

Announcements

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

GROWING IN GRACE begins a new class titled on March 19 at 9:30am titled Where Did We Get the Bible? Join us each week for this four week study in the Fellowship Hall.

JOIN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY Are you interested in joining the worship ministry as a musician, vocalist, or A/V team member? Contact Michael Kuehn at michael@gracekernersville.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mark Pardue (3/19); Sigourney McClain (3/20).

This Week

TODAY, March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: "Where Did We Get the Bible?"
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids in room 135
- 4:30-6:00pm Youth Group in the Youth Room
- 6:00-7:30pm Plybon-Cox Small Fellowship Group in Library

MONDAY, March 20

- 6:30-7:30pm Session Meeting

THURSDAY, March 23

- 9:00-9:45am Carryout for Cougars

FRIDAY, March 24

- 6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer in the Library
- 9:00-10:00am Women's Prayer Group in the Library

SUNDAY, March 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace Sunday School Where Did We Get the Bible?
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 12:00-12:45pm Facilities Team Meeting in the Library
- 2:00-4:00pm Britney Power's Bridal Shower in Fellowship Hall
- 4:30-6:00pm Youth D-Group at the Edwards'
- 4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids in room 135
- 4:30-6:00pm Kuehn Small Fellowship Group at the Kuehns'
- 6:00-7:30pm Plybon-Cox Small Fellowship Group in the Library



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Nursery and Children's Church Schedule

| Date | Infant – 3yrs | Children's Church 4yrs-2nd |
|--------|--|----------------------------|
| TODAY | Lori Dell' Arena Phoebe Dell' Arena | Darlene Clagett |
| Mar 26 | Brea McClain Corwin McClain | Ted & Amy Mead |
| Apr 2 | Tammy Burrows Natalie Burrows | Krystal Keener |
| Apr 9 | Donna Cox Mary Freeman | Carla Collins |

Sunday Morning Team Schedule

| | TODAY | Mar 26 | Apr 2 |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Greeters | Tommy & Donna Cox | Mary Freeman | Larry & Tammy Burrows |
| Worship Team | Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Kim Lis | Michael Kuehn Carolyn Clatfelter Karl Freeman | Michael Kuehn Karl Freeman John Hughes |
| Tech Team | Greg Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss | Greg Burrows Dennis Kohler Patrick Freeman | Gregory Burrows Dennis Kohler |
| Elder | Larry Clagett | Larry Clagett | Larry Clagett |
| Deacon | Karl Freeman | David Collins | Karl Freeman |
| Visitation | Randi Bechtold | Randi Bechtold | Diane Zobrosky |

Session

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

Diaconate

Larry Burrows, David Collins, Karl Freeman, and John Hughes

Church Staff

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.
Office Manager: Mona Underhill, extension 1
Director of Worship and Education, Michael Kuehn, extension 2
Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, extension 3
Grace House Preschool Director: Tammy Burrows, extension 4

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GPC Financial Report as of January 31, 2022

| ARC | Budgeted for 2023 | Budgeted YTD | Offerings Received YTD | Expenses YTD | To Meet YTD Budget... |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Operations | \$ 279,864 | \$ 23,322 | \$ 14,215 | \$ 21,556 | \$ 9,107 |
| Missions | \$ 34,649 | \$ 2,887 | \$ 1,579 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,308 |
| Year Total | \$ 314,513 | \$ 26,209 | \$ 15,794 | \$ 21,556 | \$ 21,311 |

Monthly Budget as of February 26, 2023

| | February Budget | MTD Contributions | To Meet Budget |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Total | \$ 26,210 | \$ 15,314 | \$ 10,896 |

February 26, 2023

| | MTD Offering | YTD Offering | YTD Disbursement | Account Balance |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Missions Faith Fund | \$ 165 | \$ 280 | \$ 0 | \$ 5,065 |
| Mercy Ministries Fund | \$ 200 | \$ 400 | \$ 0 | \$ 3,332 |
| Building Repairs Campaign | \$ 350 | \$ 700 | Target Need * \$ 21,142 | Still Needed * \$ 19,392 |



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.

Lent

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP —Psalm 89:1-2 (NIV)

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

O God my Father

There is no shadow

Of turning with Thee

Thou changest not

Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been

Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning

New mercies I see

All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness

Lord unto me

Summer and winter

And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars

In their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, Mercy and love

Chorus

Pardon for sin

And a peace that endureth

Thy own dear presence

To cheer and to guide

Strength for today

And bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine

With ten thousand beside

Chorus

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Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered

I was made to walk with Him

Yet I look for worldly treasure

And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer

Though I fall His love is sure

For Christ has paid for every failing

I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow

Darkness not yet understood

Through the valley I must travel

Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven

And the strength in times of need

I know my pain will not be wasted

Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We make so many mistakes. We turn away from you so often. We need you so much. Thank you that you so loved the world that you sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Joel 2:13, 1 John 3:1

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love... See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

King of Love

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

*For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore (repeat)

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk*

*For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

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In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

*Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please take a moment and welcome one another in the name of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nursery is available in Room 121 for Infants and Toddlers, and children 4 years through 2nd Grade may go to Children's Church in Room 135.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING— John 10:1-30

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

¹⁹ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹ Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that

Oooooh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oooooh Hallelujah Hallelujah

Chorus

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

SERMON: The Word and the World: Jesus and the Sheep Pastor Randy Edwards

House of God Forever

| | |
|---|---|
| God is my Shepherd, I won't be wanting, | Your shepherd's staff comforts me |
| I won't be wanting, He makes me rest | You are my feast in the presence of enemies |
| In fields of green, with quiet streams | Surely goodness |
| Even though I walk | Will follow me, follow me |
| Through the valley of death and dying | In the house of God forever |
| I will not fear, | (repeat all) |
| 'Cause You are with me, You are with me | |

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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. When giving to a specific fund, please note in your check memo how you would like Grace to direct your gift. Also, you may text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. First time donors will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie their mobile phone to your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.



We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things,
We will say together
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION – Ephesians 3:16-19

May God out of His glorious riches, strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And being rooted and established in love, may you have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength .

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.