

## Announcements

**DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP AND ADJACE** from your handheld device's app store to register for services, view the church calendar, or make online donations. **ADJACE** is our on-line directory. With your account you can view the directory and change your maintain your contact info. If you have any questions, please speak with the church office.

**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.

**GROWING IN GRACE:** Growing in Grace class each Sunday morning 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 is offered via Zoom.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** continues each week from 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The study is on 1 Timothy. See Carla Collins for more details.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** is this Thursday, May 6. The Kernersville Christian Ministers Fellowship will be leading a lunch time prayer gather in Harmon Park from Noon to 1pm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Sadie Ogburn (5/2), Carol Vincent (5/2), Grier Ogburn (5/6), and Hannah Lis (5/6).

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: The Patriarchs
- 11:00-12:00pm Worship Service in the Picnic Shelter (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

### TUESDAY, May 4

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

### WEDNESDAY, May 5

- 7:00-8:30pm Women's Bible Study on 1 Timothy (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY, May 6

- 12:00-1:00pm KCMF National Day of Prayer in Harmon Park

### FRIDAY, May 7

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

### FRIDAY, May 8

- 2:00pm Out of the Garden Project at Allen Middle School (gracekernersville.churchcenter.com)

### SUNDAY, May 9

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## Our Sunday Servants

### Worship Teams

**TODAY** John Hughes, Patrick Freeman, Karl Freeman

**May 9** John Hughes Carolyn Clatfelter

**May 16** Randy Edwards, Patrick Freeman, Karl Freeman

### Greeters, Open and Closing

	TODAY	May 9	May 16
<b>Greeters</b>			
<b>Elders</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Deacon on Call</b>	John Hughes	David Collins	Karl Freeman

### 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 March 31, 2021

Grace Pres General Fund	Budgeted for 2020	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
<b>Operations</b>	\$ 311,827	\$ 77,957	\$ 70,974	\$ 74,096	\$ 6,983
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 34,647	\$ 8,662	\$ 7,886	\$ 7,876	\$ 776
<b>Year Total</b>	<b>\$ 346,474</b>	<b>\$ 86,619</b>	<b>\$ 78,860</b>	<b>\$ 81,972</b>	<b>\$ 7,759</b>

### Monthly Budget as of April 25, 2021

	April Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget
<b>Total</b>	\$ 28,873	\$ 22,799	\$ 6,074

### Designated Funds as of April 25, 2021

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
<b>Missions Faith Fund</b>	\$ 761	\$ 3,131	\$ 2,640	\$ 3,366
<b>Mercy Ministries Fund</b>	\$ 250	\$ 3,805	\$ 0	\$ 7,990
<b>Designated Mortgage Reduction</b>	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ 240,062



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.

## Eastertide

May 2, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP — Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

*So here I am to worship*

*Here I am to bow down*

*Here I am to say that You're my God*

*And You're altogether lovely*

*Altogether worthy*

*Altogether wonderful to me*

*Chorus*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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King of all days

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### OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 18

*Q46. What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?*

**A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 4:8-10; Heb. 7:23-25; 9:24; Acts 1:11

*Q47. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?*

**A. Christ is truly human and truly God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is not absent from us for a moment.**

Matt. 28:20; Acts 1:9-11; 3:19-21; Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:16-19

*Q48. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?*

**A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity he has taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.**

Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 7:48-49 (Isa. 66:1); John 1:14; 3:13; Col. 2:9

*Q49. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?*

**A. First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven: a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1; John 14:2; 17:24; Eph. 2:4-6; John 14:16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Col. 3:1-4

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT – Psalm 32:5-7

*I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;*

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.*

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

### All That I Am

Ev'rything's on the altar now	All that I am for all that You are my Lord
No holding back no holding out	All that I have for all that You are
In view of Your matchless sacrifice	You're the pearl beyond price greater than
Take ev'ry treasure take this life	life

All that I am for all that You are my Lord	All that I am for all that You are
All that I have for all that You are	It's only in surrender that I'm free
You're the pearl beyond price greater than	It's only in surrender that I'm truly free
life	It's only in surrender that I'm free
All that I am for all that You are	It's only in surrender that I'm truly free

<i>Oh oh oh oh oh oh</i>	I am free I am free indeed
	I am free I am free indeed

Selfish ambition and my pride	All that I am for all that You are my Lord
I'm giving up I'm letting die	All that I have for all that You are
In these empty hands I have it all have it	You're the pearl beyond price greater than
all	life
The pure joy of knowing You my Lord	All that I am for all that You are

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## PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

### SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 1:8-17 (ESV)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may

reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

**SERMON** Power to Live: The Power of God Pastor Randy Edwards

### 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

#### His Love Can Never Fail

I do not ask to see the way	<i>His love can never fail</i>
My feet will have to tread	<i>His love can never fail</i>
But only that my soul will feed	<i>My soul is satisfied to know</i>
Upon the living bread	<i>His love can never fail</i>
’Tis better far that I should walk	<i>My soul is satisfied to know</i>
In faith close by his side	<i>His love can never fail</i>
I may not know the way I go	
But oh I know my guide	I will not fear though darkness comes

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<i>My soul is satisfied to know</i>	
<i>His love can never fail</i>	

And if my feet would go astray	<i>His love can never fail</i>
They cannot for I know	<i>His love can never fail</i>
That Jesus guides my faltering steps	<i>My soul is satisfied to know</i>
As joyfully I go	<i>His love can never fail</i>
And though I may not see his face	<i>My soul is satisfied to know</i>
My faith is strong and clear	<i>His love can never fail</i>

That in each hour of sore distress	
My Savior will be near	

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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

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.

### Rising Sun

Praise Him all you sinners	Praise His Name forever
Sing oh sing you weary	Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God	Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory	<i>Chorus</i>
Shown throughout our stories	
We praise Him as the children of God	Hallelujah name above all

<i>Our great Redeemer glorious Savior</i>	Simply to speak Your Name is praise
<i>Your Name is higher than the rising sun</i>	Hallelujah now and always
<i>Light of the morning You shine forever</i>	Forever we lift Your Name in praise
<i>Your Name is higher than the rising sun</i>	Hallelujah our God You reign

<i>(oh)</i>	Simply to speak Your Name is praise oh
<i>Your Name is higher than the rising sun</i>	<i>Chorus</i>

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