

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE STAY AFTER CHURCH TO HELP SET UP FOR FAMILY PROMISE.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: see the statement on the inside page regarding honoring and participating in the sacrament.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES resume next week. We are hosting Family Promise this week; please make yourself available to serve.

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 (i.e. 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: **THIS WEEK**, 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 Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm on the meaning of Christianity The study begins February 15 and continues through March 27. This study is open to anyone looking to learn about the Christian faith or to be renewed in their faith. Please sign up in the foyer.

SMALL GROUP studying Romans 5-8 is 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.

REDEEMER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TOUR: Redeemer School will be holding an Open House/Tour on Saturday, February 11th from 10:00-11:30 AM. We are excited to share more with you about our new Transitional Kindergarten as well as our existing K-8th grades. Please call 724-9460 to RSVP or for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Kevin McClain (2/5); Amelia Trant (2/7); Tony Cables (2/9).

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 Trant Charity Potts	Gary & Alice Wall	Feb 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	
Feb 19	Don & Randi Bechtold	Alan & Tammy Cables	Mar 3/4yr Mike Lis & William Edwards K-2 nd Karl & Mary Freeman 3 rd -5 th Larry & Darlene Clagett
Feb 26	David & Jackie Crowe	Laura Devonmille Jillian Moore	

Ushers

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

Greeters

Elder Prayer Rotation

February: Matt Lievens	February: Mimi Mucher
March: Don Bechtold	March: Amy Mead

Rapid Visitation

Deacon

Today	Feb 12	Feb 19
David Collins	Joe Dell'Arena	Karl Freeman

Worship Team

Michael Kuehn, Tim Irvin, Jodi Pardue, 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, and Karl Freeman

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 27	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet budget
	MTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 26,913	\$ 24,736	\$ 1,981
	YTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 26,913	\$ 24,736	\$ 1,981
	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.

February 5, 2012

Nature is indifferent to you, but Jesus is filled with untamable love for you. If the disciples had really known that Jesus loved them, if they had really understood that he is both powerful and loving, they would not have been scared. Their premise, that if Jesus loved them he wouldn't let bad things happen to them, was wrong. He can love somebody and still let bad things happen to them, because he is God—because he knows better than they do.

If you have a God great enough and powerful enough to be mad at because he doesn't stop your suffering, you also have a God who's great enough and powerful enough to have reasons that you can't understand. You can't have it both ways. My teacher Elisabeth Elliot put it beautifully in two brief sentences: "God is God, and since he is God, he is worthy of my worship and my service. I will find rest nowhere else but in his will, and that will is necessarily infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to." If you're at the mercy of the storm, its power is unmanageable and it doesn't love you. The only place you're safe is in the will of God. But because he's God and you're not, the will of God is necessarily, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond your largest notions of what he is up to. Is he safe? "Of course he's not safe. Who said anything about being safe? But he's good. He's the King."

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

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

WELCOME!

Matt Lievens

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 6

Q16. Why must he be truly human and truly righteous?

A. God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for its sin; but a sinner could never pay for others.

Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16; Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18

Q17. Why must he also be true God?

A. So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life. Isa. 53; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21;

Q.18 And who is this mediator: true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 Cor. 1:30

Q19. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me. God himself began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later, he proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets, and portrayed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; finally, he fulfilled it through his own dear Son.

Gen. 3:15; Gen. 22:18; 49:10; Isa. 53; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1-2; Lev. 1-7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10 Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 2:17

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 107:23-32

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

Psalms 130

Before the Throne of God Above

CONFESSION OF SIN

(by a member of Grace)

I do not know how to approach You, Lord, most holy God. Because of the guilt and stain of my sin, there is no way for me to come before You except through Christ, whose righteousness You have made my own.

I have given myself over to sloth, settled easily into mediocrity, and denied the power of Your Word. All the while, I have not denied myself

the greedy, secret delights that dull my spiritual sensitivities. In my actions, I have mocked or utterly disregarded your indwelling Spirit, and I have exchanged the truth of God for a lie. And all this I do thoughtlessly, and without fighting or resisting. I have walked through my days and carried out my responsibilities with so little faith in You. Instead, I have trusted my sense of well-being to my knowledge and to my reputation while I rest on my spiritual résumé and leave myself open to ruin. I have despised Your Word. I am sorry.

Heavenly Father, God Almighty, you alone are holy and righteous. I have sinned against You in all this, and I am left with no place to stand before You. Help me know to trust in the One who stood in my place and bore the judgment of your wrath on the cross, has secured for me righteousness and life through his resurrection from the dead, and now stands before you interceding for me.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All I Have

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 4:35-5:20

SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

The Gospel According to Mark: Who is this?

RESPONSE

THE APOSTLE'S 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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How Great Thou Art

MERCY MINISTRIES OFFERING

Sing

BENEDICTION

CONCERNING 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 receive the Lord's Supper today. If you are unable to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use this time as a time of reflection.