

## 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

Grace For the World

#### 6:00 pm Evening Worship

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

#### Wednesday

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,  
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## Family Worship Seminar

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On October 6<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege of attending the Family Worship seminar held by Brad Winsted of Children's Ministry International (CMI). Mr. Winsted started with a discussion of why we should have daily Family Worship, and then he finished with some ideas of how to make it work.

### Why should Family Worship be a part of our daily routine?

- The following Scriptures were shared:
  - ◇ Psalm 118:15: "Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!'"
  - ◇ Psalm 78:4:  
"We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,  
his power, and the wonders he has done."
    - ◇ (God is speaking of Abraham) Genesis 18:19: "For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."
- We and our children need to be hearing and reading God's word daily, praying together, and singing the songs of our faith together.
- Family Worship gives us, as parents, an opportunity to imitate Christ to our children by demonstrating His three roles as prophet, priest, and king:
  - ◇ As prophet: Through reading and discussion, we help to reveal the Word of God to our children.
  - ◇ As priest: We make prayers of intercession on behalf of our children, and they hear us daily praying for their salvation and sanctification.
  - ◇ As king: Fathers take the lead role in their children's Biblical education and do not delegate it to the church.
- Even if we skip a few Family Worship times, we will have thousands of opportunities in our children's lives to read, discuss, sing, and pray together.
- Consider Family Worship as an heirloom: Think about the traditions that have been passed down in your family...is Family Worship one of them? Won't it be easier for our grown children to incorporate Family Worship into their daily lives if they've grown up with it?

### How do we worship as a family?

Obviously Family Worship is going to look different for every family, but if you're looking for a place to start, consider following the format of Sunday morning worship. Incorporating prayer, the reading of God's word, and a song of praise or thanksgiving would be a great place to start. Mr. Winsted also shared the following ideas:

- Keep a prayer journal for logging prayer requests and answers to prayer,
- Keep a globe or world map nearby and pray for missionaries across the world,
- Keep Christmas cards from friends and family in a basket, and draw from it routinely and pray for that family,
- Incorporate holiday-specific lessons.

Resources to help with Family Worship are plentiful; CMI publishes many materials that are designed to help families with their worship time, and there are links to resources on Grace's website ([www.gracecookeville.org](http://www.gracecookeville.org); go to "Resources" and click on "Other Links"). Pastor Caleb and Robert are eager to find ways the church can encourage Family Worship...if you have questions or ideas please contact them.

## Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

Congratulations to Matt and Sarah Dobbins on the birth of their baby boy, Jude! The Lord has been blessing our congregation of late with children, which are one of His chief blessings. Most Christians know that Psalm 127 teaches that children are a blessing, but did you know that I Chronicles 13:14 and 26:5 teach that truth as well? Go and see. We'll soon be giving these covenant children the covenant sign of baptism, formally receiving them into the household of God as non-communing members, and embarking upon the great journey of discipling them unto faith and obedience. Be in prayer for the parents of our congregation. The words of Psalm 22:9-10, 30-31 can be used as a strong prayer for your children and grandchildren, or if you do not have any children, the children of our church: "Lord, bring forth my children from the womb; make them trust You when upon their mother's breast. Cast them upon Yourself from birth; be their God from their mother's womb...Lord, let our seed serve You; help me to tell of You to the coming generation. Help that generation to declare Your righteousness to a people who will be born, that You have performed all things well."

Our *Book of Church Order*, in section 28-1, contains a wonderful paragraph concerning this discipleship that is to go on in the home: "The spiritual nurture, instruction and training of the children of the Church are committed by God primarily to parents. They are responsible to the Church for the faithful discharge of their obligations. It is a principal duty of the Church to promote true religion in the home. True discipleship involves learning the Word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit both at home and in the Church. Without learning there is no growth and without growth there is no discipline and without discipline there is sin and iniquity (I Tim. 4:7)." May God continue to bless us with children, the grace to raise them as we ought, and His saving grace in their hearts. May He keep parents from abdicating their responsibility to the church or to the state, and may He cover over our mistakes and foolishness by His grace.

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This past Monday we had a wonderful discussion at our Calvin's *Institutes* reading group from which I thought everyone would benefit. (Let me remind you again that a group continue to meet every Monday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. to read through Calvin's *Institutes*; it isn't too late to join us – we're almost through with 300 pages (in nearly two years!), but there's still 1300 pages left to go!! So if you're free during the lunch hour, meet us at the church office. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat as we read. If you don't have a copy of the *Institutes*, don't worry, because you can

look on with someone.) We were reading Calvin's remarks on the truth that there is nothing good in us at all, and that we can do nothing good apart from Christ, God's sovereign will, God's energizing grace. It is God who must work in us to will and to do for His good purposes (Phil. 2:13); apart from Christ we can do nothing (John 15:5). We are absolutely reliant upon God's grace to do anything good, to bear any fruit, to do anything edifying to another. By remembering this truth the Christian is guarded from pride.

And yet we must also beware of the pitfall of passivity. In our sanctification we are not passive, but active. We are not called to sit back and just wait for God to stir us up to action; rather, we are called to "prepare our minds for action" (I Peter 1:13), "in our faith supply moral excellence, applying all diligence..." (II Peter 1:5), "cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Corinthians 7:1), etc. Of course, any movement on our part is because God has moved first – we work out our salvation with fear and trembling because it is God who is at work in us both to will and to do (Philippians 2:12-13). It is "by the Spirit" that we "put to death the deeds of the flesh" (Romans 8:13). So on the one hand we must combat pride, and on the other hand we must combat passivity. In two places Paul affirms both the truth of God's sovereignty in sanctification, and our responsibility in sanctification: I Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me;" and Colossians 1:29, "For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." We strive, we labor, God works within us.

As is often the case, the Westminster Confession of Faith has most eloquently summarized what I'm trying to say: "[The Christian's] ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that they may be enabled thereunto, beside the graces they have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will, and to do, of His good pleasure: yet are they not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless upon a special motion of the Spirit; but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them" (Chapter 13.3).

May the Lord help us to retain both truths in our hearts, so that we might be kept from despair, pride, and self-reliance on the one hand, and apathy, passivity, and laziness on the other.

*Your Pastor, Caleb*

### Putting the "Family" in Family Game Night

What do we mean by "Family" in Family Game Night? Many of you have remarked, "Well, I don't have children," or "I am not even married so why would I come to a family game night at the church?" First of all you need to know that when I say family in most contexts that means the ENTIRE COVENANT CHURCH FAMILY, not just people with children. I am sorry if this hasn't been clear in the past. I have always thought of the church as part of my family and assumed that everyone else did too. So from now on when I say "Family" in an announcement, I mean every-one unless I specify a certain group within the family. Therefore, the Family Game Nights are for the whole church, children, teens, college students, married, single, wiser, empty nesters, etc, etc. My hope is that you will make a point to come and be part of the Grace Family for the night. I promise it is loads of fun and a great way to get to know people better. And yes, it is also a great time to destroy the hopes of young teenagers who think they can beat some old folks in a game of basketball. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend! —Robert Row

### Finance Committee Prayer Request

Keep the Finance Committee in your prayers as they continue to meet to work on the 2010 Budget Recommendation. Once they have completed their work, the Diaconate will review it, and then it will go to the Session for approval and adoption. I haven't mentioned it nearly as much as I should have, but our congregation's giving has been incredibly generous given the down economy. Thank you for your faithfulness, and I encourage you to keep giving to the building fund as well as to the general fund. If you get a chance, thank the Finance Committee (Jamey Farris, Jason Morse, Dennis Parker, and Landon Vick) for the work they have done this year. God is at work in so many ways, and we have much for which to be thankful.

—Caleb Cangelosi

### Algood School Setup

Ian Robson has agreed to be the lead person responsible for setting up Algood School each weekend for church services. Setup is done Friday evenings or Saturday mornings and only takes about two hours. We need more volunteers to help with this so that those who are volunteering won't need to help as often. If you are willing to help a few weeks a year, please contact Ian at (931) 260-1847.

### Titus 2 Tuesday

Ladies, there will not be a Titus 2 Tuesday meeting for the month of November. In December we will meet on the 8th and discuss economical gift ideas. We hope you can join us!

### Box Tops for Education

Have you noticed the cute red schoolhouse on the Greeter's Table? Please bring your Box Tops for Education and drop them off so that proceeds can benefit Algood School.

### Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	11/8	11/15
SS Babies	S. Seitzinger	T. Christian
AM Worship Babies and Toddlers	Rusts & Karelyn Pruitt	Walkers & Breanna McClearn
PM Worship Babies	Twittys	R. Craig
Greeters	Brandy & Ronda Winston	V. Earnst/J. Niemann

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/8 Shepherding Meal: Parker	11/9 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office	11/10 Nashville Presbytery  Birthday! Glenda Elmore Stephanie Parker	11/11 6:00 pm Wed night Small Groups & Catechism  Birthday! Charles Whiting	11/12 Algood Elementary Family Literacy Night  6:00 pm Young & Happy Everyone El Tapatio	11/13 Birthday! Charles Guthrie  6:00 pm Algood Elementary Cafeteria Family Game Night	11/14
11/15 Shepherding Meal: Row	11/16 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office  6:00 pm Session Meeting	11/17 Birthday! Gail McCall Gracie Roberts	11/18 6:00 pm Wed night Small Groups & Catechism	11/19 7:00 pm Young & Happy Ladies' Fellowship	11/20	11/21

## Cooking on the Square

Last year was the first time Grace Presbyterian participated in the annual “Cooking on the Square” fundraiser benefiting Habitat for Humanity, with Elizabeth Cangelosi preparing her delicious gumbo recipe for the crowds. This year, David and Keeba Cunningham stepped up to the plate and cooked over eight gallons of gumbo for the 13th annual event. About 50 teams participated, and while it was not a competition we will point out that Grace’s pots were empty long before the event was finished! According to Habitat, the proceeds from this event provide funds to construct about half a house. Many thanks to David and Keeba for all the cooking, and to Steve Sperry, Dennis & Rachel Parker, and Jamey & Apryl Farris for helping to set up, serve, and clean up. CookevilleTimes.com was onsite and interviewed Keeba and Daniel Cangelosi, and you should be able to watch the video by following this link:

<http://www.ucdailynews.com/home/video/68030837.html>

## Algood School Food Project

The Algood School food project was a great success. An estimated \$500 of food was donated and another \$540 of donations were given from inside the church and from other Algood School Adopters.

That allowed for over 350 bags of non-perishable food to be sent home to needy children for the week of fall break. The typical bag contained a microwaveable meal, fruit snack, drink, 2 breakfast items, snacks and a sweet. The Missions Committee wants each ministry that the church participates in to have a “word” and “deed” component to it. We included a short note in each bag to let the students know who provided the food, along with a Bible verse. The principals at both schools were very excited to have our church minister to their students in this manner. Thanks to all who donated food, money, time and effort in this endeavor!

We have opportunities to volunteer at the upcoming Algood Elementary Family Literacy night on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We are producing some take home projects for families to be given out that evening. If you would like to help, contact John Rust, [jrust@blomand.net](mailto:jrust@blomand.net) or (931) 260-6353.



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