

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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](http://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.

**BABY SHOWER:** A "Sip-N-See" for Sarah Sexton and Baby Solomon will be held 2-4pm on Saturday, February 4 at the home of Suzan Banks (279 Weatherfield Lane). A Sip-N-See is basically a baby shower (just with the baby present). Please join us as we celebrate Sarah and Solomon!

**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](http://www.redeemerschool.org)) or call (724-9460) for more information.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Matt Lievens (1/31); Chris DeBoer (2/2); Mike Lis (2/4).

## MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

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[gracekernersville.org](http://gracekernersville.org)

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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	Stanley & Kem Schaeffer	Chad & Beth Sapp	<u>Jan</u> 3/4yr Joe DellArena and Debbie Potts K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Janice Lievens, Carter and Grayson Lievens
Feb 5	Mike Trant Charity Potts	Gary & Alice Wall	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Dave and Danielle Wiebking
Feb 12	Kelly Young Judy Young	Ben & Suzan Banks	<u>Feb</u> 3/4yr Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene K-2 <sup>nd</sup> Clay & Nicole Howard
Feb 19	Don & Randi Bechtold	Alan & Tammy Cables	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Ted & Amy Mead

### Ushers

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

### Greeters

### Elder Prayer Rotation

January: Doug Jewell	January: Claudia Plybon
February: Matt Lievens	February: Mimi Mucher

### Rapid Visitation

### Deacon

Today	Feb 5	Feb 12
Jim Dougherty	David Collins	Joe Dell' Arena

### Worship Team

Zach DeBoer, Michael Kuehn, Carla Collins, 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 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				
	2012 General Fund Budget \$346,722				
	January 25	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet expenses
	MTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 19,198	\$ 18,532	\$ 9,696
	YTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 19,198	\$ 18,532	\$ 9,696
	Building		Missions		
	MTD	\$ 50		MTD	\$ 1,099
	YTD	\$ 50		YTD	\$ 1,099

# 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 29, 2012

Each morning is a new beginning of our life. Each day is a finished whole. The present day marks the boundary of our cares and concerns. It is long enough to find God or lose Him, to keep faith or fall into disgrace.

God created day and night for us so we need not wander without boundaries, but may be able to see in every morning the goal of the evening ahead.

Just as the ancient sun rises anew everyday, so the eternal mercy of God is new every morning.

Every morning God gives us the gift of comprehending anew His faithfulness of old; thus in the midst of our life with God, we may daily begin a new life with Him. In the first moments of the new day are for God's liberating grace, God's sanctifying presence. Before the heart unlocks itself for the world, God wants to open it for Himself; before the ear takes in the countless voices of the day, it should hear in the early hours the voice of the Creator and Redeemer. God prepared the stillness of the first morning for Himself. It should remain His.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## 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

*Just As I Am*

### 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 5*

*Q12. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?*

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.**

Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11; Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

*Q13. Can we pay this debt ourselves?*

**A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.**

Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

*Q14. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?*

**A. No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.**

Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18; Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

*Q15. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?*

**A. One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17; Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26; Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Not What My Hands Have Done*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

*(by a member of Grace)*

Father, though you are merciful, I realize there is a debt between us that I cannot pay. Your holy justice requires a mediator between God and man, a costly sacrifice that no other creature can satisfy. In order to bring deliverance, I recognize that I am woefully unable to bear this weight as the sinful being I am. My life is clothed as filthy rags which daily are becoming more stained by the guilt of my sin. O Righteous One, I admit that only you can completely be the offering for my sin as you became flesh like us yet lived a perfect and pure life. Please forgive me for my stubbornness and unrepentant heart – one that from the beginning looked to other avenues other than the Word who dwelt among us to pay the penalty of my sins. Today I look only to the name of the Lord in whom there is true deliverance.

#### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

2 Cor. 5:21 and Psalms 130:3-5

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

#### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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

#### 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

*Mark 4:1-20*

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>10</sup> When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that,

“they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,  
and ever hearing but never understanding;  
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? <sup>14</sup> The farmer sows the word. <sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. <sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among

thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.”

#### SERMON

Alan Hicks

## RESPONSE

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,

On Thee, when sorrows rise

On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,

My fainting hope relies

To Thee I tell each rising grief,

For Thou alone canst heal

Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,

For every pain I feel

2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,

I fear to call Thee mine

The springs of comfort seem to fail,

And all my hopes decline

Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?

Thou art my only trust

And still my soul would cleave to Thee

Though prostrate in the dust

3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,

And shall I seek in vain?

And can the ear of sovereign grace,

Be deaf when I complain?

No still the ear of sovereign grace,

Attends the mourner's prayer

Oh may I ever find access,

To breathe my sorrows there

4. Thy mercy seat is open still,

Here let my soul retreat

With humble hope attend Thy will,

And wait beneath Thy feet,

Thy mercy seat is open still,

Here let my soul retreat

With humble hope attend Thy will,

And wait beneath Thy feet

*Rock of Ages*

#### BENEDICTION