

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEK @GRACEVILLE** is emailed weekly in order to update you on events taking place in the life of the church. You may sign up to receive this email through the church website. In addition, GPC has a google-groups page through which we post urgent announcements, reminders, and prayer requests. To be added to the list, email info@gracekernersville.org.

**GROW IN GRACE**, our morning learning hour, continues each Sunday at 9:30am. We're beginning a new study on the book *Boundaries* by Cloud and Townsend.

**MINISTRY SURVEY:** Please take a moment to fill out the survey inserted in your bulletin and return to the church office. Extra copies are on the table in the narthex.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP CHILDCARE** In a desire to minister to a greater number of our members during Sunday Night Fellowship, we are looking into providing childcare for children preschool and under. If you would like to participate in an adult Sunday night small group from 6 to 7:30 pm but you need childcare for your preschoolers or younger, please let either Randy or Lori know.

**MEN'S PRAYER** meets Friday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We will begin a Ladies' Bible Study on Wednesday, January 18th at 9:00 am at the home of Janie Hughes 414 Chesham Dr. We will be studying *Children of the Day-I & II Thessalonians* by Beth Moore. Contact Janie if you are interested. 610-703-0049 or jthughes5@gmail.com.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** We will start a new study on 1/18 at Kim Baum's 7-8:30pm. We will use Priscilla Shirer's study, *The Armor of God*. For those interested in purchasing a workbook which greatly enhances the study but is not a necessity, it can be found locally at Lifeway or on line. Please call or text Kim with questions 336-210-6988.

**VBS PLANNING TEAM:** VBS planning will be underway the first of the year. If you would like to be a part of the planning team, please let Lori Dell'Arena know.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FINANCIAL UPDATE** followed by a sandwich lunch. Our annual review of 2016 and 2017 Budget update will be on January 22 following the worship service.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** GPC's annual missions weekend is February 17-19. Our themes is "Just As I Am" and over the weekend we will be hearing about and doing ministry in our communities.

**CRISIS CONTROL DONATION** for the month of January is toilet tissue.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Jack Goode (1/15); Brandon Keener (1/15); Terri Norman (1/16).

**ARE YOU IN A SMALL GROUP?** The following are meeting regularly on:

- Sunday evenings at the Church led by Jim and Claudia Plybon, 336-996-0785.
- Sunday evenings at Don and Randi Bechtold's 841 Lisa Run Court Kernersville, led by Kevin McClain and Don Bechtold, 336-655-0491.
- One Saturday evening a month at the John and Janie Hughes, 414 Chesham Dr. Kernersville led by John Hughes and Wynn Baum, 610-703-0049.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the event of bad weather, we will announce any change in schedule or program via the church's website, social media (facebook and twitter), google-groups page, and/or WXII.

## MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

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## OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

NURSERY SCHEDULE Nursery Scheduler: Lori Dell'Arena			
Date	Infants/Toddlers	2-3 Year Olds	Children's Church
TODAY	Mark & Terrica Smith	Chad & Beth Sapp	<b>January</b> Nursery Coordinator: Brea McClain 4 yr. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Amy and Ted Mead
Jan 22	Dave & Danielle Wiebking	Judy Young Claire Wiebking	
Jan 29	David & Jonathan Collins	Don & Randi Bechtold	<b>February</b> Nursery Coordinator: Mary Freeman 4 yr. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Debbie Potts and Alex Devonmille
Feb 5	David & Jackie Crowe	Joan Dalton Ron Bartoo	

Deacon on Call	Greeters
Jan: Marc Parrell	Jan: John & Janie Hughes
Feb: Karl Freeman	Feb: Rick & Linda Mainhart

Elder Prayer Rotation	Rapid Visitation
Feb: Matt Lievens	Jan: Kay Glore
Feb: Jim Plybon	Feb: Claudia Plybon

Close		
TODAY	Jan 22	Jan 29
Karl Freeman	Jim Dougherty	Marc Parrell

Worship Team
Michael Kuehn, Josh Iley, John Hughes, James Szabela, Lori Dell'Arena, Kim Lis, Jacob Greene

Our Church Officers and Staff
<b>Session:</b> Wynn Baum, Don Bechtold, Randy Edwards, and Jim Plybon
<b>Diaconate:</b> Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, and Marc Parrell
<i>The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9am until noon. Phone 993-1305</i>
Randy Edwards, Pastor/Teacher • ext.11
Lori Dell'Arena, Preschool Director/Children's Ministry Director/Office Manager • ext.12
Michael Kuehn, Worship Leader Bryan Pardue, Youth Ministry Intern

Weekly Financial Summary	General Fund 2016 Budget \$ 368,504				
	Dec 27	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet budget
	MTD	\$ 30,709	\$ 44,972	\$ 27,947	(\$ 14,263)
	YTD	\$ 368,504	\$ 368,893	\$ 353,547	(\$ 389)
	Mortgage Reduction		Missions		
	MTD	\$ 760	MTD	\$ 870	
	YTD	\$ 3,510	YTD	\$ 9,195	
Mortgage Bal:	\$ 760,634				

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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IN LOVE

January 15, 2017

"In our world," said Eustace, "a star is a huge ball of flaming gas."

"Even in your world, my son, that is not what a star is but only what it is made of."

C. S. Lewis, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,  
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven;  
And as imagination bodies forth  
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen  
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing  
A local habitation and a name.

William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?"

Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?"

T.S. Eliot

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.<sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,<sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

**Elder Prayer:** Elders are available to pray with you after the service or if you desire in your home. Please see the pastor to make arrangements.

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

### PRELUDE

*Thy Mercy My God*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 may help you today.*

### OUR HISTORIC FAITH: **HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 3**

The *Heidelberg Catechism* is teaching tool written by two pastors: Zacharias Ursinus and Caspar Olevianus in 1563 and is designed to explain the core of Christian faith over the course of a year. The catechism is divided into three sections: our estate of sin and misery, how one is set free from sin and misery, and how one thanks God for that deliverance.

*Q7. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?*

**A. No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with him in eternal happiness for his praise and glory.**

Gen. 1:31; Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Ps. 8

*Q7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?*

**A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are born sinners, corrupt from conception on.**

Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12, 18-19; Ps. 51:5

*Q8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?*

**A. Yes, unless we are born again, by the Spirit of God.**

Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Isa. 53:6; John 3:3-5

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

*Arise My Soul Arise*

*Sovereign Over Us*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices

and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.

And we have done those things

which we ought not to have done.

And there is no health in us:

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;

Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,

Restore thou them that are penitent,

According to thy promises declared unto mankind

In Christ Jesus our Lord:

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 John 1:6-9

*If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,**

**we have fellowship with one another,**

**and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*If we say we have no sin,*

*we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**If we confess our sins,**

**he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins**

**and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### MISSIONS MINUTE

John Meroni, The Gideons

### WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

*Nursery is available for children three years and under. Children 4 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church in their classroom.*

## RENEWAL

### PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

### SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

The Incarnation: And Dwelt Among Us

## RESPONSE

### RESPONDING IN SONG

*Jesus I Come*

### PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Matt Lievens

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.

### OFFERING

*At this time we will be taking up an offering for our General Fund and for our Missions Faith Fund. If giving cash, please make use of the envelopes in the pew pads to help us direct your gift.*

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

### BENEDICTION