

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
An Overview of the Minor Prophets

Foundations of a Biblical Worldview from Genesis 1-3

10:30 am Morning Worship

The Perplexity and Passion of Faith:
Habakkuk's Prophecy

6:00 pm Evening Worship

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

Wednesday

6:00 pm Youth Group

Children's Catechism and Adult Small Groups resume Sept 2

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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*Deacon for August

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A Call for Teachers

We are two weeks away from Sunday School Move Up Day (September 6th) and the following classes still need teachers:

1. 2-3 year old class
2. 6-7 year old class
3. 8-9 year old class
4. 10-11 year old class

Children's Catechism begins in two weeks and we still have the following needs:

1. Nursery workers are needed.
2. 4-6 year old class
3. Recreation coordinator

Please don't assume others will fill these positions; it could be that God is calling you to teach our Covenant Children. Just a few reminders: First, Scripture reminds us of our responsibility to teach our children in *Psalm 78:4-7* says, "tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments." Yes, this primary responsibility falls to the parents and we can never discount that. But your elders believe that Sunday School and Children's Catechism are important to the life of our church and our covenant children for the purpose of assisting parents in the training of their children. Therefore as members we should do everything we can to help these children and their parents reach this goal. Secondly, our Book of Church Order (BCO) reminds us of this responsibility in two ways: when you became a member of Grace Presbyterian Church you made a vow answering the following question in the affirmative: "Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?" Teaching our covenant chil-

Robert Row, Director of Family Ministries

dren is part of the work of the church which you took vows to support. And also at a Covenant Baptism the congregation is asked, "Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?" The needs above are part of that assistance to parents.

If I may take a moment for personal reflection. I cannot fathom my life without being involved in teaching children. Looking back on the years I have taught them from God's Word brings great joy to my life. It is amazing to see God's grace at work in their lives as they grow up and begin to walk with the Lord. Teaching children is one of the greatest joys I have ever experienced as a Christian. The relationships you build with them are lasting, the questions they ask are at times humorous and at times incredible, the real life change that you get to be a part of is unfathomable. Sometimes I find myself thinking about how I am just a speck on God's bigger plan to build His Kingdom, but none the less, an important speck. Teaching children is not simply a moment in time that quickly flies by, but we are part of a bigger picture, a picture that God is painting and He uses us as an important part of building His Kingdom.

Reflecting on all this leaves me scratching my head as to why it is so difficult year after year to find teachers for our children. Please consider teaching our children, I really don't like begging and thus I don't bother you with phone calls and emails and texting because I really want people to teach because they love God and love children not because Robert needs me to. Thanks for letting me be honest with you and I pray that we may serve our King together in building up His Kingdom. If you need more information about what teaching our children entails please let me know.

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Thank you!

Cathy, the kids and I would like to thank Grace Presbyterian Church for their warm reception and gracious hospitality. Words cannot describe how wonderful it's been to be so warmly welcomed! We are thankful that God has called us here, and we look forward to being part of what God is doing through Grace in Cookeville.

Jeff Wilkins, RUF Minister

To learn more about our family and our ministry at Tennessee Tech, please visit our updated RUF website, www.tntech.ruf.org. Freshmen will begin arriving on campus on 8/27, and classes start 8/31. The first RUF Large Group will be Sept 1 at 8:30 pm in Room 370 in the UC, and our focus this semester will be on "Making Sense of the Bible." Thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

“Grace grows best in winter.” Those words were written to Lady Culross by Samuel Rutherford, who had recently lost his young wife and two children and was in prison in Scotland for preaching the faith of the Reformation. Rutherford wrote many letters from prison, and many of his most memorable phrases were included in Anne Cousin’s wonderful hymn, “The Sands of Time are Sinking.” We all go through “winters” at various times in our lives, yet the ironic and unintuitive truth is that God delights to work in tremendous ways during these times – though we may not realize it until the winter is over. Preaching through a book like Habakkuk would probably always be fitting, but it seems that we are providentially in this book at just the right time for many of us. I have been at the hospital more in the last month than in the previous 21 months combined! I pray, and I ask you to pray, that God would continue to bless my study and meditation upon His word as I prepare to preach to you. I encourage you to come back on Sunday evenings as well, for we are growing closer to our Savior as we study His life through the gospel of Mark. It is through the foolishness of preaching that sinners are converted, conformed to Christ’s image, and comforted, so bring your friends to hear God’s transforming word of grace!

Beginning in September, several things will be changing. We’ll be starting up new Sunday school classes, as well as new adult small groups and our children’s catechism program. You can find more information on these in this newsletter. We’ll also be changing the way we do our monthly fellowship meals. We have been doing church-wide fellowship meals once a month, usually the second Sunday of the month. Starting the first Sunday in September, we will begin meeting by shepherding group; we have four groups, and each group will meet one week a month.

Where the group meets can vary, though at Algood School or at the church property will be the most likely spots. Our regular visitors have been assigned to groups as well, and the meals will always be open to any visitor that would like to stay – especially college students! They’ll still be potluck dinners, so we won’t lose the element of surprise as to what we’ll be eating for lunch. Here is the schedule (the shepherding group list will be sent by email):

1st Sunday – Darryl Richards; 2nd Sunday – Dennis Parker; 3rd Sunday – Robert Row; 4th Sunday – Brad Bleasdale. The fifth Sundays will be special visitor lunches, open to any visitor who would like to come.

Our hope as a Session is that the smaller group size will lend itself to more intimate fellowship among us, enabling us to get to know one another better so that we might be better equipped to minister to one another. Many of you know that an elder is assigned to have primary responsibility to caring for your soul; you probably don’t know that there are two deacons assigned to each group, or who the other members are that make up the shepherding group. Hopefully by meeting together monthly you will learn these things, and your love for the church will continue to grow. I exhort you to continue to grow in your fellowship, exercising hospitality to strangers, sharing meals and life with one another, serving one another, encouraging one another. May God continue to make us to be a body committed to growing together in love and unity.

One last note – I have, much to my own surprise, begun a blog. For those of you unfamiliar with the term, it is essentially an online diary. Don’t worry, I won’t be writing my deepest darkest secrets. Rather, I will be recording (as time allows) my meditations upon the word of God, good quotes, things I run across on the internet, and thoughts about other things that interest me: gardening, economics, Robert’s Rules of Order, GTD, history, mathematics, woodworking, etc. The web address is www.calebcangelosi.wordpress.com. I invite you to visit, read, even comment – but don’t feel too bad if I don’t comment back! One of my fears about blogging is that I will fail to redeem the time; I will waste the short time that God has given me in this life. Pray that I will have wisdom as to when/what/why I blog. My desire is that the Lord would use this as a way to bring glory to Himself, edify His people, convert the lost, sharpen my writing skills, and pass on thing that He is teaching me. No one may care what I have to say, but you are willing to listen to me week in and week out, so maybe you’ll find this interesting as well.

Your Pastor, Caleb

A few new faces...

The Twins are here! Ian and Deborah Robson welcomed their two little boys into the world on Wednesday, August 12th. That's Micah Blake on the left and Tyson Luke on the right. Ty was born at 8:04 am, weighed 6 lb 8 oz, and was 19.5" long. Micah was born at 8:06 am, weighed 6 lb 13 oz, and was also 19.5" long. Although exhausted, they are all doing great! If you would like to deliver a meal to the Robsons (and have the blessing of holding one of these cuties), please contact Sarah Dobbins.



We have also been in prayer for Leann Taylor, the former principal of Algood School. Her baby girl was also born last week...here is a note from Leann:

Here she is! Holly Rhea Taylor was born August 11th, and she was 6 lb 8 oz; 19 1/4 inches long! All is well! Thanks for the prayers...we need them! Lots of Love, Leann Taylor



And speaking of Babies...

Ladies, mark your calendars for a Baby Shower on September 18, 6:00 pm for Sarah Dobbins (boy) and Elizabeth Cangelosi (girl). It will be held at the Church House (next to the Office). If you want to contribute to a gift card, contact Apryl Farris by 9/16. Cell: 931-260-6598 Home: 931-761-8047

Saturday Setups

Every Saturday morning, volunteers help set up the school to make it ready for Sunday services. If you could help one Saturday or more, please contact Landon Vick.

Choir Dinner

The choir is getting back together this fall, and if you are interested in being a part then join us for dinner at Dan and Karen Fesler's house on Friday, August 28, at 6:00 p.m. Karen will provide the spaghetti and salad, and choir members are asked to bring bread, dessert, or drinks. Please RSVP to the church office (537-6400) by August 26th.

Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	8/23	8/30
SS Babies	McCall	Welch
AM Worship Babies	Hadlock	B/M Bleasdale
AM Worship Toddlers	Enochs	D/B Bleasdale
PM Worship Babies	Pruitt	Rust
Greeters	D/R Parker	T. King/B. Williamson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/23	8/24 12 noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office 7:15 pm Building Committee Mtg	8/25 7:30 PM Titus 2 Tuesday Vick's home Topic: Raising Boys	8/26 Birthday! Renee Craig 4:30 PM Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal	8/27 Birthday! Jodie Steele 6:30 pm Missions Committee Mtg	8/28 6:00 pm Feslers' House Choir Dinner	8/29 8:00 am—?? Work Day at the Church Property
8/30 Anniversary! Craig	8/31 12 noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office Birthday! Larry Walker Vonnie Earnst	9/1 8:30 pm UC Room 370 RUF Large Group Meeting	9/2 Anniversary! Pope	9/3	9/4	9/5

Adult Small Groups on Wednesday Nights

In I Thessalonians 5:11, Paul reminds us that we are to “encourage one another and build up one another.” One of the best ways to do this is in a small group of believers. Sunday morning and evening worship, and Sunday School, are wonderful times of instruction and corporate encouragement. But we need to be stimulating one another to love and good deeds in a more intimate setting as well (Heb. 10:24-25). Small groups are a great opportunity to know one another better, to have a place to ask questions and discuss things we’ve been learning, and to be iron sharpening iron to one another (Prov. 27:17). Here are the offerings this semester on Wednesday, beginning September 2nd (we had thought that we would start earlier, but we decided to start the same time as last year).

1. *War of Words*, by Paul David Tripp. John Rust will lead this video series and discussion of our communication, and how the gospel affects the way we speak to one another.
2. *Transforming Grace*, by Jerry Bridges. Dennis Parker will lead discussion of this classic book on living confidently in the grace of God as we struggle to pursue holiness in the fear of God.
3. *Prayer Meeting*. Caleb Cangelosi will lead anyone interested in approaching God’s throne of grace on behalf of individuals, the church, and the world.

Children’s Catechism will also begin on September 2nd and continue through December 2nd. Stay tuned for more details!

Adult Sunday School Classes

September 6th marks the beginning of the Fall Quarter, which means we have all new Sunday School classes!

1. *Inquirers’ Class* – If you are a visitor and would like to learn more about/join our church, or if you are a member and want to be refreshed in the basics of what we believe as a church, then join Darryl Richards as he teaches this regularly offered class.

2. *Biblical Economics* – Does the Bible have anything to say about money, or about how we should think about the economic questions of our day? The answer is yes, and Brad Bleasdale and Landon Vick will be team teaching this class, seeking to help us think Christianly and take very thought captive about the subject of economics.

3. *Paul’s Letter to the Galatians* – What is the gospel? How does it bring freedom to our lives? How do we keep from falling into legalism or lawlessness as we seek to abide in Christ? How do we live in obedience and love? Join Jamey Farris, Andy Berg, and possibly others as they lead a discussion through Paul’s great charter of Christian freedom. This class will be using a NavPress *Life Change* Bible study book to explore God’s word.



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