

This Week at Grace

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

TODAY, July 23

- 9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: *Respectable Sins*
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- Noon-1:30pm Facilities Team Mtg

Next SUNDAY, July 30

- 9:30-10:15am **NEW** Growing in Grace: *Worship*
- 10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Frank and Sheree

WEDNESDAY, July 26

- 6:00-7:00pm Worship Rehearsal

FRIDAY, July 28

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

Church Leadership and Contacts

Session

Tommy Cox, Larry Claggett, Jim Plyon, Kevin McClain (Clerk),
Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator)
Don Bechtold (sabbatical)

Church Staff

Office Manager: Mona Underhill, ext 1
Director of Worship and Education, Michael Kuehn, ext 2
Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, ext 3
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Grace Kernersville is a member of the Piedmont Triad Presbytery and is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.



GPC Financial Report as of June 30, 2023

ARC	Budgeted for 2023	Budgeted YTD	Offerings Received YTD	Expenses YTD	To Meet YTD Budget...
Operations	\$ 279,864	\$ 139,932	\$ 118,284	\$ 139,105	\$ 21,648
Missions	\$ 34,649	\$ 17,325	\$ 13,143	\$ 13,006	\$ 4,182
Year Total	\$ 314,513	\$ 157,257	\$ 131,427	\$ 152,111	\$ 25,830

Monthly Budget as of July 16, 2023

	July Budget	MTD Contributions	To Meet Budget
Total	\$ 26,210	\$ 21,852	\$ 4,358

July 16, 2023

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 125	\$ 3,375	\$ 5,884	\$ 2,281
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 450	\$ 4,425	\$ 4,430	\$ 2,927
Building Repairs Campaign	\$ 650	\$ 5,250	\$ 21,142	\$ 15,892
			Target Need *	Still Needed *



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.

Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 59:16-17 (NIV)

But I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;
for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble.
You are my strength, I sing praise to you;
you, God, are my fortress,
my God on whom I can rely.

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,

To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now
And through eternity.

Come Let Us Worship

Come let us worship and bow down

Before the Lord Most Holy

Before the King of Glory

Come and lay your burdens down

Before the Friend who's faithful

Before the One who's able

For He is our God

And we are His people

He is our God

And we will never be forsaken

Come let us lift our voice in praise

Unto the Rock of Ages

Unto the God who saves us

Come and glorify His name

All the earth together

All the saints forever

Chorus

You are our God

And we are Your people

You are our God

And we will be with You

You are our God

And we will be with You forever

Forever

Forever

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; yet we're driven by the need for still more - and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become, and for losing our way without even realizing it. In your tender love, forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 32:3-5 (ESV)

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

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.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin

Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The

third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,** the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the

resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*That is, Jesus Christ experienced the condemnation of judgment on the cross. **In other words, the church through all time and every age.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 st	Joan Dalton	17 th	Tammy Burrows
	Braxton Moore	18 th	Chloe Lis
2 nd	Craig Mainhart	25 th	Patrick Freeman
3 rd	Addy Orlick	26 th	Joe Dell' Arena
4 th	Landon Orlick	30 th	Lucas Galbier
8 th	Jodi Pardue		Mike Orlick
	Kate Pardue		
10 th	Donna Cox		
11 th	Barbara Paul	16 th	Ted and Amy Mead
	Bob Granger	19 th	John and Lori Lower
14 th	Sydney Smith	28 th	Wayne and Joan Dalton
17 th	Claire Wiebking	31 st	Bob and Jean Granger

Anniversaries

Month at a Glance

<u>July</u>		9 th	Worship Rehearsal
23 rd	Growing in Grace/Worship Service	11 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups
	Facilities Team Meeting	12 th	Piedmont Triad Presbytery Meeting
26 th	Worship Rehearsal	13 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Service
28 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups	14 th	Missions Committee Meeting
30 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Service	15 th	Finance Committee Meeting
<u>August</u>		16 th	Worship Rehearsal
2 nd	Worship Rehearsal	18 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups
4 th	Men & Women's Prayer Groups	20 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Service
5 th	Deacon Meeting	21 st	Session Meeting
6 th	Growing in Grace/Worship Service	23 rd	Worship Rehearsal

Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	July 30	August 6	August 13
Infant – 3yrs	Brea McClain Corwin McClain	Jennifer Edwards Claudia Plybon	Tammy Burrows Natalie Burrows	Donna Cox Mary Freeman
Children's Church 4yrs-2nd	Darlene Clagett Kate Pardue	Anna Norman	Carla Collins Natalie Burrows	Ted and Amy Mead
Greeters	Rick & Linda Mainhart	Tommy & Donna Cox	Larry & Tammy Burrows	Larry & Tammy Burrows
Visitation	Diane Zobrosky	Diane Zobrosky	Katie Wingate	Katie Wingate
Worship Team	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman Patrick Freeman	Carolyn Clatfelter Michael Kuehn Karl Freeman Kim Lis	Michael Kuehn John Hughes Karl Freeman	John Hughes Karl Freeman Patrick Freeman
Tech Team	Gregory Burrows Dennis Kohler Preston Steelman	Gregory Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Gregory Burrows Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Gregory Burrows Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss

Announcements and News

VBS: THANK YOU! to all those who donated, volunteered and/or attended to make our VBS possible. We especially want to thank Carla Collins for creating the program and organizing all the needs necessary to make it work. Also thanks to Michael Kuehn and Pastor Randy for their part in creating the excitement the children love. We all got a sample last Sunday as Michael and the children sang for us. Thank You! Thank You!

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP from your handheld device's app store to register for events, view the church calendar and directory as well as make donations.

THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE is Grace's weekly E-Newsletter and is sent each Thursday morning. You may subscribe on our church website or email the church office at officehelper@gracekernersville.org.

GRACE KERNERSVILLE'S GOOGLE GROUPS PAGE is an email group to which Grace posts weekly prayer requests and urgent announcements. To subscribe, send an email to officehelper@gracekernersville.org.

JOIN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY Are you interested in joining the worship ministry as a musician, vocalist, or Audio-Visual team member? Contact Michael Kuehn.

GROWING IN GRACE Michael Kuehn begins a new Growing in Grace class **NEXT SUNDAY** on the topic of Worship. Growing in Grace meets weekly in the fellowship hall from 9:30-10:15am.

MISSIONS VISITORS: On July 30, Frank and Sheree will be here to worship with us on July 30, and Frank will be delivering the message. Christina McWhite RUF Intern at WSSU will be sharing with us on August 6. Jeremy and Gina Sink will be worshipping with us on August 20. Find out what God is doing in their ministries!

KUEHN SIP AND SEE All Ladies of Grace are invited to the "Sip and See" for Hazel and Juliet Kuehn on Sunday, August 20th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fun and fellowship.

FALL KICKOFF POTLUCK FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY EDITION We will have a potluck meal (everyone brings a dish or so to share) in the fellowship hall following the worship service on August 27th. We want to highlight all of our activities and groups that are starting up again in the fall. We have groups for adults, youth and children; Bible studies for Women; Committees to join to help serve the church, Workers to serve in Children's Church, Nursery, Greeters and Visitations and Prayer Groups. Come, fellowship and learn more about what is happening at Grace.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUPS meet in the Library. The Men's Group meets from 6:30-7:30 am and the Women's Group meets from 9:00-10:00am.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL. Please contact Preschool Director Tammy Burrows at:336-993-1302 or tburrows92@hotmail.com. if you or anyone you know is looking for a part-time position.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

29th Jennifer Edwards
30th Gregory Burrows
30th Jonathan Collins

Anniversaries

25th Brandon & Krystal Keener
30th Joe and Lori Dell'Arena

Grace Alone

I was an orphan lost at the fall,
Running away when I'd hear you call.
But Father you worked your will,
I had no righteousness of my own,
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father you loved me still.

*And in love before you
Laid the world's foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station,
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone.*

You left your home to seek out the lost,
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set,
I worked my fingers down to the bone.
But nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus you paid my debt.

*By Your blood I have redemption and salvation,
Lord you died that I might reap.*

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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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Josh and Danielle Elliot, Chris and Christine Hollis, **Bonnie Smith,**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

From the Presbyterian Church in America's *Book of Church Order* 56-5

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

SERMON: The Common Life: The Present Power of the Gospel

Pastor Randy Edwards

Printed copies of Pastor Edwards' sermon are available on the back table.

Faithful

Faithful forever You are faithful,
Father to the fatherless.

You uphold the one who feels forsaken,
You are faithful God.

Faithful forever You are faithful,
Lover of the wounded heart.

You defend the poor and the forgotten,
You are faithful God.

*And I will sing to the Maker of heaven and earth,
God You reign forever and Your love will endure.*

*Faithful and true is the name of the Lord,
You are faithful God.*

Faithful forever You are faithful,
Shelter for the fragile soul.

You lift us up You hold us all together,
You are faithful God.

Chorus

You are there
In ev'ry season of my soul,

You are there
You're the anchor that will hold,

You are there

In the valley of the shadows,
You are faithful God.

(repeat)

Chorus

You are faithful God

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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



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

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

Lost and foolish oft I strayed

But yet in love He sought me

And on His shoulder gently laid

And home rejoicing brought me

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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!