

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE COMMUNITY each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15. We conclude our study on Mark next week and will begin Resolving Everyday Conflict on November 27.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Mark your calendars, we are hosting the following weeks of the first half of 2012: Feb 5-12, Apr 8-15, and June 10-17.

ROBINWOOD THANKSGIVING FEAST is scheduled for TODAY. Servers, arrive at 4:45.

IDENTITY AND PURPOSE MEETING on November 14 from 7-8pm. We are continuing our discussion and working on a distilled vision and purpose for GPC. You do not have to have attended a previous meeting, but please let Randy know you are coming.

MIDDLE-SCHOOL GET-TOGETHER: Movie night at the Potts' home on Sat Nov 19 @ 6:30 pm. Everyone, please bring a snack to share.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: We rehearse every other week and our next rehearsals are **Nov 14** from 8-9pm and Nov 28 at the building. For more information or to sign up please contact Michael Kuehn (eventhieves@gmail.com).

VITAMIN DRIVE The mission committee would like to raise awareness regarding the care and needs of orphans world-wide and allow the congregation of Grace to be involved runs for the entire month of November. Hard chewable vitamins are needed to supplement the feeding programs provided by Vision Trust International. Keep this in mind as you shop over the next few weeks and be prepared to help. Boxes will be placed in the foyer to collect the vitamins.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES continue from 6 to 7:30 pm each Wednesday this fall. Join us for Women's Bible Study, MS Youth, Primary age activities, and Pre-K Groups. Nursery is provided.

LADIES' PRAYER MEETING: Please join us for a women's prayer/bible study. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Baum 336-210-6899.

HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP will be helping serve at Robinwood this afternoon.

GPC TURKEY SHOOT (no, not the pastor). We're shooting for Nov 19. 9:30 we will practice, 10:30 will be an open class, and the final round will be with .22 at 11:30. Aim to be there. This event targets both men and women. If you can contribute .22 cartridges that would be great. Join us for the fun and fellowship. Talk with Dale Underhill if you have questions.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY Join us for friendship Sunday on Nov 20 following the worship service. A-M please bring side dishes and N-Z please bring desserts. Donations will be accepted, and please invite your friends.

POINSETTIA SALE If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, or would simply like to help make the sanctuary festive, fill out an order form and turn in with your check. Cost is \$8 for one plant or \$15 for two.

REDEEMER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Redeemer School will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, November 15th from 9:15-10:30am. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our philosophy and TK-8 curriculum as well as take a tour and receive information about enrollment. Please contact the school at 336-724-9460 to RSVP or to request more information.

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY NEEDS volunteers in all areas. Please contact Vicki Jones for more information or a no-obligation tour at 724-7875, ext 1043 or voluneer@crisiscontrol.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Diane Zobrosky (11/13); Noah Greene (11/16); Stella Johnsen (11/19).

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	Joan Dalton Sky Smith	Sarah Hicks Jacob Pardue	Nov 3/4yr Mike Lis & Mona Underhill K-2nd Clay & Nicole Howard 3th-5th Ted & Amy Mead
Nov 20	Jennifer Edwards Catherine Edwards	Jack & Amanda Goode	
Nov 27	Jeff Greene Laura Devonmille	Glen Hart Cara Mead	Dec 3/4yr Chris DeBoer & Ethan DeBoer K-2nd Karl & Mary Freeman 3th-5th Larry & Darlene Clagett
Dec 4	Doug & Nancy Jewell	Nick & Andrea Johnsen	

Ushers	Greeters
Hugh Smith Ben Banks	November: Jewells
Dave Collins Doug Sonnenburg	December: Plybons
Matt Lievens Jim Dougherty	January: Bechtolds

Elder Prayer Rotation	Rapid Visitation
November: Don Bechtold	November: Amy Mead
December: Larry Clagett	December: Kay Glore

Deacon		
Today	Nov 27	Dec 4
Jim Dougherty	David Collins	Joe Dell'Arena

Worship Team
Michael Kuehn, Tim Irvin, Kristin Dougherty, Kim Lis, 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 Nov 7	\$ 26,990	\$ 11,340	\$ 10,533	\$ 15,650
	YTD	\$ 296,890	\$ 295,175	\$ 281,603	\$ 1,715
Building		Missions			
MTD Nov 7	\$ 0	MTD Nov 7	\$ 958		
YTD	\$ 480	YTD	\$ 6,698		



For the grace of God that brings salvation
has appeared to all men.

November 13, 2011

"How can you live with the terrifying thought that the hurricane has become human, that fire has become flesh, that life itself became life and walked in our midst? Christianity either means that, or it means nothing. It is either the most devastating disclosure of the deepest reality of the world, or it is a sham, a nonsense, a bit of deceitful playacting. Most of us, unable to cope with saying either of those things, condemn ourselves to live in the shallow world in between."

He's right. I believe you'll see that in the end you can't simply like anybody who makes claims like those of Jesus. Either he's a wicked liar or a crazy person and you should have nothing to do with him, or he is who he says he is and your life has to revolve around him and you have to throw everything at his feet and say, 'Command me.'"

N.T. Wright, quoted by Timothy Keller, *King's Cross*

"...for whatever reason God chose to make man as he is—limited and suffering and subject to sorrows and death—he [God] had the honesty and the courage to take his own medicine. Whatever game he is playing with his creation, he has kept his own rules and played fair. He can exact nothing from man that he has not exacted from himself. He has himself gone through the whole of human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work, lack of money, the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair, and death. When he was a man, he played the man."

Dorothy Sayers, *The Whimsical Christian*

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

His Love Can Never Fail

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 46

Q120. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

A. At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith. Matt. 7:9-11; Luke 11:11-13

Q121. Why the words "in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from his almighty power.

Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-25; Matt. 6:25-34; Rom. 8:31-32

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN SONG

Psalms 130

Mountains of Mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

(by a member of Grace)

Almighty God, I come before you broken and in deep need. So much of my time is consumed with trying to manage and control my daily life, and because of that I have lost my childlike trust in your provision. In my heart I know that you take care of us and our every need, but it is hard for me to live that way. I want to live wholly in faith, I want to pray constantly, I want to walk with you and know you as the bridegroom you are. But each day I see that I am not a fitting bride. Lord, I confess again my sins against you and my neighbor, and hold on tightly to the promise that I am clothed in righteousness through the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, and made blameless in your sight. By your grace and love so rich and free, have mercy on me.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE PARDON

Revelation 21:1-4

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

With All My Heart

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

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

Genesis 32:1-21

Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ² When Jacob saw them, he said, “This is the camp of God!” So he named that place Mahanaim.

³ Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. ⁴ He instructed them: “This is what you are to say to my lord Esau: ‘Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now. ⁵ I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, male and female servants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.’”

⁶ When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, “We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.”

⁷ In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. ⁸ He thought, “If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape.”

⁹ Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’ ¹⁰ I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. ¹¹ Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. ¹² But you have said, ‘I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.’”

¹³ He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: ¹⁴ two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵ thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶ He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, “Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds.”

¹⁷ He instructed the one in the lead: “When my brother Esau meets you and asks, ‘Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?’ ¹⁸ then you are to say, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.’”

¹⁹ He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: “You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. ²⁰ And be sure to say, ‘Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.’” For he thought, “I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me.” ²¹ So Jacob’s gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

RENEWAL, CONTINUED

SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

“The Gospel According to Jacob: Facing His Fear”

RESPONSE

SONG FOR REFLECTION

All I Owe

And all I owe you paid for me

From all I owe I've been set free

And all I owe proves your great mercy to me

Sing

BENEDICTION

FOR REFLECTION

“I’ve been reading Alexander Whyte...He brought me violently face to face with a characteristic of Puritanism which I had almost forgotten. For him, one essential symptom of the regenerate life is a permanent, and permanently horrified, perception of one’s natural and (it seems) unalterable corruption. The true Christian’s nostril is to be continually attentive to the inner cesspool.”

C.S.Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*, chap. 18, para. 13, pp. 97-98

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