

Announcements

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THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE, our weekly E-Newsletter, is sent each Friday morning. Subscribe on our church website. You may also sign up for weekly prayer requests, urgent announcements, prayer requests by joining the **Grace Kernersville Google Groups Page**. Email randy@gracekernersville.org to subscribe.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Save the date for Grace's Weekend VBS Jailbreak!: July 15-17.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL'S BOARD invites you to join us. We have scheduled meetings 4 times a year as well as other opportunities to serve the families and staff of our preschool. If you are interested, please see Lori Dell'Arena or Janie Hughes.

SPRING FOLLY BOOTH Grace Kernersville will have a booth during this year's Spring Folly, May 6-7. Would you be willing to sit in the booth talk to visitors, share handouts, or help with the booth's game? See Pastor Randy for details.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING May 22 following the worship service to vote on officer nominees Earl Swope (for deacon) and Tommy Cox (for elder), and to affirm the call of Kevin McClain to the office of elder

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Sadie Ogburn (5/2); Carol Vincent (5/3); Rebekah Brieaddy (5/4); Grier Ogburn (5/6); Hannah Lis (5/6).

This Week

TODAY

- 8:30-10:15 Growing in Grace Sunday School: Rembrandt Is in the Wind
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 6:00-8:00pm Say Goodbye to the Mortgage BBQ

MONDAY, May 2

- 6:30-8:00pm Session Meeting

TUESDAY, May 3

- 6:30-7:30pm Bechtold Small Group

WEDNESDAY, May 4

- 7:00-8:30pm Ladies' Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 5

- 7:00-7:45am National Day of Prayer at Town Hall
- 6:30-8:00pm Carryout for Cougars

FRIDAY, May 6

- 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer in the Library and via Zoom.
- 9:00-10:00am Women's Prayer at the Kohler's Home
- 6:00-10:00pm Spring Folly Grace Kernersville Booth

Saturday, May 7

- 8:00-9:00am Diaconate Meeting at The Olympic
- 10:00am-10:00pm Spring Folly Grace Kernersville Booth

SUNDAY, May 8

- 9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace Sunday School: Rembrandt Is in the Wind
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary



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Please take a moment and fill out Grace Kernersville's Connection Card. Where 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: Randy Edwards

Date	Infant – 3yrs	Children's Church 4yrs-2nd
TODAY	Donna Cox	Debbie Potts
May 8	Claudia Plybon	Ted and Amy Mead
May 15	TBD	Anna Norman

Morning Teams

	TODAY	May 8	May 15
Greeters	Mary Freeman	TBD	TBD
Worship Team	Randy Edwards Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman	John Hughes Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman	John Hughes Karl Freeman
Elder	Jim Plybon	Jim Plybon	Randy Edwards
Deacon on Call	Karl Freeman	David Collins	Karl Freeman

Session

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

Diaconate

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

Church Staff

Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, extension 11

Grace House Preschool Director: Lori Dell'Arena, extension 12

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GPC Financial Report as of March 31, 2022

	Budgeted for 2022	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget
ARC					
Operations	\$277,151	\$9,288	\$65,340	\$85,886	\$3,948
Missions	\$34,647	\$8,662	\$7,260	\$7,196	\$1,402
Year Total	\$311,798	\$77,950	\$72,600	\$ 93,082	\$5,350

Monthly Budget as of April 24, 2022

	April Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget
Total	\$ 25,957	\$ 18,684	\$ 7,273

April 24, 2022

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 115	\$4,520	\$5,121	\$2,047
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$1,400	\$5,170	\$2,416	\$5,007
Mortgage Reduction	\$ 0	\$69,725	\$68,387	\$ 0



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 1, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP — 2 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

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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 — Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Come to the Water

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord.
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

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PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 27:4, John 1:14-18, 1Corinthians 13:4-8

Psalm 27:4. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

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. 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.'" For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

1Corinthians 13:4-8. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

SERMON Worship, Witness, Walk in Love

Pastor Randy Edwards

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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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 *Please wait till all are served so that we may receive together.*

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. When giving to a specific fund, please note in your check memo how you would like Grace to direct your gift.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground
there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-26 and 1 John 3:1a

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!

Concerning the Lord's Supper

Today we receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Grace Kernersville PCA welcomes all Christians who both profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and who are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel to participate and receive the Lord's Supper today. If you are unable to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use this time as a time of reflection. If you have questions, please speak with an elder. When the elders distribute the bread, prepackaged portions of bread and juice are available for those who would prefer them. Please let the elder serving you which you prefer. When all are served, we will receive the sacrament together.