



## THE PURPOSE OF GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY GATHERING AND GROWING HIS PEOPLE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WORD.*

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal This Sunday!

This Sunday morning we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please spend time examining yourself as Paul commands in I Corinthians 11:17-34. Come hungry to feast upon our Savior and His goodness and grace.

Following the morning worship service, we will have our first Sunday of the month church-wide fellowship meal. Bring your favorite dish and a friend, and join us!

### Short Term Mission Project on October 6-8 in Ft Payne, AL



Due to last Spring's devastating tornado in Alabama, there are still families with no homes or places to put their remaining belongings. In July, a group went from our church and built 2 sheds and did work on a new house. This time we will build another shed and maybe other work on houses being built.

Ft. Payne is 2 hours away. We need at least 4 adults and/or older teens to accomplish the task. Tools like a hammer and gloves are good. You will need a sleeping bag/air mattress and \$20 for gas and food. The dates are Thursday, October 6th, leaving from the church at 9:00 a.m. and returning on Saturday, October 8th sometime.

Please talk with Andy if you are interested in going at 931-397-9952 or [acberg@gmail.com](mailto:acberg@gmail.com). Youth will need written permission from a parent to go.



### GPC'S HOE-DOWN

Everyone is invited (church family, community and friends) to our annual Hoe-Down on October 29th at 3:00 PM at Darryl and Mary Richards' cabin at 3878 Mirandy Rd., Cookeville.



We will have live bluegrass music, games for all ages (horseshoes, wheelbarrow race, egg toss, sack races, bounce house for kids, corn-hole, and more).

Contests and awards for best chili, desserts, and costumes.

Admission to the event will be a bag of candy and bring a side dish to add to the chili and desserts.

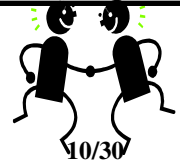
# WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON AT GPC...

- ◆ **Saturday, October 1st**—Cades Cove Bike Ride. Meet at the Meeting House at 6 AM
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 5th**—YG Hayride and pumpkin patch. Meet at the Meeting House at 5 PM
- ◆ **Saturday, October 15th**—YG to serve at Mustard Seed Ranch. Meet at the Meeting House at 9 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, October 16th**—Lord's Supper Evening Worship Service
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 26th**—Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal
- ◆ **Saturday, October 29th**—Hoe-Down (see page 1)



- ◆ **November 11th & 12th**—Men's Retreat at Cedar Lake Camp
- ◆ **Every Wednesday @ 6:30 PM**—Youth Group
- ◆ **Sunday School Classes**—Westminster Confession of Faith; Book of Ephesians; Book of James
- ◆ **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study**—10-11:30 AM at home of Jan Stevens
- ◆ **2nd & 4th Monday Evening Ladies' Bible Study**—7 PM at the Meeting House—see Rachel Parker for details
- ◆ **Sunday, October 30th**—Joint Worship Service at Grace with Mike Quillen preaching
- ◆ **Saturday, November 5th**—Baby shower in honor of Sally Winingham, Alissa Hodge and Mandy Walker! Join us at the Meeting House from 2-4 PM

## October Nursery/Greeter Volunteers



	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
<b>SS Babies</b>	Vick	Twitty	E. Nyhof	Morse	Spickard
<b>AM Worship</b>	B/J Bleasdale	D. Enochs	Rust	Hoepfner	Hadlock
<b>PM Worship</b>	Parker	Cangelosi	Robson	A. Farris	Davis
<b>Greeters</b>	Fesler/Williamson	Majewski	McClearn	Martin	Barnhart



## October Birthdays



## October Anniversaries

- 10/1—Jen Lee
- 10/2—David Powelson, Molly Henderson
- 10/3—Devan Lee
- 10/7—Caroline Cangelosi
- 10/8—Brenden Nyhof
- 10/10—Ben Bleasdale
- 10/12—Apryl Farris, Craig Henderson
- 10/14—David Cunningham
- 10/15—Darryl Richards, Phillip

- Kincaid
- 10/16—Dennis Parker
- 10/17—Liam Kincaid
- 10/19—Anna Martin, John Rust
- 10/21—Cathy Wilkins, Dan Fesler
- 10/23—JoAnna Bleasdale
- 10/25—Lucy & Nathan Headrick
- 10/29—Lacy Tatum
- 10/31—Craig Whitham, Daniel Mitchell, Jamey Farris

- 10/8— Ryan & Jodie Steele
- 10/10— Josh & Stephanie Hoepfner
- 10/14— Matt & Racquel Nyhof
- 10/25— Wayne & Denise Bunting, Jerry & Marilyn Majewski
- 10/30— Bob & Terry King

# Pastor Caleb's Corner

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Last Wednesday's Family Discipleship Workshop was an encouraging time for me, and I hope a profitable time for those of you who were able to make it. We thought together about three practical and concrete commitments that parents need to make as we seek to "raise our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4) and "command our children and our household after [us] to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice" (Gen. 18:19): a commitment to the Lord's Day, a commitment to family worship, and a commitment to Bible and catechism memory. Through these commitments the word of the gospel of Jesus Christ will fill our homes daily, and His law will shape the life of our family for His glory. Covenant children need to be born again and hear and trust in the gospel just like children outside of the covenant, and so godly parents will faithfully bring the word to them and them to the word. Parents are the instruments in God's hands, shaping and molding and disciplining and training young hearts and minds in the knowledge of God through the Scriptures. Time is short – eighteen years! – and so we must redeem it, putting the spiritual well-being of our children above any other priority that we might have for their lives. If you missed last Wednesday and would like a copy of the notes or of the "Resources for Family Worship" booklet that was handed out, please let me know.

One of the things that we announced at the workshop was that Jeanne Niemann is going to begin hearing and keeping track of our children's Bible verse and catechism memory work. We want to encourage families to undertake this task by recognizing the children for their hard work. So find Mrs. Jeanne at church on Sundays, and let your children recite what they've learned. May the Lord keep the truth of His word deep down in their hearts, so that they might not sin against Him, and that they might have a treasure of knowledge stored away for now and the future.

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On Sunday night, October 9, I'm beginning a new Sunday evening sermon series on the book of Nehemiah. I've al-

ways loved the exilic and post-exilic period (the period during and after Israel's return from the Babylonian exile in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.), in large part because the situation of God's people in those days was so similar to our own situation. We, like them, are aliens and strangers, living under rulers who worshipped many gods, the remnant of grace seeking to maintain our holiness in the face of a debauched culture, striving to live for God's glory and yet all too often failing to be the people God has called us to be. We, like them, have enemies who oppose the building of God's kingdom. They, like us, have promises of a coming King, and must wait and work in faith. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah, one book in the Hebrew canon, focus our attention upon our sovereign and merciful God, and the two characters named in the titles. We'll be considering particularly how the Lord uses Nehemiah, who was not a priest or a king or a prophet but a career public official, to do great things for the sake of His people Israel. As we study this great book, we'll learn much about our God and about being a people set apart for His glory. For as Paul reminds us, the history of the Old Testament exists for the purpose of instruction: "Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). I look forward to beginning a new journey through a book that may or may not be familiar to you. In either case, this is a great opportunity to renew your commitment to hearing God's word preached on Sunday evenings.

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Don't forget about the Humanitas Forum that starts up again this Friday, September 30. Trevin Wax, the author of *Counterfeit Gospels* and *Holy Subversion*, will be speaking this month on the topic, "Retreat or Advance? How the Gospel Forms a Christian's Role in Society." And then on October 28, Ted Kluck, author with Kevin DeYoung of *Why We're Not Emergent* and *Why We Love the Church*, will be speaking on "Why We Love the Church: In Praise of Institutions and Organized Religion." All Humanitas Forums meet at Nashville State Community College on Neal St., and begin at 7:00 p.m.

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## INQUIRERS' CLASS



On the Wednesday evenings of October 19, 26, November 2, 9, and 16, we will be offering an Inquirers' Class at the Meeting House. The class will meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and a nursery will be provided. The Inquirers' Class is for anyone who is interested in joining or learning more about Grace Presbyterian Church. The basics of what the Presbyterian Church in America believes about the Bible, God, salvation through Christ, the covenants, and the church will be covered. For those coming from a non-PCA background, this class is required for joining Grace Presbyterian Church. Members, feel free to come for a refresher!



We are pleased to announce that Grace Presbyterian Church closed on the loan for our building last week. Our lender will be Progressive Savings Bank. The loan was the last thing we needed to have in place for construction to begin. The building site prep is finished. We should see the first work being done the actual building in the next few days. Things like digging trenches for utilities and pouring the foundation concrete will occur first followed by raising the steel framework.

As we previously announced, the building will be all brick on three sides and metal exterior on the side away from the street. The back side of the building is where we will add on Sunday School and educational space in a few years, Lord willing. The architects have revised our drawings to include the brick and today we are waiting on the brick subcontractor to tell us how many thousand brick we will need before we start shopping for the brick. We have the colors to choose from for the roof, gutters and back wall. We plan on choosing all the brick and colors together to come up with a color scheme that works well for everything.

**GPC**

**Building**

**Fund**

**Update**

**By Todd**

**Burks**

Please continue to remember the building fund when you have opportunity to give. We still have about \$27,954 to raise for the base building and will need at least \$35,000 more for the "extras" not included in the building. The word extra implies we can get along without them but a lot of these needs are quite important. We will need money for things like landscaping, flooring, furniture and window treatments. When we move in next year the church might seem like a first home a young married couple moves into after they get married. There will be a lot of empty space and a bit of an unfinished feeling. There will be a lot of opportunity to add things as we grow and have ability. Have patience as we work out what to do and buy first with limited resources. Like a new home there will also be need for us to put in some sweat equity. There will be groups of people working on things like landscaping or flooring as we get closer to moving in.

Please remember the building effort in your prayers in the following ways: Pray that the workers will do a good job and finish on time. Pray the finished building will be free from problems. Pray that we will be successful in raising the money needed to reach our goals for the basic building and extras. Pray that God will continue to guide the officers in the choices that will need to be made for the building. Pray for unity and patience among the congregation as we go through the building process.

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## Youth Group News from Larry



As we enter the Fall season, I wanted to take an opportunity to let you know how things are going in Youth Group. We have begun studying the book of James in Sunday School. We are using a guide written by Pastor Tim Keller of Redeemer Presbyterian in New York City, in which you study three to five verses at a time and then answer between seven and nine questions pertaining to those verses. So far we have had a packed house in our room and I believe that it has been a very beneficial study for me and everyone involved. If you are the parent of a teen or someone in the church who has taken vows to be involved in the lives of our Covenant children, I would encourage you to engage them in conversation regarding this book and what they are learning. I am so thankful for the people in our church that I see investing their lives in our Youth and I believe that God is blessing this.

Also, we are now having Youth Group at the home of Chuck and Renee Craig unless otherwise announced. This is a wonderful opportunity and a very generous thing that the Craigs have done in opening their home and we are extremely thankful for it. Next week we will begin reading together through one of Paul's epistles and having group discussion and prayer. If you are a teen and would like to come and need a ride, let me know and we can figure something out.

One last thing: this Saturday (October 1<sup>st</sup>) we are going to Cade's Cove for a bike trip. Contact Todd Burks as soon as possible if you are interested. Anyone in the church is welcome! We hope to see you there!