

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SCHEDULE continues **till August 21**. We will be taking Sunday School off for the summer. *We gather to pray at 10:00 am in Sanctuary.* Worship begins at 10:30 am.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Please note on your calendars that **we are hosting Family Promise on August 14-20** and October 23-29. Thanks to everyone who helped in June!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: We are still in need of some volunteers for Grace Kids' classes. These are easy commitments and you will be part of a team so the burden will be light. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Dave Wiebking or Carla Collins for specific information.

SUMMER D High School Sunny D-Group for rising 9th graders through rising college freshmen will meet on the following Friday evenings through the summer: 8/5 and 8/19. Both at 7pm at Casa Del Rhoadero!

SYNERGY: Are you asking questions to find out what this is?

TWIRTIES HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUP (20's & 30's) meets from 7:30-9pm each Wednesday. The group is currently studying a DVD video series by R.C. Sproul entitled *Defending Your Faith: An Overview of Classical Apologetics*. If you are interested, contact Hazel Kuehn at loringafb89@gmail.com or Alan Hicks at alan.hicks617@gmail.com.

FROM DUST TO GLORY SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY meets weekly on Sunday evenings at the home of Mark and Diane Zobrosky. We are studying the series *From Dust to Glory* by RC Sproul. This a video and study that is a systematic study from Genesis to Revelation. Please contact John DeBoer (251-4603) or Mark Zobrosky (253-6926) if you have questions.

2ND ANNUAL JR BARNES MEMORIAL CAMPOUT will be held August 11-14. This trip is open to MS and HS-ers and their dads as well as any other men who would like to join us. Cost is \$40 per person with a \$100 max for each family. Bring orange soda pop and sunscreen.

SUMMER SMALL GROUP. The Plybons are hosting a small group Bible Study on Sunday nights at 6:30 at their home. This summer they are studying the book of Colossians. Contact Jim or Claudia at 996-0785 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS The High School Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 28-30 at the Vineyard. Please mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this weekend.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: There are a few spots still available for the 2011-2012 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online at www.gracehousepreschool.org.

REDEEMER SCHOOL has limited student openings (K-8) for the 2011-2012 school year. For more information about enrollment, call the school office at 724-9460.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Joan Dalton (8/1); Craig Mainhart (8/2); Jeff Greene (8/3); Jen Rhoades (8/5); Charis Banks (8/6).

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.

Father,
What we know not, teach us;
What we have not, give us;
And what we are not, make us.
For your Son's sake,
Amen
—Alistair Begg—

OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Coordinator: Gail Adams • Nursery Scheduler: Christy Ogburn

Date	Infants	Walkers	Children's Church
TODAY	Glenn Hart Paige Baum	Jack & Amanda Goode	July 2/3 Mona Underhill & Melissa Mainhart 4/K Chris DeBoer & Ethan DeBoer
Aug 7	Laura Devonmille Julie Collins	Gary & Alice Wall	
Aug 14	Tammy Irvin Tristan Irvin		Aug 2/3 Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene 4/K Dave & Danielle Wiebking
Aug 21	Thomas & Jean Klinkert	Gail Kuehn Hazel Kuehn	

Ushers

Hugh Smith Ben Banks
Dave Collins Doug Sonnenburg
Matt Lievens Jim Dougherty

Greeters

July: Mainhart
Aug: Plybon
September: Jewell

Elder Prayer Rotation

August: Jim Plybon
September: Doug Jewell

Rapid Visitation

July: Kaye Glore
August: Kristi Maier

Deacon

July 31	Aug 7	Aug 14
Jim Dougherty	David Collins	Joe Dell'Arena

Worship Team

Michael Kuehn, Tim Irvin, Scott Plybon, Catherine Edwards, Jodi Pardue, Rick Young

Our Church Officers

Session: Don Bechtold, Randy Edwards, Matt Lievens, Jim Plybon, Wynn Baum, and John DeBoer
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 9am 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	General Fund				
	2011 General Fund Budget \$323,870				
		budget	contributions	expenses	needed to meet expenses
	MTD July 25	\$26,990	\$29,048	\$25,280	(\$2,058)
	YTD	\$188,930	\$184,003	\$184,647	\$4,927
Building		Missions			
MTD July 25	\$100	MTD July 25	\$291		
YTD	\$380	YTD	\$3,863		



For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

July 31, 2011

“If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you.’ This is not because we can merit mercy by mercy or forgiveness by forgiveness, but because we cannot receive the mercy and forgiveness of God unless we repent, and we cannot claim to have repented of *our* sins if we are unmerciful towards the sins of *others*. Nothing moves us to forgive like the wondering knowledge that we have ourselves been forgiven. Nothing proves more clearly that we have been forgiven than our own readiness to forgive. To forgive and to be forgiven, to show mercy and to receive mercy: these belong indissolubly together, as Jesus illustrated in his parable of the unmerciful servant. Or, interpreted in the context of the beatitudes, it is 'the meek' who are also 'the merciful'. For to be meek is to acknowledge to others that *we* are sinners; to be merciful is to have compassion on others, for *they* are sinners, too.”

Sinclair Ferguson *The Sermon on the Mount*

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

Sing to the King

WELCOME!

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 31

Q83. What are the keys of the kingdom?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance.

Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers. Matt. 16:19; John 20:22-23

Q84. How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

A. According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them.

God’s judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony. Matt. 16:19; John 3:31-36; 20:21-23

Q85. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ: Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and after repeated and loving counsel refuse to abandon their errors and wickedness, and after being reported to the church, that is, to its officers, fail to respond also to their admonition—such persons the officers exclude from the Christian fellowship by withholding the sacraments from them, and God himself excludes them from the kingdom of Christ. Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church.

Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:3-5, 11-13; 2 Thess. 3:14-15 Luke 15:20-24; 2 Cor. 2:6-11

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

WORSHIP IN SONG

Thy Mercy My God

All I Owe

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Don Bechtold

Mountains of Mercy

During the summer following the Offering, children will be dismissed. Nursery is available for children under two. Children three years of age through kindergarten may go to Children’s Church.

RENEWAL

GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Bechtold

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

Matthew 5:1-10

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON

Blessed are the Merciful

Pastor Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church†, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* By this we mean that Jesus experienced the full condemnation and wrath of God on the cross.

† “catholic” or “universal”: the church in every place and time.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

MERCY MINISTRIES OFFERING

We Will Dance

BENEDICTION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today we receive the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all Christians who both profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and who are baptized members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to participate and to receive the Lord’s Supper. If you are unable to receive the Lord’s Supper today, please use this time as a time of reflection. Regardless of whether you are able to receive the elements today, you are invited forward to be prayed for by the elders who will be stationed on either side at the front of the sanctuary.

SERMON NOTES

...Wait—No one? Really? If your birthday is this week and you don’t see it announced here, that’s because ***we don’t know when it is!*** We’d love to include everyone, not only members but also regular attenders, in this aspect of community-building. Please contact Carla so she can update

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