

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE is our E-Newsletter and emailed to your inbox each Wednesday. Subscribe on our church website.

PRAYER REQUESTS are sent out each Sunday afternoon. If you have a prayer request this morning, please text or email Pastor Randy and let him know how you would like your request shared.

SMALL GROUPS If you are interested in participating in a small group, please speak with Pastor Randy or any of these group leaders. Three groups are currently meeting: Tommy and Donna Cox and Jim and Claudia Plybon; Darin and Melanie Stone and Justin and Kenzie Douthit; and Don and Randi Bechtold.

SYNERGY AND YOUTH GROUP are meeting weekly on Sundays. Synergy meets via Zoom at 5 pm, and youth group meets from 6 pm – 7 pm. See Ms. Lori for Synergy details and Darin and Melanie Stone for youth group details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Kenzie Douthit is leading a discussion on Pauline epistles at her home from 9:30-11 on Weds mornings (children are welcome). Janie Hughes continues a seven week, Weds morning study on Elijah at 10am via Zoom. Please speak with Janie about participating and where you may get your study materials.

KERNERSVILLE CAMINO Let's walk through Lent together. Read more in This Week @Grace Kernersville, online at gracekernersville.org/kville-camino, or in Church Center.

NEW GROW IN GRACE continues with a study called Rooted in Grace on the basics of the Christian life and the Reformed tradition. *Rooted in Christ also serves as Grace Kernersville's new members class. If you are interested in becoming a member, please let Pastor Randy know.*

THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service and Livestream (RSVP on Church Center)
- 2:00-4:00pm Kernersville Camino. More info at gracekernersville.churchcenter.com.
- 5:00pm -Synergy via Zoom. See Ms. Lori for details.
- 6:00 -7:00pm Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.
- 6:00-7:00pm Cox-Plybon Small Group
- 6:30-7:30pm Bechtold Small Group

WEDNESDAY, March 3

- 9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study hosted by Kenzie Douthit
- 10:00-11:30am Women's Bible Study on Elijah led by Janie Hughes via Zoom
- 5:00-6:00pm Kernersville Camino Neighborhood Walk. More info in Church Center
- 6:00-7:00pm Douthit and Stone Small Group
- 7:00-7:30pm Wednesday Night Lent Prayer

THURSDAY, March 4

- Noon-1:00pm NEW Lunch with Lewis, *Out of the Silent Planet* via Zoom

FRIDAY, March 5

- 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer via Zoom

SATURDAY, March 6

- 8:00-9:00am Deacon's Meeting

SUNDAY, February 21

- 9:30-10:30am NEW Grow in Grace: Rooted in Grace
- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service and Livestream (RSVP on Church Center)
- 2:00-4:00pm Kernersville Camino Sunday Parks Walk. More info in Church Center
- 5:00pm -Synergy via Zoom. See Ms. Lori for details.
- 6:00 -7:00pm Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.
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OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

WORSHIP TEAM

TODAY Randy Edwards, Karl Freeman, and Patrick Freeman

March 7 John Hughes

March 14 John Hughes

GREETERS, OPEN AND CLOSING

	TODAY	Mar 7	Mar 14
Greeters			
Elder	Gregory Bay Don Bechtold	Jim Plybon Gregory Bay	Don Bechtold Jim Plybon
Deacon on Call	Jim Dougherty	Karl Freeman	John Hughes
Closing Lead	David Collins	Karl Freeman	Jim Dougherty
Close			
Close			

SESSION

Gregory Bay, Don Bechtold, Larry Clagett, Randy Edwards (Moderator), Kevin McClain (Clerk), and Jim Plybon

DIACONATE

David Collins, Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, John Hughes, Doug Jewell (*emeritus*)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, extension 11
Preschool Director, Children's Ministry/Office Manager: Lori Dell'Arena, extension 12

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and Grace House Preschool operations, the availability of staff and access to the church office is dependent upon availability. Please call ahead.

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GPC FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2020	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 311,827	\$ 25,986	\$ 14,818	\$ 21,566	\$ 11,168
Missions	\$ 34,647	\$ 2,887	\$ 1,646	\$ 0	\$ 1,241
Year Total	\$ 346,474	\$ 28,873	\$ 16,464	\$ 21,566	\$ 12,409
Monthly Budget as of February 21, 2021					
	February Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget		
Total	\$ 28,873	\$ 18,016	\$ 10,857		
Designated Funds as of February 21, 2021					
	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance	
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 315	\$ 880	\$ 500	\$ 3,258,555	
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 250	\$ 700	\$ 0	\$ 4,885	
Designated Mortgage Reduction	\$ 150	\$ 400	\$ 250	\$ 257,522	



Worship · Witness · Walk in Love

Grace longs to see the grace of God magnified as He transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

At Grace, we used to work something called the "Tongue Assignment" which was a part of Serge's *Sonship Course*. The Tongue Assignment is an assignment given to help one see how much one talks to preserve or promote their reputation. The assignment is that for one week you *do not*...

1. Gossip (bad report),
2. Complain,
3. Criticize,
4. Blame-shift,
5. Defend yourself,
6. Boast, or
7. Deceive others.

Try it sometime!

CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 40:25, 26

To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name;

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power,

not one is missing.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along

O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O alleluia alleluia alleluia...

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 9

Q26. *What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?*

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Gen. 1 & 2; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15; Ps. 104; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11; John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5; Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25-26; Luke 12:22-31; Rom. 8:28; Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39; Matt. 7:9-11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty Father,

We enter your presence

Confessing the things we try to conceal from you

And the things we try to conceal from others.

We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused:

That make it difficult for others to forgive us,

The times we have made it easy for others to do wrong,

The harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves.

Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – Psalm 103:8, 10-12 (NIV)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross;

There a precious fountain,

Free to all—a healing stream—

Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;

Till my raptured soul shall find

Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,

Love and mercy found me;

There the Bright and Morning Star

Shed its beams around me.

(Refrain)

words Fanny Crosby, 1869 • music William H Doane, 1869

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – James 3:1-12 (ESV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

SERMON Remain Faithful: The Perfect Man

RESPONDING IN SONG

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three-in-one. (x2)

Come with your peace,

With your invitation

Bind us together in Holy love. (x2)

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

BENEDICTION – Romans 15:13 and 5:5

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Great God of Wonders

Great God of wonders! All thy ways

Are matchless, godlike and divine;

But the fair glories of thy grace

More godlike and unrivaled shine

Who is a pardoning God like thee?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

O may this strange, this matchless grace,

This godlike miracle of love,

Fill the whole earth with grateful praise,

And all th’ angelic choirs above.

Who is a pardoning God like thee?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

In wonder lost, with trembling joy

We take the pardon of our God;

Pardon for crimes of deepest dye,

A pardon bought with Jesus’ blood.

Who is a pardoning God like thee?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

Or who has grace so rich and free?

words Samuel Davies • music Randall Edwards