

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD’S SUPPER CHANGE: The Session has postponed celebration of the Lord’s Supper from January 29 to February 5.

HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP TONIGHT at the Edwards’ from 6-8pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES continue each week through the Winter from 6-7:30 pm with activities for: Middle School, Primary Ages, Preschool, and Women’s Bible Study; nursery is provided.

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY and help clean out your closets. The Collins girls will be going on a medical missions trip to the Dominican Republic the first week of March. You can participate with them by donating ☺ your Happy Meal type toys (ie small) in the marked bin underneath the Children’s Ministry bulletin board by the children’s wing.

GHP FALL ENROLLMENT 2012-2013 will begin February 6. There are registration forms on both the greeter and children’s wing tables as well as at www.gracehousepreschool.org.

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.

MISSIONS SUNDAY: Mark your calendars for February 18-19.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED: GPC will be hosting a seven week study on the meaning of Christianity beginning in mid-February and continuing through the end of March. This study is an excellent introduction or re-introduction to the basic tenets of Christianity. This is an open study to any who are interested in learning more. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please let Pastor Randy know.

SMALL GROUP studying Romans 5-8 meeting at the Plybons, Sundays 6:00–7:30, and you’re invited. Call Jim or Claudia for more information 996-0785.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event of bad weather, please be sure to check WXII, the church website, or any of our social network updates.

REDEEMER SCHOOL PRIORITY ENROLLMENT: January 31st is the deadline for priority applications for enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. Reduced member tuition rates, scholarships and tuition assistance funds may also be available. If you are interested in your TK-8th grade child enjoying a personal and enriching learning experience, please check out our website (www.redeemerschool.org) or call (724-9460) for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Doug Sonnenburg (1/24); Hugh Smith (1/26); Hazel Ellis (1/26); Anna Norman (1/27); Victoria Goode (1/27).

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	Mike & Jen Rhoades	Katie Sanders Jessica Moore	<u>Jan</u> 3/4yr Joe DellArena and Debbie Potts K-2 nd Janice Lievens, Carter and Grayson Lievens 3 rd -5 th Dave and Danielle Wiebking
Jan 29	Stanley & Kem Schaeffer	Chad & Beth Sapp	
Feb 5	Mike Trant Charity Potts	Gary & Alice Wall	<u>Feb</u> 3/4yr Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene K-2 nd Clay & Nicole Howard 3 rd -5 th Ted & Amy Mead
Feb 12	Kelly Young Judy Young	Ben & Suzan Banks	

Ushers		Greeters	
Hugh Smith	Ben Banks	January: Bechtolds	
Dave Collins	Doug Sonnenburg	February: Mainharts	
Matt Lievens	Jim Dougherty	March: Jewells	

Elder Prayer Rotation		Rapid Visitation	
January: Doug Jewell		January: Claudia Plybon	
February: Matt Lievens		February: Mimi Mucher	

Deacon		
Today	Jan 29	Feb 5
Chad Sapp	Jim Dougherty	David Collins

Worship Team	
Michael Kuehn, Taylor Bechtold, Zoo, Anna Norman, Catherine Edwards, Tim Irvin	

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 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

General Fund						
2012 General Fund Budget \$346,722						
Weekly Financial Summary	January 17	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet expenses	
	MTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 14,530	\$ 17,180	\$ 14,364	
	YTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 14,530	\$ 17,180	\$ 14,364	
	Building		Missions			
	MTD	\$ 50	MTD	\$ 999		
	YTD	\$ 50	YTD	\$ 999		

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into: a community that worships, a community that witnesses, and a community that walks in love.

January 22, 2012

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.
—Martin Luther

Jesus, who unites such apparent extremes of character into such an integrated and balanced whole, demands an extreme response from every one of us. He forces our hand at every turn in the story. This man who throws open the gates of his kingdom to everyone, then warns the most devout insiders that their standing in the kingdom is in jeopardy without fruitfulness, is forever closing down our options. This man who can be weakened by a touch in a crowd on his way to bring a little girl back from the dead is a man you dare not tear your eyes from. (And we haven’t even yet witnessed the true depths of his restraint or the heights of his power.) He is both the rest and the storm, both the victim and the wielder of the flaming sword, and you must accept him or reject him on the basis of both. Either you’ll have to kill him or you’ll have to crown him. The one thing you can’t do is just say, “What an interesting guy.”

Timothy Keller, *King’s Cross*

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

Come Ye Sinners

WELCOME!

Doug Jewell

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 4

Q9. But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

A. No, God created humans with the ability to keep the law. They, however, tempted by the devil, in reckless disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.

Gen. 1:31; Eph. 4:24; Gen. 3:13; John 8:44; Gen. 3:6; Rom. 5:12, 18, 19

Q10. Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. He is terribly angry about the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge he punishes them now and in eternity. He has declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.

Ex. 34:7; Ps. 5:4-6; Nah. 1:2; Rom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6; Heb. 9:27; Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26

Q11. But isn't God also merciful?

A. God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty: eternal punishment of body and soul.

Ex. 34:6-7; Ps. 103:8-9; Ex. 34:7; Deut. 7:9-11; Ps. 5:4-6; Heb. 10:30-31; Matt. 25:35-46

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

*And Can It Be
Blessed Be Your Name*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(by a member of Grace)

Heavenly Father, all week long, I think of what I do and what others *don't* do. I imagine that I am being used and taken advantage of. When I consider what I am not doing, I make excuses and try to satisfy my guilty conscience with reasons why I have no choice to do what I know I shouldn't. In reality, Father, I imagine the same things about you. I imagine you treat me poorly, expect too much from me, offer me no help, or could not possibly mean what you say. I do this because I want to be the judge. I want to pardon myself and prosecute others. Please forgive me when I presume to judge you by my standards of goodness and justice. This is sin. Truly, you are the only just judge, you are the only one who sees the motives of the heart, and only from you do we know righteousness and goodness. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints—but let them not return to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet

together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

RECOGNIZING THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Matt Lievens

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Children's Handbell Choir

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

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.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 7:1-16

Whenever I would heal Israel,
the sins of Ephraim are exposed
and the crimes of Samaria revealed.

They practice deceit,
thieves break into houses,
bandits rob in the streets;
² but they do not realize
that I remember all their evil deeds.

Their sins engulf them;
they are always before me.

³ "They delight the king with their wickedness,
the princes with their lies.

⁴ They are all adulterers,
burning like an oven
whose fire the baker need not stir

from the kneading of the dough till it rises.

⁵ On the day of the festival of our king
the princes become inflamed with wine,
and he joins hands with the mockers.

⁶ Their hearts are like an oven;
they approach him with intrigue.

Their passion smolders all night;
in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire.

⁷ All of them are hot as an oven;

they devour their rulers.
All their kings fall,
and none of them calls on me.

⁸ "Ephraim mixes with the nations;
Ephraim is a flat cake not turned over.

⁹ Foreigners sap his strength,
but he does not realize it.

His hair is sprinkled with gray,
but he does not notice.

¹⁰ Israel's arrogance testifies against him,
but despite all this

he does not return to the LORD his God
or search for him.

¹¹ "Ephraim is like a dove,
easily deceived and senseless—

now calling to Egypt,
now turning to Assyria.

¹² When they go, I will throw my net over them;
I will pull them down like birds of the air.

When I hear them flocking together,
I will catch them.

¹³ Woe to them,
because they have strayed from me!

Destruction to them,
because they have rebelled against me!

I long to redeem them
but they speak lies against me.

¹⁴ They do not cry out to me from their hearts
but wail upon their beds.

They gather together for grain and new wine
but turn away from me.

¹⁵ I trained them and strengthened them,
but they plot evil against me.

¹⁶ They do not turn to the Most High;
they are like a faulty bow.

Their leaders will fall by the sword
because of their insolent words.

For this they will be ridiculed
in the land of Egypt.

SERMON

Reverend Jeremy Sink

RESPONSE

All I Owe

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

BENEDICTION