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## 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!

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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 a church-wide fellowship meal. Bring your favorite dish and a friend, and join us!

### New Sunday School Classes Start This Sunday

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This coming Lord's Day, two new adult classes and a youth Sunday School class will begin. If you and your family haven't been coming to Sunday School lately, we encourage you to start this week.

1. *The Book of Ephesians* – This letter of Paul is one of the richest and most practical letters in all the New Testament. It is all about the salvation of the church by God's grace, unto unity and obedience. Sublime doctrine is coupled with nitty-gritty duty; this letter shows like

no other how our obedience is grounded in, and flows out of, the work of God in Christ for us. Darryl Richards will be leading this discussion-oriented class.

2. *The Westminster Confession of Faith* – What do Presbyterians believe and why do they believe it? If you've ever wanted to explore that question in depth, this class is for you. Written in the 1640's, the Confession is a beautiful systematic summary of what the Bible teaches about all areas of Christian theolo-

gy. The Confession begins with a discussion of our only rule for faith and practice (the Bible), then moves to a discussion of God Himself, man, Christ, salvation, the church, and last things. This class will be taught by Pastor Caleb, and will continue throughout the school year.

3. *The Book of James* – How are Christians called to live in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Larry Walker will be teaching the youth through this very practical book, using a study by Dr. Tim Keller.

### Grace Presbyterian Building Fund

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We have received \$26,428.00 to date out of the \$57,573.00 needed to build the basic church Building... \$35,000.00 more is needed for additional improvements.

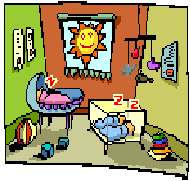
# WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON AT GPC...

- ◆ **Tuesday, September 6th**—Ladies' Movie Night—see Robin Twitty for details
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 7th** at 10-11:30 AM—New Bible Study for Ladies at home of Jan Stevens
- ◆ **September 10th** at 11:00 AM—Ladies' Fall Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church in Crossville
- ◆ **Monday, September 12th** at 7:00 PM—New Evening Bible Study for Ladies—see Rachel Parker for details

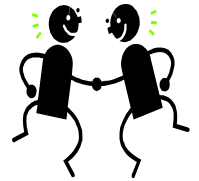


- ◆ **Friday, September 16th**—Tomahawk Trot Event at the Tally Tent at Algood School
- ◆ **September 18th**—Lord's Supper Evening Worship Service

- ◆ **Wednesday, September 21st** at 5:30-8:00 PM—Family Discipleship Workshop at Algood Schl
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 28th**—Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal
- ◆ **September 27th**—CPC Banquet
- ◆ **November 11th & 12th**—Men's Retreat at Cedar Lake Camp
- ◆ **Every Wednesday @ 6:30 PM**—Youth Group



## September Nursery/Greeter Volunteers



	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
<b>SS Babies</b>	Morse	McCall	Seitzinger	Kincaid
<b>AM Worship</b>	Hoepfner	Cunningham	Richards	Mitchell
<b>PM Worship</b>	A. Farris	K. Farris	Hadlock	Walker
<b>Greeters</b>	Seitzinger/Parker	Hoepfner	Hodge	J/A Farris



## September Birthdays



## September Anniversaries

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| 9/3—Annalee Cunningham                     | 9/23—Terry King                  |
| 9/6—Karen Norrod                           | 9/24—Linda Barnhart              |
| 9/7—Ralph Davis                            | 9/25—Abbie Ferrell, Joey Stewart |
| 9/14—Denise Bunting                        | 9/26—Finn Headrick               |
| 9/15—Sara Twitty                           | 9/27—Barbara Davis               |
| 9/17—Jonathan Lee                          | 9/28—Anna Richards               |
| 9/19—Chuck Craig, Robin Twitty, Anna Tatum | 9/29—Michael Burks               |
| 9/21—Andrew Martin                         | 9/30—Cheryl Burks                |
| 9/22—Kelly Farris                          |                                  |

### Proverbs 18:2

***"He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord."***

- 9/12—Tyler & Alissa Hodge
- 9/14— Martin & Laura Medley
- 9/23— Jim & Liz Hawk
- 9/28— Jen & Tricia Lee

## Pastor Caleb's Corner

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What a wonderful day of worship this past Lord's Day was! The songs we sang affected me deeply, as did the text I was preaching. The Lord gave me unction and freedom in preaching, and I thank Him for that. Peter's denial of our Lord has always been such a poignant story to meditate upon, but rarely as it was yesterday. I pray that God's word reached to the depths of your heart as it did to mine. I can't wait till worship next week!

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Because of the craziness of summer schedules, we didn't get a newsletter out last month. So there's been a lot going on since I last wrote here. One main thing, of course, is that construction has begun on our new building! We've been praying so long for this season to come, and now it's upon us. The pad seems pretty much completed to my untrained eyes, and now we await the closing of our construction loan and the fire marshal to complete his work. Then they will start pouring footers and erecting the building. As Wes Stevens, the chairman of our building committee, mentioned two Sundays ago, the Session has voted to brick the building all the way up on three sides (leaving the back side bare for expansion later). We felt this was a wise step to take because the dirt work didn't cost as much as first estimated, the price for bricking was very inexpensive, it would cost a whole lot more to go back and brick the building later, and a fully-bricked building would be more aesthetically pleasing than a bare metal building. So now the basic building will include brick for approximately the same cost as an unbricked building. I encourage us to keep giving to the building fund so that we can hit our target loan amount of \$500,000. In saying that, I also want to encourage you to keep giving generously to the general fund. We're several thousand dollars behind budget right now, and we don't want this trend to continue. My prayer is that as the fall proceeds, and the excitement at the church property continues, our giving will jump beyond what we could ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20), so that we might be able to grow our mis-

sions budget, better meet our staffing needs, further our ministry to the saints and to our community, and more effectively fulfill our purpose of glorifying God by gathering and growing His people in accordance with His word.

The primary time when all aspects of our purpose statement are in play is on the Lord's Day, as we gather to grow in our knowledge of God's word and to worship God on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. We're about to come to the fall quarter of Sunday School, which means promotion for the children, and new classes for the youth and adults. On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Larry Walker (who has spent the last month recovering from his hip replacement surgery, and is getting back to full strength again) will begin teaching through the book of James to the youth, and there will be two new classes for adults: Darryl Richards will be teaching through the book of Ephesians, and I will be teaching through the Westminster Confession of Faith. If you've wanted to learn more about what Presbyterians believe and how those beliefs transform our lives, I encourage you to come to the class on the Confession. All three of these classes should be wonderful times of growing in knowledge and godliness, and I encourage you to get involved in Sunday School if you haven't been lately. I'm almost finished preaching through the Lord's Prayer on Sunday nights, and I plan on preaching through the book of Nehemiah next. After finishing Mark's gospel, my desire is to preach on the Beatitudes on Sunday mornings. I pray that the word of God would bear much fruit, and that you would receive it not as the word of men, but as the word of God, which performs its work in you who believe (I Thess. 2:13).

Outside of the Lord's Day, Grace Groups are some of the best opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, and study. These groups have been going on for several months, but it's definitely not too late to get involved in one if you aren't already. Most groups are studying something together, but the chief focus of the time is sharing life together and pray-

ing for one another. It can also be a good way to let folks outside the church get to know Jesus in the context of relationships. Some of the groups are teaching God's word through our catechisms to the children, and I encourage families to take advantage of these opportunities.

Speaking of the catechisms, on Wednesday, September 21, at Algood School, we're going to be having a one night family conference/workshop on family discipleship. We'll be thinking together about growing disciples in the home, particularly focusing on the place of family worship and the use of catechisms in the discipline and instruction of our children. Since we aren't doing a formal catechism program on Wednesday evenings any longer, we want to encourage parents to be worshipping God and teaching the catechism at home. Even if your children have left the home, we invite you to join us as we think deliberately about our responsibilities to our children and grandchildren.

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One of the things the Session encourages me to do each year is to take a week to get away and study. I have decided to make this time more formal, and have enrolled in the ThM program at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. "ThM" stands for "Master of Theology," and it is an academic degree below a doctorate degree. It's a 30 hour program, including eight classes and a dissertation. I will be taking one class per semester, four in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and four online. At that rate it will probably take four-five years. I have missed the academic world, and I'm looking forward to getting back into the saddle of studying and writing in the areas of historical and systematic theology. Our children have had fun thinking about "Daddy going to school." My first class is September 6-9 in Michigan. Please pray that over the next four years I would be able to redeem the time and maximize my study time, and not at the expense of my callings as a husband, father, or pastor.

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## Family Discipleship Workshop

On Wednesday, September 21st, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. we'll be having a mini-family conference at Algood Elementary School. Pastor Caleb will be speaking on discipling children in the home using the old fashioned tools of family worship and catechism. For many, these are unknown and even questionable tools, and we want to reintroduce them with encouragement and practical tips. God has commanded parents to teach His word to their children, and we have much to learn from our forefathers in the faith in this area. Grandparents, you are invited and encouraged to come as well! Dinner and childcare will be provided.

## Save the Date!

On November 11-12, we will have another Men's Retreat at Cedar Lake Camp, so put it on your calendar. We'll have more details to come later.

## Missions Update

The Session voted at its last meeting to support Jake Garner, who is a member of our church and is down in Hattiesburg, MS, working as an RUF intern at the University of Southern Mississippi. Be in prayer for him as he seeks to get to know new students, and reach that campus for Christ. If you're interested in learning more about his ministry or supporting him, email him at [jlgarner21@gmail.com](mailto:jlgarner21@gmail.com).

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# 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)946-2229—[bradleyt1776@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyt1776@gmail.com)

### Wednesday

Ray Barnhart—1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 PM at Various Homes—(931)498-3521—[raybarnhart@hotmail.com](mailto:raybarnhart@hotmail.com)  
Tyler Hodge—6:00 PM at Hodge's Home—2022 Kayla Ct.—(615)418-6887—[dtylerhodge@yahoo.com](mailto:dtylerhodge@yahoo.com)  
Andrew Martin—6:00 PM at R/K Farris' Home—2685 Randolph Rd.—(931)544-0582—[admartin23@gmail.com](mailto:admartin23@gmail.com)  
Dennis Parker—6:15 PM at King's Home—620 Sunset Dr., Sparta—(931)738-0791—[parkit@blomand.net](mailto:parkit@blomand.net)  
Wes Stevens—6:00 PM at Stevens' Home—1808 Herbert Garrett Rd.—(931)432-2443—[wesley.stevens@state.tn.us](mailto:wesley.stevens@state.tn.us)  
Landon Vick—6:00 PM at Vick's Home—550 Burton Lane—(931)319-8534—[landonvick@gmail.co](mailto:landonvick@gmail.co)

### Thursday

Will Enochs—6:30 PM at Tatum's Home—21 Mackay Lane—(731)234-5193—[wmenochs@gmail.com](mailto:wmenochs@gmail.com)  
Darryl Richards—6:30 PM at Richards' Home—3830 Mirandy Rd.—(931)537-9966—[richards6@frontiernet.net](mailto:richards6@frontiernet.net)

### Saturday

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

# Youth Group News From Larry

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This is an exciting time for the Grace Presbyterian youth group – summer vacation has ended, school has started up, and youth group is now starting back to regular, weekly activities. With that comes changes, new people coming in, people that we love having left, essentially a whole new group in many ways. Now that I've recovered from my hip replacement surgery, I'm looking forward to getting back to leading youth group on Wednesday nights. This semester I want youth group to be more a time for prayer, fellowship, and studying and discussing God's word together. Instead of only me speaking to the youth, I want the youth talking with me and one another about life and their walk with the Lord. I think this will be extremely beneficial to create a community atmosphere among the teens, just like the adults are trying to build through our Grace Groups. I'm also excited about teaching the youth Sunday School class, starting this Sunday (September 4), on the book of James. The material is from Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, and is excellent for group learning and growing. Honestly, I am far more interested that your teens come to church on Sundays than youth group on Wednesdays. Though I see youth group as useful and in some ways essential, it is not commanded the way that Lord's Day worship attendance is in Scripture. I look forward to seeing your teens in Sunday School at 9:15 as we learn more about what the Christian life looks like practically while we go through the book of James.

I also hope to have a youth group calendar on the way. I would love to begin more service projects with our youth, and I think they are hungry to do so. If you have any suggestions or questions please let me know and we can talk. I am excited to begin this new time in the life of our youth group, and I hope you are too!

Also, as a reminder, this Wednesday we will be meeting at the Richards house to have a pot-luck dinner and begin the new school year of youth group. This is for both parents and teens. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions about that you can ask Robin Twitty or Mary Richards.

## Promotion Sunday—September 4, 2011

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From 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. this Sunday, there will be coffee, juice and pastries for the children, youth and parents to celebrate those children who are moving up into a new Sunday school group. The recognition ceremony will be at 9:15 a.m. in the SAC Auditorium at Algood Elementary School.

## Fall Sunday School Classes (9:15-10:10 a.m.)

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<u>Class (Age/Grade)</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tikes (2-3's)	Elizabeth Cangelosi Kandace Vick	SAC Auditorium
4K's (4-5's)	Estella Nyhoff	SAC Auditorium
Primary (1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Ray Farris	1 <sup>st</sup> Hallway to left
Middlers (3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> )	Cheryl Burks Carol Berg	Room by Cafeteria
Juniors (5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> )	Andrew Berg	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hallway to left
Jr. & Sr. High (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> )	Larry Walker	Teachers Break Room*
Adult One- <b>Westminster Confession of Faith</b>	Caleb Cangelosi	Conference Room*
Adult Two- <b>Ephesians</b>	Darryl Richards	Library*

\*=location may change

# FORT PAYNE & MEXICO MISSION TRIPS



*On Monday, July 11th, 5 men, 3 teens and Rachel Parker caravanned to Ft. Payne, Alabama to begin 2 days of helping victims of the tornado that struck Tuscaloosa and other Alabama towns back in May. The PCA Church in Ft. Payne, Grace Presbyterian, was our home base from which we started and returned to each day. The devastation from the tornado actually affected communities, like Flat Rock, AL, about 25 minutes west of Ft. Payne, so we drove a bunch to get to the sites. The relief manager from Ft. Payne church, Patricia, has found various families that need help. Working in conjunction with other Christian ministries and Americorp, we had three projects:*

- ◆ *Building a wood shed for “Lamar” who lost his home and work building*
- ◆ *Finishing a metal shed for “Leon” who lost everything*
- ◆ *Finishing a bathroom for “Shorty” who lost his trailer, but had a small home built by another Christian ministry.*

*The work was challenging, hot and fun. It is amazing to me how you get to know people working in tight quarters. (I was on the bathroom project.) Thankfully we had knowledgeable leaders to help us (less than professionals) to complete our tasks. Besides the great fellowship, we heard amazing stories of devastation, human determination and the best part—hearing confessions of spiritual eyes and hearts being opened to God’s love by the victims. Ask Rachel to tell you about Leon’s family story—WOW! Yes, it is amazing how God is working through tragedy to bring independent, self-reliant people to saving faith in Christ in Flat Rock, not just in Alabama but here in TN and around the world too.*

*There will be another opportunity in the fall, Lord willing to go again—so be praying about going!*

*Thanks to those who went and thanks to God for allowing me to be a part of Grace Church here in Cookeville, TN.*

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*Carol and Lindsey Berg went to Guanajuato, Mexico with a Mission to the World medical team in late July. Carol doctored and Lindsey got to help her mom and the other doctors. Lindsey is in her 2nd year at the University of Mississippi Medical School. Carol gave a report during a church morning service about the trip, challenging the congregation to go on a mission trip, no matter what their gifts or profession, because people in other countries need the love of Christ demonstrated in many ways (i.e. medical, hair cutting, animal husbandry, counseling, etc.).*

*In His Field, Andy*