

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! on 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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mary Freeman (5/15); Sam Heeman (5/18); Sierra Smith (5/18); Micah Hicks (5/18); Tim Brieady (5/18); Julie Morgan (5/19).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Tommy & Donna Cox (5/18); Mark & Jodi Pardue (5/20).

This Week

TODAY

- 9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace Sunday School: *Rembrandt Is in the Wind*
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 5:30-7:00 Youth Group Frisbee Golf at Triad Park
- 6:00-7:00pm Plybon Small Group

MONDAY, May 16

- 6:30-7:30pm Session Meeting

TUESDAY, May 17

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

WEDNESDAY, May 18

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

THURSDAY, May 19

- 9:00-10am Carryout for Cougars

FRIDAY, May 20

- 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

SUNDAY, May 22

- 9:30-10:15 Growing in Grace Sunday School: *Rembrandt Is in the Wind*
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- Noon-1:00pm Congregational Meeting
- 1:00-2:00pm Facilities Team Meeting
- 6:00-7:00pm Plybon Small Group



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Our Sunday Servants

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Scheduler: Randy Edwards

Date	Infant – 3yrs	Children's Church 4yrs-2nd
TODAY	Krystal Keener	Anna Norman
May 22	Mary Freeman	Lori Dell'Arena
May 29	Jennifer Edwards	Lori Dell'Arena

Morning Teams

	TODAY	May 22	May 29
Greeters	Mark & Terrica Smith	Larry & Tammy Burrows	John & Janie Hughes
Worship Team	John Hughes Karl Freeman	John Hughes Karl Freeman	Randy Edwards Carolyn Clatfelter
Elder	Randy Edwards	Randy Edwards	Randy Edwards
Deacon on Call	David Collins	Karl Freeman	David Collins

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 April 30, 2022

Grace Pres Gen Fund	Budgeted for 2022	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget
Operations	\$277,151	\$92,384	\$82,480	\$103,714	\$9,904
Missions	\$34,647	\$11,549	\$9,164	\$9,065	\$2,385
Year Total	\$311,798	\$103,933	\$91,644	\$112,779	\$12,289

Monthly Budget as of May 8, 2022

	May Budget	MTD Contributions	Needed to Meet Budget
Total	\$25,957	\$12,771	\$13,186

May 8, 2022

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$25	\$4,555	\$5,681	\$1,511
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$150	\$5,320	\$2,691	\$4,882
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 15, 2022

"I'm here...for only one reason. You needed someone to tell you the truth. I'm just one bad person telling other bad people the most important thing you will ever hear: God is God, and you should remember that. But if you go to him, he won't be angry with you. In fact, he'll love you. Our friend found that out, and we wanted to make sure you knew."

Steve Brown, *Approaching God*.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 68:4

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

his name is the LORD;

exult before him!

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

(Washed away)

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hosanna hosanna

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD’S DAY 20

Q53. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

Gen. 1:1-2; Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Gal. 4:6; Gal. 3:14; John 15:26; Acts 9:31; John 14:16-17; 1 Pet. 4:14

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty	Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
The King of creation	Thy work and defend thee
O my soul praise Him	Surely His goodness and mercy here
For He is thy health and salvation	daily attend thee
All ye who hear	Ponder anew
Now to His temple draw near	What the Almighty can do
Praise Him in glad adoration	If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord Who over all things	Praise to the Lord O let all that is
So wondrously reigneth	In me adore Him
Shelters thee under His wings	All that hath life and breath
Yea so gently sustaineth	Come now with praises before Him
Hast thou not seen	Let the amen
How all thy longings have been	Sound from His people again
Granted in what He ordaineth	Gladly for aye we adore Him

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 9:14-29 (ESV)

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for

dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed he says in Hosea, “Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’” “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” And as Isaiah predicted, “If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.”

SERMON Power to Live: But Who Are You? Pastor Randy Edwards

CORPORATE PRAYER — Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;

Courage to change the things I can;

And wisdom to know the difference.

That I may live one day at a time;

Enjoy one moment at a time;

Accept hardship as the pathway to peace;

Take, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

Trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen

In the Beauty of Holiness

In the beauty of holiness	Is there tribute that I could bring
We see You Son of righteousness	Was there ever a song to sing
So we bring all that we possess	That could ever express my King
To lay at Your feet	The work that You’ve done
In the place where Your glory shines	Could I ever conceive of this
Jesus lover of all mankind	All the depths and the heights and
You have drawn us with love divine	breadth
To make us complete	Of the riches I now possess
	Because of Your love

So I pause at Your gates once more

As my heart and my spirit soar

And I wish I could love You more

My God and my 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.

OFFERING

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

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts *You will carry me safe to shore*

In my failures You won't walk out *Safe to shore*

Your great love will lead me through *safe to shore*

You are the peace *safe to shore*

In my troubled sea

You are the peace in my troubled sea *I won't fear what tomorrow brings*

With each morning I'll rise and sing

In the silence You won't let go *My God's love will lead me through*

In the questions Your truth will hold *You are the peace in my troubled sea*

Your great love will lead me through *You are the peace in my troubled sea*

You are the peace

In my troubled sea

You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

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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!