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

Rom. 6:5-11; Col. 2:11-12; Rom. 6:12-14; Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:1-2

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.

Isa. 53; Matt. 26:36-46; 27:45-46; Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7-10

CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY OF SONG

Ancient of Days

All Glory, Laud and Honor (#235)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Larry Clagett

Children's Handbell Choir

Following the Offering, children will be dismissed. Nursery is available for children under two. Children three years of age through kindergarten are dismissed to Children's Church. Children in first through fifth grades may go to Children's Worship.

RENEWAL

GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Clagett

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

SERMON

I Make Myself a Slave

All in All: Messages from 1 Corinthians

Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (#498)

BENEDICTION

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GPC will be hosting the week of April 24th (Easter) through April 30th. Grace will be on call for the first part of the week, Love's United Methodist will take the middle, and Glenn View Baptist will handle end of the week. Originally, we did not need coverage for Easter but we have a new family that does not have a place to spend the holiday. Please let Joe Dell'Arena know if you can help with the following:

Easter Sunday:

- Someone to stay and have dinner with the guests (meal will be provided).

April 25 (Monday):

- Morning Van Driver will be provided so no volunteers are needed.
- 5:30 PM (no earlier than 5:20 PM) Van Driver. Grace will need to have a volunteer pick up the guests at the day center and bring to church for 5:45 arrival.
- Need somebody to provide dinner and take to church at 6:00 PM so the guests can be eating by 6:30 PM. **Provided**
- Need Grace volunteers to eat with the guests. This is usually the family that brings the meal but we can try to work around that if necessary.
- Need male and female to stay overnight. Overnight crew should arrive no later than 9 PM.

April 26 (Tuesday):

- Morning Van Driver will be provided so no volunteers are needed.
- 5:30 PM (no earlier than 5:20 PM) Van Driver. Grace will need to have a volunteer pick up the guests at the day center and bring to church for 5:45 arrival.
- Need somebody to provide dinner and take to church at 6:00 PM so the guests can be eating by 6:30 PM. **Provided**
- Need Grace volunteers will eat with the guests. This is usually the family that brings the meal but we can try to work around that if necessary.
- Need male and female to stay overnight. Overnight crew should arrive no later than 9 PM.

April 27 (Wednesday):

- Need Van Driver to pick up guests at 6:00AM at Grace and take them to day center.

SERMON NOTES

A FEW WORDS ABOUT HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sundown on **Holy Thursday** begins the *Triduum* (tree do 'em) or "three days." Holy Thursday is oftentimes referred to as *Maundy* which is taken from the Latin *mandatum* or "commandment". After washing his disciples' feet and instituting the Lord's Supper, Jesus told his disciples, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). On Holy Thursday, we gather and recount Jesus' last words to his disciples and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Holy Thursday concludes with recalling the betrayal of Judas Iscariot.

Good Friday or *Tenebrae* (which is Latin for "shadows") recounts the last words of Jesus Christ which are represented by the seven candles. During the Good Friday service as each word is read, a candle is extinguished to represent the darkness which covered the earth at Jesus' crucifixion. In the same way, the service concludes after sunset.

Resurrection (or Easter) **Sunday** remembers the truth that the tomb was empty because the Lord Jesus had conquered death by rising from the dead. Jesus' resurrection confirms for us that he is the Son of God, that he accomplished the work of saving his own, and that we too share in the hope of the resurrection and the promise of new life by our faith in him.

Regarding childcare: as usual, childcare is provided during our Sunday worship service. However, childcare is not provided for Holy Thursday or Good Friday service. Both Thursday's and Friday's services are quiet and more somber in their mood. Because of this somber mood, it may feel like too much of a challenge for parents to monitor young children. I want to encourage you to try it out. It has been my experience that children pick up on the unfamiliar feel of the service and respond surprisingly well. How will they learn unless given opportunity? Not only is this a worship experience, but it is a teaching opportunity.

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