

**The Purpose of
Grace Presbyterian
Church**

*is to glorify God by
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Vacation Bible
School

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Mission Meal—
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CALLING ALL SAILORS!!

(Children & Youth—4 yrs. old—6th grade)

The crew is getting ready but we need you to come aboard as we chart the course with Jonah during Vacation Bible School on **June 20th-23rd** (Mon-Thurs) from 8:30-11:30 AM at the Meeting House. Join other sailors and friends to learn about the ultimate rescuer,

Jesus Christ, through challenging skits, Bible lessons, music, crafts and games. The mess hall will keep you well fed. So matey—get your parents to sign you up for Summer Sequest VBS!

Seaquest Supplies Needed for VBS:

- Any nautical tools, old crates, rain barrels, rope, old bed sheets, fishnets, fallen tree (to be cut up for making ship stools), any miscellaneous lumber that you'd give or let the church borrow. Please see Andy Berg.
- Need snacks for sailors and ship crew. Please contact Pat Hoag, Marilyn Majewski or Brenda Hicks.
- Signup sheet is in the hallway at the Greeter's Table.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

1. *Dealing with Personal Conflicts* - Are you a conflict creator, a peacekeeper, or a peacemaker? Jesus calls His people to be the latter, though our sinful hearts often lead us to handle conflict in an unbiblical manner. Using Ken Sande's book *The Peacemaker*, we will think about what the Bible has to teach us about handling conflicts in our everyday lives - with spouses, children, employees/employers/co-workers, church members, neighbors, etc.
2. *Money, Money, Money* - Money and wealth consume our culture's thoughts. The Bible has much to say on the subject. Whether its the lack of, surplus of, pursuit of, or loss of money, we have no lack of instruction in how to orientate our hearts and minds on the issue. In this class we'll aim to understand what the Scriptures teach on money and wealth and flesh out, practically, what that looks like in our lives.
3. *Inquirers' Class* - This 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!

Pastor Caleb's Corner

I can't tell you how thankful to God I am at the results of the congregational meeting two Sundays ago. We are one step closer to having our own building! In a clear answer to the prayers of so many, Grace Presbyterian Church voted overwhelmingly in favor of moving forward with signing a contract with W&O Construction, and securing financing for the project. Now we wait for these two things to happen, in addition to preliminary steps that need to be taken before dirt can start being moved. It won't be long, though, and while we wait let's be in prayer that all the many details will be worked out. Let's also be giving generously and sacrificially. By the end of 2011, we need to raise \$52,406.57; the officers have pledged \$23,100 toward this goal, so that leaves 29,306.57 for the congregation to raise. If we are able to raise more, then the various add-ons can be considered: external brick (\$33,634.74 or less), flooring (\$13,000), exterior light poles (\$10,000), and a steeple (\$12,000). If you're at all able, give sooner rather than later – the decision on whether we can add brick will need to be made by some point toward the end of the summer, and this decision will depend in part on the giving to that date. **During the month of June, a generous donor has agreed to match gifts to the building fund up to \$100 per person/family, including gifts from people outside the congregation. So now is the time to give, and to ask others to give as well: family members, friends at other churches, or former members of Grace who have moved away.** God is good, and He will provide what He wants us to have.

Last week I was down in Baton Rouge preaching at the funeral service of my cousin. He had suffered recently with depression and addiction to pain medication, and had witnessed the death of a friend in a violent home invasion, as well as the death of his girlfriend to asphyxiation. He apparently committed suicide, but the location of the gunshot wound has made some wonder if he was crying for help rather than seeking to take his life. Suicide isn't the unpardonable sin, but it is self-murder, an incredibly selfish and loveless act that leaves a trail of suffering in its wake. It is a sad demonstration of how Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Parents of teenagers especially, I encourage you to talk

frankly about the issue of suicide before it's too late; if they are struggling with depression, being bullied at school, loneliness, addictions, bring them to the Scriptures, get them help. Make sure there are open communication lines between you and your children, so that they can come to you when they struggle with the trials of life. Seek as well to equip them to talk with their friends who are contemplating suicide. Jesus Christ has come that we might have life abundant – may His message of grace be spoken loudly and clearly by our mouths and lives.

My cousin's funeral was sad and hard, but the gospel and the sovereignty of God over evil were proclaimed clearly; I thank you for your prayers. The Lord seems to have used His word to stir up faith and hope in the hearts of many, and considering the circumstances that's all I can have asked for. I was struck by several conversations of the woeful lack of knowledge that even God's people have of His word, and I encourage you as I've done before – read the Bible, know the Bible, memorize the Bible, meditate on the Bible, search the Bible for answers to your questions, apply the Bible to your hurts and wounds. So many are like hungry men wearing blindfolds in a food court – there's food all around, but they're ignorant of where it is or how to get it in their stomachs. Don't let your Bible sit unread on your shelf. Long for it like a newborn baby longs for milk! It is our firm foundation when the losses and crosses of this present age overwhelm our hearts.

Next week, I will be at the PCA's General Assembly in Virginia Beach, VA. My family will be going as well (the kids first trip on an airplane, so pray for Caroline to be quiet!), and we'll be staying a few days afterward for a vacation on the beach. Ruling elder Darryl Richards will also be representing our church at the Assembly. The General Assembly is the PCA's yearly gathering for the purpose of overseeing the ministries of the denomination, considering overtures from various Presbyteries regarding changes to our *Book of Church Order*, instruction, fellowship, and worship. Please be in prayer for the work of our denomination, and ask God to grant unity, peace, and a continued commitment to the truth of the Scriptures.

Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal Shepherding Group's Schedule

June 2011—Landon Vick
July 2011—Brad Bleasdale
August 2011—Dennis Parker
September 2011—Darryl Richards
October 2011—Landon Vick
November 2011—Brad Bleasdale
December 2011—Dennis Parker

What Else Is Going On At Grace?

Sunday School Classes—*Dealing with Personal Conflicts; Money, Money, Money and Inquirers' Class*

- **Sunday, June 5th**—Lord's Supper Morning Worship Service
- **Monday, June 13th**—VBS Staff Meeting—8:30-9:45 AM—Breakfast will be served.
- **Sunday Evening Worship Service, June 19th**—Lord's Supper
- **June 20th-23rd**—Vacation Bible School
- **June 21st-23rd**—After VBS, teens serving in community
- **Wednesday, June 22nd**—Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal—Landon Vick's Shepherding Group
- **June 25th-July 1st**—Philly Youth Group Trip

WIC Ladies Bible Study—Wednesday 10:00-11:30 AM

GRACE GROUPS

*****Check with leaders to confirm date, time and place*****

Sunday

Bradley Bleasdale—2nd & 4th Sundays, 12-2 PM at The Meeting House—(931)946-2229bradleyt1776@gmail.com

Wednesday

Ray Barnhart—6:30 PM at Barnhart's Home—3657 West Paron Rd.—(931)498-3521—raybarnhart@hotmail.com

Tyler Hodge—6:00 PM at M/K McClearen's Home—3878 Mirandy Rd.—(615)418-6887tylerhodge@yahoo.com

Andrew Martin—6:00 PM at R/K Farris' Home—2685 Randolph Rd.—(931)544-0582—admartin23@gmail.com

Dennis Parker—6:15 PM at King's Home—620 Sunset Dr., Sparta—(931)738-0791—parkit@blomand.net

Wes Stevens—6:00 PM at Stevens' Home—1808 Herbert Garrett Rd.—(931)432-2443—wesley.stevens@state.tn.us

Landon Vick—6:00 PM at Vick's Home—550 Burton Lane—(931)319-8534—landonvick@gmail.com

Thursday

Will Enochs—6:30 PM at Tatum's Home—21 Mackay Lane—(731)234-5193—wmenochs@gmail.com

Darryl Richards—6:30 PM at Richards' Home—3830 Mirandy Rd.—(931)537-9966—richards6@frontiernet.net

Saturday

Andy Berg—6:30 PM at Berg's Home—610 Rolling Meadows Lane, Rickman—(931)397-9952—acberg@ymail.com

~June Nursery/Greeter Volunteers~

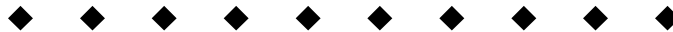
	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26
SS Babies	McCall	Seitzinger	Mitchell	R. Nyhof
AM Worship	Cunningham	Richards	Kincaid	Bleasdale
PM Worship	K. Farris	Hadlock	Walker	Parker
Greeters	Richards	Hoepfner	Barnhart	Stevens

Youth News:

This month I thought I would take the opportunity in the newsletter to address why I want to take the youth to Philadelphia. One of the reasons is that the subject of mercy ministry is close to my heart. Having grown up in a violent, non-Christian home, my heart is broken for the lost in the inner-city as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering there. I am so concerned that the teens, as well as other church members, in our church do not have a Biblical worldview when it comes to this subject. So, my hope is to use this experience to point them to the gospel and show them how we have much in common with the poor. They are intrinsically the same as we are...we are all equally sinners. I want to show them how the gospel puts us all on a level playing field. The richest King ever chose to die for beggars, and in fact become a beggar in their place, so as to make them like himself. None of us deserve heaven, all are beggars before God. The gospel levels the world to get rid of looking down our nose at the poor. I am also concerned in the teens having a real theology that leads to real works. In James 2:14-17 we see an explanation of what this looks like. How many of us have seen someone suffering with little food or clothing and said to ourselves, "I hope that works out for them"? If we had it within our means to alleviate their suffering and we did not, our faith was not producing fruit in that moment. We can't turn a blind eye to the needs of the poor. We don't want to be lacking in mercy to others, because God did not lack in mercy to us. I find that taking a trip outside of your surroundings and your comfort can lead to a real paradigm shift in thinking, that's why I want to take the teens to Philly.

My final reason: Has anyone ever known someone who was physically poor and homeless at some point in their lives and was delivered from it? Your answer must be a yes: Me. Ten years ago I became a Christian and was kicked out of my parent's home. I spent 6 months sleeping in cars, park benches, tents, and friend's couches before finally ending up sleeping on the floor at the church I was attending. A Reformed Baptist Minister and his wife took me in. They fed me, clothed me, and began teaching me scripture. I am Reformed today because of the time I spent with them. Their faith was not dead. It produced good works that God used to deliver me out of my situation and point me in the right direction in life. I know that I want to be found doing the same thing if I see someone in need. I want the same for the Youth in our church as well as everyone else. If we understand the gospel and it penetrates our thinking on this subject we will lose our stinginess and miserliness and start giving of our time and money graciously.

Larry



~June Birthdays/Anniversaries~



6/1-Judi Whiting
6/2-Denise Enochs,
Micah Wilkins
6/3-Gabriel Mitchell
6/4-Martin Medley,
Ray Farris
6/7-Reed Enochs,
Reece Berg,
6/10-Corinne Henderson, Evan Morse
6/12-Nadine Bain
6/16-Breanna McClearn, Brent
McClearn

6/17-Joshua Richards
6/18-George Hicks
6/19-Ann Wienke, Brad Bleasdale
6/20-Bob King, Stephen Farris
6/21-Jan Stevens
6/24-Ashley Stewart, Ashli Winston,
Bennett Henderson
6/25-Deborah Robson
6/28-Summer Morse, Alissa Hodge
6/29-Jeff Enochs, Matt Nyhof, Asher
Wilkins



6/7-Taylor,
Williamson
6/13-Jones
6/23-Stewart

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING FUND

**We have received \$3,350.00 to date out of the \$52,406.57 needed
to build the basic church building.**

\$68,634.74 more is needed for additional improvements.