

Announcements

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THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE, our weekly E-Newsletter is sent each Friday morning. Subscribe on our church website.

PRAYER REQUESTS are sent out each Sunday afternoon. If you have a prayer request this morning, fill out an online Connection Card (see below). Let us know how you would like your request shared.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

CARRYOUT FOR COUGARS, is a weekend feeding program Grace sponsors at Cash Elementary. Because of the weekend holiday for WSFCS, this week *backpacks will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov 24 at 9:00am*. See Church Center for more details.

GROWING IN GRACE continues a class taught by Randy Edwards and Janie Hughes based on Dane Orland's new book, *Gentle and Lowly*. The class is offered in person in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom from 9:30am to 10:15am.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on November 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Corwin McClain (11/21)

This Week

TODAY

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace Sunday School: *Gentle and Lowly* book discussion
- 10:30-11:30am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 5:00-6:30pm Decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas
- 6:00-7:00pm Plybon and Cox Small Group

WEDNESDAY, November 24

- 9:00-10:00am Carryout for Cougars at Cash Elementary

SUNDAY, November 27

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace Sunday School
- 10:30-11:30am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

"Job Addresses God"

The silence is all. Though I want to split
The stillness of this day with fractured cries,
And tear this room apart, I will admit
That such a sundering would not be wise.
What would it do to shatter every dish,
Or smash the vases, break each cup and bowl?
How would that change what I've begun to wish—
That I could go right back to being whole—
Even if it meant forgetting you and
The great pain that loving you has brought? I—
I tore my hair today. You understand?
My clothing, too. I wait for you to cry
Out, ask me not to harm myself. I won't.
But I know loneliness. And God, you don't.

"God Answers Job"

Who is this that obscures divine plans with words of ignorance?... Where were you when I founded the earth? Job 38:2-4

I don't know loneliness. What, Job,
You've never seen the chasms between stars?
Observe the distance of your heart, then probe
Yourself for answers. Look down at your scars.
You think I put them there, I know. But pain
Is from your world, not mine. And all the while
I plan my entrance. Gardens all need rain
To raise their beauty. My plot grows a trial
Of such deep suffering, the torn curtain
Of a great temple will be how I rend
The earth of sleep. Sacrifice makes certain
A love that will not hesitate or end.
Mend yourself, now. Follow my command.
(I'm pierced in ways you'll never understand.)

Annabelle Moseley

CONNECT WITH GRACE KERNERSVILLE

Please take a moment and fill out Grace Kernersville's Connection Card. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone's camera, will open a link to the online Connection Card. There you may note your attendance, update your personal information, submit prayer requests, sign up for Grace's weekly e-newsletter, and sign up for Grace's Google-Groups email listing.



Our Sunday Servants

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Scheduler: Lori Dell'Arena

| Date | Infant – 3yrs | Children's Church 4yrs-2nd |
|--------|----------------|----------------------------|
| TODAY | Donna Cox | Melanie Stone |
| Nov 28 | Katie Orlick | Randi Bechtold |
| Dec 5 | Claudia Plybon | Randi Bechtold |
| Dec 12 | | |

Morning Teams

| | TODAY | Nov 28 | Dec 5 |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Greeters | Mary Freeman | Rick & Linda Mainhart | Larry & Tammy Burrows |
| Worship Team | John Hughes Patrick Freeman Karl Freeman | Randy Edwards Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman | John Hughes Patrick Freeman Karl Freeman |
| Tech Team | Tami Ellis, Gregory Burrows Kevin McClain, Earl Swope Dennis Kohler, Cheryl Voss | Tami Ellis, Gregory Burrows Kevin McClain, Earl Swope Dennis Kohler, Cheryl Voss | Tami Ellis, Gregory Burrows Kevin McClain, Earl Swope Dennis Kohler, Cheryl Voss |
| Custodian | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Elder | Don Bechtold | Don Bechtold | Larry Clagett |
| Deacon on Call | Karl Freeman | John Hughes | David Collins |

Session

Don Bechtold (Session Clerk), Larry Clagett, Randy Edwards (Moderator), and Jim Plybon
Kevin McClain (*sabbatical*)

Diaconate

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

Church Staff

The church office is open daily from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, extension 11

Preschool Director, Children's Ministry/Office Manager: Lori Dell'Arena, extension 12

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GPC Financial Report as of October 31, 2021

| Grace Pres General Fund | Budgeted for 2021 | Budgeted YTD | Offerings Received YTD | Expenses YTD | To Meet YTD Budget... |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Operations | \$ 311,827 | \$ 259,856 | \$ 213,375 | \$ 246,903 | \$ 46,481 |
| Missions | \$ 34,647 | \$ 28,873 | \$ 23,708 | \$ 23,682 | \$ 5,165 |
| Year Total | \$ 346,474 | \$ 288,729 | \$ 237,083 | \$ 270,585 | \$ 51,646 |

Monthly Budget as of November 14, 2021

| | November Budget | MTD Contributions | Needed to Meet Budget |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Total | \$ 28,873 | \$ 25,641 | \$ 3,232 |

Designated Funds as of November 14, 2021

| | MTD Offering | YTD Offering | YTD Disbursement | Account Balance |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Missions Faith Fund | \$ 125 | \$ 7,866 | \$ 9,375 | \$ 1,392 |
| Mercy Ministries Fund | \$ 550 | \$ 9,495 | \$ 10,927 | \$ 2,652 |
| Designated Mortgage Reduction | \$ 15,450 | \$ 30,155 | \$ 30,155 | \$ 138,137 |



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.

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 95:1:3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice the Lord is King

Your Lord and King adore

Mortals give thanks and sing

And triumph evermore

Lift up your heart lift up your voice

Rejoice again I say rejoice

Jesus the Saviour reigns

The God of truth and love

When He had purged our stains

He took His seat above

Lift up your heart lift up your voice

Rejoice again I say rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail

He rules o'er earth and heaven

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus given

Lift up your heart lift up your voice

Rejoice again I say rejoice

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OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 47

Q122. What does the first request mean?

A. "Hallowed be your name" means, Help us to really know you, to bless, worship, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, Help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

Jer. 9:23-24; 31:33-34; Matt. 16:17; John 17:3 Ex. 34:5-8; Ps. 145; Jer. 32:16-20; Luke 1:46-55, 68-75; Rom. 11:33-36 Ps. 115:1; Matt. 5:16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT — John 6:37-40 (KJV)

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

We Gather Together

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
his will to make known
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still
our defender wilt be
Let thy congregation
endure thro' tribulation:
Thy name be ever prais'd!
O Lord, make us free!

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine
So from the beginning
the fight we were winning
Thou, Lord, wast at our side:
all glory be thine!

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MISSIONS MINUTE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – Job 40:1-9, 40:15-19, and 41:1-11

Job 40:1-9. And the LORD said to Job: “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.”

Then Job answered the LORD and said: “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?”

Job 40:15-19. “Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox. Behold, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly. He makes his tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron. “He is the first of the works of God; let him who made him bring near his sword!

Job 41:1-11. “Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord? Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words? Will he make a covenant with you to take

him for your servant forever? Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls? Will traders bargain over him? Will they divide him up among the merchants? Can you fill his skin with harpoons or his head with fishing spears? Lay your hands on him; remember the battle—you will not do it again! Behold, the hope of a man is false; he is laid low even at the sight of him. No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. Who then is he who can stand before me? Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.

SERMON The Wisdom of Job: Now My Eye Sees You Pastor Randy Edwards
Behemoth and Leviathan

RESPONDING IN SONG

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show thy face and all is bright

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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.

OFFERING

At this time we will be taking up an offering for our General Fund and Missions Faith Fund. When giving to a specific fund, please note in your check memo how you would like Grace to direct your gift.

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt
To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Chorus

To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come

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BENEDICTION -- Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a (ESV, NIV'84)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.

All: And that is what we are!

QUESTIONS FOR JOB CHAPTERS 38-41

If I complain that I am suffering unjustly, it is no answer to say, ‘Can you make a hippopotamus?’
George Bernard Shaw

“Mystery is the vital element of Dogmatics. It is true that the term ‘mystery’ in Scripture does not indicate abstract-supernatural truth in Romish sense; nevertheless, the idea that the believer would be able to understand and comprehend intellectually the revealed mysteries is equally unscriptural.”

Herman Bavink, *Christian Dogmatics*

Sermon Outline: What are we looking at?

1. Who is God? Part One
2. Who is Job?
3. Who is God? Part Two

Study Questions

1. How or why is “mystery vital” to our knowledge of God? Is Bavink right?
2. Who or what are Behemoth and Leviathan?
3. Who is this God who wants us to know Him?
4. Isaiah 27:1, reads, “ In that day the LORD with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.” How does the Lord in fact punish Leviathan?
5. What, do you think, is the last third of knowledge that Job and we too need to see of the Lord?

Next week we conclude our series in Job, and we will be looking a Job 42.