

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. Two groups are currently meeting: Tommy and Donna Cox /Jim and Claudia Plybon; 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.

OUTSIDE CHURCH WORKDAY The Facilities Team has scheduled an outside spring cleanup day for April 10 from 8:00-11:00am. We will be working to spruce up the shrub and flower beds. Bring work gloves, pruning shears, hedge clippers, shovels, and rakes. Remember: many hands make light work!

OUT OF THE GARDEN MOBILE FOOD MARKET April 10 is the 2nd Saturday, and Out of the Garden Project will be at Allen Middle School with their Fresh Mobile Market. Would anyone like to join in serving? Masks are required, and gloves are provided. It's very much a curbside pickup event. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, let Lisa Yee Swope know (717-903-5605). We will meet at Allen Middle School, 1108 Glendale Drive in Greensboro to distribute food between 2-4pm. Plan to arrive promptly to help set up. RSVP in Church Center.

GROWING IN GRACE A NEW Growing in Grace class begins on Sunday, April 18 at 9:30am with a class on the Lives of the Patriarchs from Genesis 12-50 taught by Don Bechtold. The class begins to gather at 9:15am with a meet and greet time and will be offered via Zoom.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Jim Plybon (4/9) **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Matt and Anna Norman

THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service in the Picnic Shelter (RSVP on Church Center)
- 12:00--2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt and Sandwich Lunch

TUESDAY, April 6

- 7:00-8:00pm Christianity Explored via Zoom. More info in Church Center

FRIDAY, April 9

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

SUNDAY, April 11

- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service and Livestream (RSVP on 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.
- 6:00-7:00pm Cox-Plybon Small Group
- 6:30-7:30pm Bechtold Small Group

Our Sunday Servants

Worship Teams

TODAY John Hughes, Patrick Freeman, Karl Freeman,

April 11 John Hughes, Carolyn Clatfelter, Karl Freeman

April 18 John Hughes, Patrick Freeman, Karl Freeman

Greeters, Open and Closing

	TODAY	April 11	April 18
Greeters			
Elders	Don Bechtold Larry Clagett	TBD	TBD
Deacon on Call	Karl Freeman	John Hughes	David Collins

Session

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

Diaconate

David Collins, 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 February 28, 2021

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2020	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 11,827	\$ 51,972	\$ 36,400	\$ 49,667	\$ 15,572
Missions	\$ 34,647	\$ 5,774	\$ 4,044	\$ 4,034	\$ 1,730
Year Total	\$ 346,474	\$ 57,746	\$ 40,444	\$ 53,701	\$ 17,302

Monthly Budget as of March 28, 2021

	March Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget
Total	\$ 28,873	\$ 38,416	(\$ 9,543)

Designated Funds as of March 28, 2021

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 1,465	\$ 2,395	\$ 1,070	\$ 4,085
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 1,625	\$ 2,325	\$ 0	\$ 7,085
Designated Mortgage Reduction	\$ 300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,000	\$ 249,030



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.

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

he has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own:

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP — 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav’ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!

Praise to Thee by both be giv’n: Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

words Charles Wesley, 1739 • music "Easter Hymn", "Llanfair" by Robert Williams

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 14

Q35. What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a

truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

John 1:1; 10:30-36; Acts 13:33 (Ps. 2:7); Col. 1:15-17; 1 John 5:20; Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18-23; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Matt. 1:1; Rom. 1:3; Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 4:15; 7:26-27

Q36. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin—mine since I was conceived.

1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 9:13-15; Rom. 8:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:18-19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

In Christ Alone	
In Christ alone my hope is found	There in the ground His body lay
He is my light my strength my song	Light of the world by darkness slain
This Cornerstone this solid Ground	Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm	Up from the grave He rose again
What heights of love what depths of peace	And as He stands in victory
When fears are stilled when strivings cease	Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
My Comforter my All in All	For I am His and He is mine
Here in the love of Christ I stand	Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone who took on flesh	No guilt in life no fear in death
Fullness of God in helpless babe	This is the power of Christ in me
This gift of love and righteousness	From life's first cry to final breath
Scorned by the ones He came to save	Jesus commands my destiny
Till on that cross as Jesus died	*No power of hell no scheme of man
The wrath of God was satisfied	Can ever pluck me from His hand
For every sin on Him was laid	Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the death of Christ I live	Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – James 5:7-12 (ESV)

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

SERMON Remain Faithful: Waiting Words

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8 (ESV)

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Behold the Lamb	
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away	The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Slain for us, and we remember	Shed for you, drink and remember
The promise made that all who come in faith	He drained death's cup that all may enter in
Find forgiveness at the cross	To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life	So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice	And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace	As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King	Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ	And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
Torn for you, eat and remember	To respond, and to remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life	Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
Paid the price to make us one	As His body here on earth
So we share in this Bread of Life	As we share in His suffering
And we drink of His sacrifice	We proclaim Christ will come again
As a sign of our bonds of love	And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King	Around the table of the King

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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.

We Will Dance

Sing a song of celebration
Lift up a shout of praise
For the bridegroom will come
The glorious One and oh
We will look on His face
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
For the time's drawing near
When He will appear
And oh we will stand by His side
A strong pure spotless bride

And we will dance on streets that are golden
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man
From ev'ry tongue and tribe and nation
We'll join in the song of the Lamb

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(women echo)
Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near
The risen King our groom is soon to appear
The wedding feast to come
Is now near at hand
Lift up your voice
Proclaim the coming Lamb
We will dance on streets that are golden
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We will dance on streets that are golden,
The glorious bride, and the great Son of Man.
From every tongue and tribe and nation
We'll join in the song of the Lamb.