

The Purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church

is to glorify God by equipping individuals and families with the Word of God so that by God's grace they will grow in their service and worship of God, cultivate a genuinely loving fellowship, and influence the world for Jesus Christ.

Sunday and Wednesday Worship Schedules:

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
Galatians

Biblical Economics

Inquirers' Class

10:30 am Morning Worship

The Church For the World

6:00 pm Evening Worship

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

Wednesday

10/14: Wednesday Night
Activities Cancelled for Fall
Break

10/21: 6:00 pm Adult Small
Groups
Youth Group
Children's Catechism

The Session

Caleb Cangelosi
(Teaching Elder),
Brad Bleasdale,
Dennis Parker
(Clerk of Session),
Darryl Richards,
Robert Row (Director
of Family Ministries),
Quinton Bain (Elder
Emeritus)

The Diaconate

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

*Deacon for October

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Youth Outreach Project

This past Wednesday night the youth and some parents did some door to door outreach in the neighborhoods right around the school. I must first admit that I was nervous about how this type of thing would go over. The evening began by our group chaotically putting bags together to give out to people. Each bag had a Bible, a card with information about our church, a couple of bottles of water, hand soap, hand sanitizer, pads of paper, pens, etc. We divided up into five groups and designated roads and neighborhoods to each group. We had two to three adults and three to four youth in each group. The groups were instructed to give them the gift and take prayer requests so we could follow up by writing them a card. We all set out pulling our wagons full of bags to give out to our neighbors.

Our group went to a few doors and people were receptive except for one house that locked their door and would not answer. That was to be expected with the intimidating look of teenagers and a youth minister holding his two and a half year old little girl on his shoulders. We stopped at another house and talked with a mother who was very open and asked us to pray for someone in her family. The next house asked us to pray for their family that was sick and it ended up that her daughter was in Tyler's classroom at Algood. The next home was that of an elderly woman. She just moved to Cookeville in May and attends Roger Cooper's church on Hwy 111. Roger is the gentleman from whom we bought the church property. She asked if we could be praying for her lost son because he did not know Jesus. We talked with her for quite a while then prayed with her before we left. I think she encouraged us more than we encouraged her. Lastly, we stopped at a house and knocked but no one answered. We were then walking back down the driveway and out came a truck from the back of the house. There was a young lady driving and she stopped and talked with us and was very

Robert Row, Director of Family Ministries

friendly. She shared with us that her father had just passed away. After talking about that situation for a minute I asked her if she believed in Jesus and she said that she did and that she has been struggling getting back into church. She also said that if you believe God's word as given in the KJV then that's all you needed. It wasn't the place to challenge her view of the KJV and the liberties that Erasmus' took in composing the 1611 version. So we just listened. I then asked one of the youth to pray for her and her family. Afterwards she broke down and began sobbing. We encouraged her and told her to remember that God would never leave you or forsake you. Through the crying all she could say is, "thank you all so much for coming, you don't know how bad I needed this, it was so good of you to come." Even now a week later, when I think and pray for this lady it brings tears to my eyes. God is good and brings great encouragement when we show love to our neighbors. You just never know how God is at work in the people He brings your way.

These are just a few stories from our group and I am sure there are more from the others. Here are a few: One group experienced talking with a professed atheist—yeah can you believe it—right here, smack-dab in the middle of the Bible belt. Another group had a response from a lady that I found telling. She kept asking, "Do you want money?" in essence she was saying "you mean you don't want anything from me." That is beautiful in many ways, but perhaps the simplest way to put it is this: As our church grows in this ministry of reaching out to our neighbors, it is our prayer that we continue to show people the love of Christ with no strings attached. People aren't used to that.

May we continue to be a ray of hope to those who do not know the love of Christ and just need someone to show they care. God is sovereign.

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Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

As I write this on Tuesday morning, word has come that Elizabeth will be admitted to the hospital this evening in order to induce delivery tomorrow. So by the time you read this, Lord willing, baby Caroline will have been born, and mommy and baby will be safe and sound. We are all looking forward to this addition to our family, and are so thankful for the support you have already given us. Elizabeth and I thank God for the privilege of raising another daughter in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. "Behold, children are a gift from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:3-5). Please check out my [blog](#) for more details and for pictures of Caroline!

I was sad to leave Habakkuk this past Lord's Day, but we have reached the end of the book and so we must move on. I pray that his experience and God's word through him touched your lives in a unique way; each of us struggle with God's providence and discipline in various ways (some in harder circumstances than others), and it is good to know that we have a traveling partner in Habakkuk. The reality of the knowledge of God's glory filling the earth as the waters cover the sea will remain with me, I hope, for the rest of my life. We are here to know Him and make Him known to the nations, and promises like that give me hope when I am tempted to despair.

Speaking of making God known to the nations, that task is going to be the subject of my next series of sermons. It is my conviction that preachers should primarily preach in a consecutive expository manner, that is, through books of the Bible in a passage-by-passage manner, opening up God's word to His people in its original historical, literary, and redemptive context, and applying it to their lives in practical ways. But there is a place for topical series, and I enjoy sprinkling them in the middle of book series. So for the next few months, we are going to be looking at what the Bible teaches us about being "The Church For the World." Why did God leave us on earth when He saved us from the penalty and power of our sin?

Why did He not take us home immediately to enjoy Him in glory? The answer is, simply, that He left us with a job to do, a calling to bring the good news of His glory and grace to the nations in word and deed. We exist as Christians and as a church in large part for those who don't belong to us, for those who don't darken our doors on Sunday morning and evening. As we'll see, this calling was not first given to the church when Jesus came, but has been part and parcel with the life of God's people at least since the calling of Abraham (and even farther back, since the first gospel presentation in the garden of Eden).

As we settle in to our new neighborhood on Burton Branch Road in Algood, and as the Lord grows our congregation and provides us with the means to serve more and more people, we need to make sure that our efforts are grounded in the soil of God's word. We need not only to do rightly, but to think rightly about our doing. Viewed from the opposite direction, the more we understand about the nature and goal of God's purposes of the church for the world – the more we understand and experience the love of Christ in the gospel for us – the more we will conform our lives to His calling. Robert will be preaching along with me in this series, so pray that he and I will have grace to apply God's word to our hearts so that we will all be transformed by His grace.

Be in prayer this month for the Finance Committee (currently composed of Jamey Farris, Jason Morse, Dennis Parker, and Landon Vick – they desire one more non-officer to be on the committee) as they begin to work on the 2010 budget. The various committees of the church have submitted budget requests to them, and they will present their budget proposal to the Diaconate, and finally to the Session for adoption and approval. God has blessed us in extraordinary ways this year – most churches are running a deficit this year, but we are even a little bit ahead. Pray that the officers will have wisdom, clarity of communication, and peace as they seek to be good stewards of the monies you give to the work of Christ's kingdom.

Your Pastor, Caleb

Trip to Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green, KY

On Sunday evening, October 25, at 5:30 p.m., Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky, is holding a one-year anniversary celebration. The church was planted a year ago by Brian Howard, and they are inviting the entire Presbytery to join with them in giving thanks to God for His faithfulness. Scott Roley, Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church in Franklin, TN, will be preaching. If you are interested in going to share in this celebration, please contact Tommy Roberts at tom.roberts@hughes.net.

Adopt-a-School Ceremony at Algood Elementary School

At the Session meeting in September, the elders voted to officially adopt Algood Elementary and Middle Schools, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's Adopt-a-School Program. On Tuesday, October 27th at 8:30 a.m., there will be a formal ceremony to acknowledge our commitment to the schools. Everyone is invited to come and show your support, and meet the faculty and teachers. The ceremony will be held at Algood Elementary, and Judge John Maddux (Sara Robertson's father) will be presiding. We are thankful for the relationship that God has given us with Algood School, and pray that He would use us to be a blessing to our neighbor.

Habitat for Humanity's Cooking on the Square

The Putnam County [Habitat for Humanity's](http://www.habitatforhumanity.org) "Cooking on the Square" is scheduled for **Friday, October 30th from 11:00 to 1:00**. Any adult interested in serving, cooking or helping with set-up please call David Cunningham at (931) 528-6119 or 260-1483. We will be serving up Cajun fare. This is an enjoyable mixer on the square with local folks, and it also provides a means of plugging our church into local events.



Baby Caroline is here! She was born Wednesday, October 7th at 11:30 am. She weighed 8 lb 4 oz. Isn't she beautiful!

If you would like to take a meal to the Cangelosis, please contact Judy Hadlock at (931) 526-2110.

Shepherding Meal Schedule

Date	Elder	Location
10/11	Parker	Algood School
10/18	Row	Algood School
10/25	Bleasdale	Algood School
11/1	Richards	Algood School

Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	10/11	10/18
SS Babies	A. Seitzinger	S. Sperry
AM Worship Babies/ Toddlers	Richards' Family	Kincaid Family
PM Worship Babies	Stevens	Steele
Greeters	Majewski	Christian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10/11	10/12 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office Birthday! April Farris Craig Henderson	10/13	10/14 Wednesday Night Activities Can- celled for Fall Break Birthday! David Cunningham Anniversary! M/R Nyhof	10/15 7:00 PM Dolce Cafe Young & Happy Ladies' Fellowship Birthday! Phillip Kincaid Darryl Richards	10/16 Birthday! Dennis Parker	10/17 Anniversary! Robertson
10/18 Birthday! Sue Ann Savage	10/19 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office Birthday! John Rust	10/20	10/21 Birthday! Dan Fesler	10/22 6:00 PM Young & Happy Family Fellowship Birthday! Rebecca Row Anniversary! Welch	10/23 Birthday! JoAnna Bleasdale	10/24 4:00 PM Church Property Hoedown! See Page 4

Join us for The Hoedown!

For the past 14 years our church has had an annual fall festival to celebrate the Protestant Reformation signified by Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517.

Some years we have been more explicit about the Reformation than others but in the spirit of celebrating this historic event we have gathered every year to play games, eat good food, square dance, and generally have a great time! At one point it was probably called a Reformation Celebration then the Grace Presbyterian Church Hoedown and now it is simply known as The Hoedown. Whatever you want to call it one thing is for certain, it is a fun-filled tradition that the folks of Grace Presbyterian Church look forward to every year. In years past it has been really hot and other years it has been really cold but to my recollection the Hoedown has never been rained out. This tradition has occurred in a variety of places over the years; the first few were at the home of Charles and Judi Whiting, then at the home of several other church families (the Cunninghams, the Jones, and the Rows), for a few years we were at Camp Monterey, then last year we were thrilled to hold our annual celebration on our own church property.



Jeff Enochs, Hoedown Chairman

I am not sure when the Chili Cookoff and Dessert Contest began but I sure am glad that they did. Do you think you have the best Chili or Dessert in the church? Let us give it a try, we would all love to have a taste of it. Even if you don't think yours is the best we would still love to eat some of it. We will also have our annual costume contest for all ages. The costumes seem to get better every year, from the amazing Kincaid boys and their Star Wars costumes to the Winstons' Christmas tree and present combo. We even had Martin Luther and a nun show up last year. Dress up in your favorite costume or just come as you.

Our celebration will begin this year with a brief history lesson of that historic day in 1517. Next we will proceed with family games and games for kids of all ages. Then we will gather for food, announce the winners of our contests, and have a good old-fashioned square dance.

We look forward to seeing you there on **Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m.** at the church property located at 2226 Burton Branch Road in Algood. Bring your camp chair, a bag of candy for the kids, and a flashlight or lantern.

Please be sure to see the sign-up sheets in the hallway after church!

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