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Presbyterian Church**  
*is to glorify God by gathering and growing His people in accordance with His word.*

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## 2011 BIBLE CONFERENCE

On Saturday-Sunday, **January 29th-30th**, Dr. Bob Cara will be here to teach a Bible conference. The theme is "Truth and Godliness" – Dr. Cara will be discussing how doctrine relates to Christian practice; orthodoxy (sound doctrine) and orthopraxy (sound living) go hand in hand, and we divide them to our spiritual detriment. On Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Algood School, he will be teaching from the Westminster Larger Catechism. And then on Sunday, he will be preaching in the morning from Colossians 3:12-17, and in the evening from I Timothy 2:1-7 (that evening will be our joint worship service with First Presbyterian Church-Crossville and Faith Presbyterian Church (OPC)-Cookeville).

Dr. Cara, an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, is a New Testament professor at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC, and the Chief Academic Officer for the RTS institution. He was a basketball player in college at Penn State-Capitol, and an engineer for seven years before the Lord called him to seminary. He is very personable, and it is a great privilege and delight to have him here among us!

## Meet the PCA

*Since many folks at Grace are new to the Presbyterian Church in America, we hope to use these newsletters each month to highlight one of the ten different committees/agencies that carry out the work of the denomination as a whole. The permanent committees are the Administrative Committee, Mission to the World, Mission to North America, Reformed University Ministries, and Christian Education and Publication; the denominational agencies are Covenant College, Covenant Theological Seminary, Ridge Haven Conference Center, PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc., and PCA Foundation. You can learn more about our denomination at [www.pcanel.org](http://www.pcanel.org).*

The Administrative Committee, which oversees the work of the Office of the Stated Clerk (Dr. L. Roy Taylor), serves the whole denomination in many ways unseen. The mission of the Administrative Committee (AC) of the Presbyterian Church in America is to cultivate the peace, purity, and progress of the church by providing the ecclesiastical and administrative functions which enable the churches, the presbyteries, and the General Assembly to fulfill their ministries. The AC is committed to enabling greater evangelical effectiveness by connecting, communicating, and encouraging the various ministries God has given the PCA.

One of the primary tasks of the Clerk's office is to plan, coordinate, and arrange facilities and services for the annual meeting of the General Assembly, the ruling body made up of about 3,000 commissioners (teaching elders and ruling elders from every church). The Clerk's office also serves as a liaison between the General Assembly and the presbyteries and sessions, as well as other denominational bodies. It aids in conflict resolution through reconciliation ministry and the Standing Judicial Commission. Other areas of service include facilitating special study committees, interpreting the Constitution through the Committee on Constitutional Business, publishing the denominational magazine *byFaith*, assisting church pulpits committees and pastors in their search for callings, and overseeing corporate civil matters, the PCA Historical Center in St. Louis, and the management and operation of the PCA's Atlanta headquarters.

### Sunday Worship Schedule:

**9:15 am**

#### Sunday School

"Gospel Compassion:  
Showing the Love of  
Christ to the Poor"

**10:30 am**

#### Morning Worship

**6:00 pm**

#### Evening Worship

The Gospel of Mark:  
The Suffering King Has  
Come to Save

### Wednesday Schedule:

See Announcements

### The Session

Caleb Cangelosi  
(Teaching Elder),  
Brad Bleasdale,  
Dennis Parker  
(Clerk of Session),  
Darryl Richards,  
Landon Vick  
Quinton Bain (Elder  
Emeritus)

### The Diaconate

Todd Burks,  
David Cunningham,  
Jamey Farris,  
Jason Morse  
(Treasurer),  
John Rust (Chairman),  
Michael Savage,  
Wes Stevens

## Pastor's Corner

This past Sunday was very full, and such a rich time of gospel encouragement and comfort. We formally welcomed seven new members into our congregation: Barbara Davis (her husband, Ralph, is a teaching elder and a member of Grace Presbytery in Mississippi, so he won't be joining our local church), Will and Alicia Enochs, Tyler and Alissa Hodge, and Andrew and Anna Martin. Andrew had not been baptized before, and so we had the privilege of hearing his testimony to God's unchangeable love that never lets us go, and of seeing the waters of baptism poured out upon him. Psalm 90 portrayed the greatness of God our dwelling place, the brevity of life, and our need for Him, and it pointed us forward to the coming of Jesus to dwell among us and suffer the wrath of His Father in our place. In that light, we feasted together at the Lord's table together. Sunday evening we meditated upon II Corinthians 4:1-15 and heard Landon Vick take vows at his ordination and installation to the office of ruling elder. Darryl Richards and Dennis Parker charged Landon and the congregation, respectively, challenging us all to strive by His mercies to be what God had called us to be. What a day! I was tired, but strengthened as well by His grace. And I trust you were strengthened as well. If you missed it, get someone to tell you all about it!

We have two upcoming congregational meetings that you should make effort to attend: one this coming Lord's Day, to present to you the 2011 budget that the Session has approved, as well as to elect additional trustees. We need some additional trustees to replace Quinton Bain, who is an elder emeritus, and Robert Row (Dennis Parker and Darryl Richards are our only current trustees); Todd Burks and Wes Stevens have agreed to be nomi-

nated, and must be elected by the congregation. Trustees have power and authority to buy, sell, or mortgage property for the church; to accept and execute deeds; to hold and defend titles to the same; and to manage any permanent special funds entrusted to them for the furtherance of the purposes of the church (BCO 25-6). As for the budget, you should be receiving it in the mail this week; if you have any questions that you'd like answered (especially if you don't like asking questions in public!), please email Jason Morse at [jason@jmorse.com](mailto:jason@jmorse.com). He will raise the question before the congregation anonymously.

The following Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> (at first we had said the 23<sup>rd</sup>, but Presbytery moved up the Examining Committee meeting by a week, so we need to have our meeting earlier), we will have another congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on calling Andy Berg as an associate pastor of our congregation. The Session unanimously recommends him. If called by the congregation, he will be serving in a part time fashion (at least ten hours per week), with an emphasis in Christian education and ministry to children and senior adults – essentially doing what he is already doing freely. His job description would include overseeing and organizing the church's ministry to children, assisting in worship and preaching, coordinating Sunday school classes, and pastoring the flock. He would still have to be released from his current Presbytery and approved by Nashville Presbytery. So please be praying for this process, and make plans to attend the congregational meeting; absentee ballots do not count!

God is at work among us, and I am thankful to be a jar of clay in His service here. May His beauty rest upon you as you seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

*Your Pastor, Caleb*

## **Kissing the Rod: Walking by Faith in The Trials of Life**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1758, the great American theologian Jonathan Edwards died of smallpox, having received the disease from a smallpox vaccine one month earlier. He left behind a family and an incredible legacy of writing and ministry. His last words, and the words of his wife upon his death, are instructive for every Christian. Jonathan wrote to his daughter Lucy, "*Dear Lucy, it seems to me to be the will of God that I must shortly leave you; therefore give my kindest love to my dear wife, and tell her, that the uncommon union, which has so long subsisted between us, has been of such a nature as I trust is spiritual and therefore will continue forever: and I hope she will be supported under so great a trial, and submit cheerfully to the will of God. And as to my children, you are now to be left fatherless, which I hope will be an inducement to you all to seek a Father who will never fail you.*"

Sarah Edwards, his dear wife, wrote to her daughter Esther on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, "*What shall I say: A holy and good God has covered us with a dark cloud. O that we may kiss the rod, and lay our hands on our mouths! The Lord has done it. He has made me adore his goodness that we had him so long. But my God lives; and he has my heart. O what a legacy my husband, and your father, has left to us! We are all given to God: and there I am and love to be. Your ever affectionate mother, Sarah Edwards.*" God is sovereign over all our life, and the trials He ordains as discipline for us are from the hand of a loving heavenly Father. So let us kiss the rod, and trust and wait on Him.

## What Else Is Going On at GPC?

**YAHOO Monthly Dinner**—The YAHOOs (Young and Happy Only Older) will normally meet the last Friday night of each month. In January, because the Bible Conference is on the last Saturday night, we will meet Saturday evening before the Bible Conference at 5:00 p.m. at Made With Love on Broad Street.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS:**

\*6:00-6:30 PM—Snack Supper (\$2 adults/\$1 children). If you would like to help set up the supper, please contact Andy Berg at 931.397.9952.

\*6:15-7:30 PM—Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. We are studying Isaiah 1-12.

\*6:30-7:30 PM—Kid’s Skill & Drills is for preschool through sixth graders. We have a nursery for babies/toddlers

\*6:00 PM—Youth Group at the Meeting House

**SESSION MEETING**—At the Session meetings the past two weeks, your elders approved the following items:

1. To recommend TE Andy Berg be elected by the congregation as an Associate Pastor, at a congregational meeting held January 16, 2011.
2. To recommend to the congregation that Deacons Todd Burks and Wes Stevens replace Elder Emeritus Quinton Bain and former Elder Robert Row as Trustees of Grace Presbyterian Church.
3. The 2011 church budget, to be presented to the congregation on January 9, 2011.
4. Amendments to the Grace Presbyterian Church policy manual.
5. WIC’s request for a two night retreat in April, and an increase to the WIC Council.

### ~January Nursery/Greeter Volunteers~

	1/2	1/9	1/16	1/23	1/30
<b>SS Babies</b>	McCall	A. Seitzinger	Mitchell	R. Nyhof	Robson
<b>AM Worship</b>	Cunningham	Richards	Kincaid	B/J Bleasdale	Enochs
<b>PM Worship</b>	Vick	Hadlock	Walker	Parker	Cangelosi
<b>Greeters</b>	Cunningham	R. Nyhof/ E. Nyhof	Winston	Stevens	Walker

### ~January Birthdays/Anniversaries~



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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1/1-Jerry Niemann      | 1/16-Ray Barnhart    |
| 1/2-Landon Vick        | 1/22-Brad Seitzinger |
| 1/8-Ryan Enochs        | 1/26-Jim Hawk        |
| 1/12-Tom Taylor        | 1/28-Kandice Vick    |
| 1/12-Caleb Cangelosi   | 1/31-Ronda Winston   |
| 1/14-Benjamin Mitchell |                      |



- 1/4-B/D Bleasdale
- 1/8-Hadlock
- 1/11-Dobbins
- 1/26-J/A Farris

## **GRACE PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING FUND**

**Our goal is \$60,000 for the basic building and approximately \$160,000 for the building with extras. As of today, we have received \$22,754.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Lord's Supper Congregational Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Ladies' B/S Wed. Evening Programs	<b>6</b> Young & Happy	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Rag Quilt Class
<b>9</b> Congregational Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ladies' B/S Wed. Evening Programs	<b>13</b> Young & Happy	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Congregational Meeting EW Lord's Supper	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ladies' B/S Wed. Evening Programs	<b>20</b> Young & Happy	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Rag Quilt Class
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ladies' B/S Rescue Mission Wed. Evening Programs	<b>27</b> Young & Happy	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> YAHOO Dinner Bible Conference
<b>30</b> Bible Conference	<b>31</b>					

## A Note from Larry Walker

December was an exciting month. Our Youth Group has had a Regressive Dinner (dessert first). Thank you to Ray & Kelly Farris for the delicious desserts; Jeff & Kathy Wilkins for great spaghetti and fellowship, and Todd and Cheryl Burks for the tasty appetizers and letting us stay so late at their house! Also, thank you to all the parents who drove us around or loaned their vehicle—it was a great help!

We also had a great time caroling, eating pizza as well as the Soldier Packing party. The best thing for me about this last month, though, was the chance to get to know the parents and teens of our Youth Group more than ever. I'm looking forward to the coming month and all the teaching and fun to come. I am starting a series on Doctrine and the Christian Life.

Also coming up soon, we will be taking a trip to Gatlinburg. I have high hopes for the coming New Year and I look forward to growing in grace together.