

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE COMMUNITY begins today in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Please note on your calendars that we are hosting Family Promise on October 23-29.

VISION MEETING: The Leadership has been evaluating our vision, and need your help. Please make plans to attend one of two upcoming meetings in which you may provide insight, feedback, and input as GPC makes plans for the future. Meetings will be held on Sept 7 at 7pm and Sept 11 at 2pm. Childcare is available for those who RSVP to info@gracekernersville.org.

TODAY we celebrate the start of our new Children's Ministry name and purpose: **SYNERGY—**

So You Nurture, Engage and Reach Grace's Youngest. It's not too late to join our team. You can participate in our meetings or make yourself available to substitute teach. There is room for you to participate in our Children's Worship program as well as Wednesday Night program. Participation in the nursery rotation is also a way to minister to our **very youngest** here at Grace. "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY is **TODAY** following the worship service. Join us for subs and sides and enjoy getting to know one another. If regular attenders and members could bring chips and sides, that would be great. The church will supply the subs and drinks. ***Whether you bring anything or not, please come and join the party!***

URGENT HELP NEEDED WITH FAMILY PROMISE: Manpower is needed for a recently scheduled week of Family Promise at First Baptist Church on Oakhurst Drive in Kernersville (Sept 11-18). First Baptist will have already just hosted the previous week and will be taking on an extra week. The specific needs are for Evening Hosts from 5:15–9pm, and Overnight Hosts from 9pm–6am. If you can help, call Debbi Butner at 336-245-1807. She needs to have commitments by Sept 6.

ROOTED IN GRACE is our semi-annual inquirer's and membership class. If you would like to become a member of GPC or if you would like to learn more about GPC, **please join us on September 9 and 10th.** This class is open for 5th graders through adults.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Nominations for the offices of elder and deacon are being received. Please prayerfully consider whom God is calling and whether he is calling you. Information about the nominations process and qualifications are on the nomination's form.

CHORAL OPPORTUNITY: We are forming a choir! This opportunity is open for anyone in high school or older and at any level of experience. For more information or to sign up please contact Michael Kuehn (eventhieves@gmail.com). We will be meeting very soon to discuss our first performance which will take place during the Thanksgiving holiday season.

PROMOTION SUNDAY is **TODAY**. Sunday School will be open house style and the worship service will be followed by a Friendship Sunday covered dish (see above).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES KICK-OFF: 6pm, Sept 21. Chicken Baked Ziti and Salad; cost \$3/person, max \$12/family. Must RSVP by noon Tues, Sept 20. Find out more about what's going on at Grace this fall!

LEMONADE FOR HEROS: 10am–11am Monday, Sept 12. Grace House Preschool will take this opportunity to honor law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs, and Veterans by serving free lemonade.

L.I.F.E. FALL BRUNCH: 10am–noon @ the Bechtolds' Saturday, Sept 24. Ladies, please bring a brunch dish or bread to share. Sign up at the greeter's desk or church office to let us know you are coming and what you will bring. For more information, call Randi Bechtold, 841 Lisa Run Ct, Kernersville (655-0491).

GHP CONSIGNMENT SALE will be September 16 & 17. Please check the preschool table or website (www.gracehousepreschool.org) for more information. A lot of volunteers will be needed! If you can help please sign up on the board in the preschool entrance hallway or contact Danielle Wiebking.

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.

FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER: Would you like a 1 in 300 chance to win a brand new car? It's true!

Family Promises' fall fundraiser, "Drive Out Homelessness" is giving away a 2012 Chevy Cruze! On October 29, 2011 the evening will begin with dinner, a silent auction and culminate in a reverse car raffle, where the last ticket remaining wins a 2012 Chevrolet Cruze, supplied by Parks Chevrolet, Kernersville. Tickets for the car raffle are \$100 per ticket and include dinner and the silent auction. You may purchase them from Joe Dell'Arena directly. Tickets for the dinner/silent auction only are \$20 per ticket. Spread the word to neighbors and coworkers alike.

TOUR TO TANGLEWOOD: Two of our number are riding the Tour this year on Sept 17-18. Consider supporting Doug Sonnenburg or Dave Wiebking in their effort to raise money to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. If interested please visit nmss.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Kay Gloré (8/30); Madelyn Pardue (9/1); Laura Devonmille (9/3).

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

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OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Coordinator: Gail Adams • Nursery Scheduler: Christy Ogburn

Date	Walkers	2-year-olds	Children's Church
TODAY	Alan & Tammy Cables	Helen Libby Charity Potts	
Aug			2/3 Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene 4/K Dave & Danielle Wiebking
Sep 4	Matt Lievens Carter Lievens	TBD Grayson Lievens	
Sep 11	Mark & Kristi Maier	Kevin & Brea McClain	Sept 3-4yrs Joe Dell'Arena and Debbie Potts K-2nd Janice/Carter/Grayson Lievens 3th-5th Larry and Darlene Clagett
Sep 18	Coulson & Mimi Mucher	Chris & Christy Ogburn	

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

Elder Prayer Rotation	Rapid Visitation
September: Doug Jewell	August: Kristi Maier
October: Matt Lievens	September: Claudia Plybon

Deacon		
Today	Sept 4	Sept 11
Chad Sapp	Jim Dougherty	David Collins

Worship Team
Wynn Baum, Chris Hicks, Michael Kuehn, John Devonmille, Lee Adams, Kim Baum, Lori Dell'Arena, Cheryl Voss

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

Weekly Financial Summary	General Fund				
	2011 General Fund Budget \$323,870				
		budget	contributions	expenses	needed to meet expenses
	MTD Aug 23	\$ 26,990	\$ 15,687	\$ 21,052	\$ 11,303
	YTD	\$ 215,920	\$ 204,283	\$ 209,623	\$ 11,677
	Building		Missions		
MTD Aug 23	\$ 50	MTD Aug 23	\$ 573		
YTD	\$ 430	YTD	\$ 4,486		



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.

August 28, 2011

"Suffering, then, is the badge of true discipleship. The disciple is not above his master. Following Christ means *passio passiva*, suffering because we have to suffer. That is why Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true Church, and one of the memoranda drawn up in preparation for the Augsburg Confession similarly defines the Church as the community of those 'who are persecuted and martyred for the gospel's sake'...Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering of Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer. In fact, it is a joy and a token of his grace."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Since all the beatitudes describe what every Christian disciple is intended to be, we conclude that the condition of being despised and rejected, slandered and persecuted, is as much a normal mark of Christian discipleship as being pure in heart or merciful."

John Stott

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

PRELUDE

Arise My Soul Arise

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 35

Q96. What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

A. That we in no way make any image of God nor worship him in any other way than he has commanded in his Word.

Deut. 4:15-19; Isa. 40:18-25; Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:22-23 Lev. 10:1-7; 1 Sam. 15:22-23; John 4:23-24

Q97. May we then not make any image at all?

A. God can not and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them. Ex. 34:13-14, 17; 2 Kings 18:4-5

Q98. But may not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned?

A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God. He wants his people instructed by the living preaching of his Word—not by idols that cannot even talk.

Rom. 10:14-15, 17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19; Jer. 10:8; Hab. 2:18-20

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

PRAISE

WORSHIP IN SONG

Prince of Peace

All Creatures of Our God and King

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Larry Clagett

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Following the Offering, children will be dismissed. Nursery is available for children two years and under. Children three years of age through fifth grade may go to Children's Church.

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.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON

Blessed are the Persecuted

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.

RESPONSE, CONTINUED

THE LORD'S SUPPER

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)

MERCY MINISTRIES OFFERING

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

BENEDICTION

Word of the Day

crambe repetita: [LATIN] warmed-over cabbage; hence used proverbially for any tedious repetition of a truism, an old story, etc.

This may seem to describe our bulletin announcements for the past few months; but it's a new year, and there is much going on. Please take a few minutes to see what's happening and where you might find your place.

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.

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