

This Week at GPC

Sunday Prayer Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
No Evening Bible Study

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/30 Twitty Anniversary
7/31 Robin Palmer
8/2 Seitzinger Anniversary
8/3 Enochs Anniversary

Our Officers

Session

TE Andy Berg
TE Chris Donnelly - Moderator
RE Ryan Morris
RE Dennis Parker
RE Darryl Richards
RE Landon Vick – Clerk

Elder Emeritus

RE Ray Barnhart

Deacons

DN Todd Burks
DN David Cunningham – Chair
DN Jamey Farris
DN Todd Havener - Treasurer
DN Ian Robson
DN Nathan Twitty

For assistance with needs beyond your physical abilities, please contact any deacon listed above.

Our Missionaries and Outreach Ministries

Perry & Betty (Europe)
Tim & Laura Love (Africa)
Petrie & Ruth Mitchell (France)
El Roi Children’s Home (Ethiopia)
Rachel Powelson (Thailand)
Benjamin & Anna Wontrop (England)
Reformed Youth Movement (RYM)

Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic
Cookeville Rescue Mission
Heart of the Cumberland
Humanitas Forum
Mission to Algood School
RUF @ TTU – Gavin & Shalaine Breeden
RUFI @ UTK – Lee Ledbetter

Grace Fellowship Groups

****Please check with the group leaders listed to confirm date, time and place****

Tuesday

Men’s Fellowship – meets every week at 4:00 p.m. at Fr. Tom’s – Jamey Farris (931) 260-6572

Wednesday

Barnhart Group – meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at the Maffett’s home – Ray Barnhart (931) 261-8441

Men’s Group – meets weekly at 7:30 a.m. – Andy Berg (931) 397-9952

Vick group – meets weekly at 5:45 p.m. at different homes – Landon Vick (931) 319-8534

Why Group – meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at different homes – Chris Donnelly (931) 537-6400

Thursday

VandenBerge group – meets weekly from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Tatum’s– Dan VandenBerge (931) 239-0695

The church office is open this week from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

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WELCOME

Joyfully gathering and growing disciples of Jesus

The words “witness” and “testimony” have been much devalued, and are sometimes employed to describe what is little more than an essay in religious autobiography. But Christian witness is witness to Christ. And the Christ to whom we have a responsibility to witness is not merely the Christ of our personal experience, but the historic Christ, the Christ of apostolic testimony. There is no other Christ.
– John Stott, **Authentic Christianity.**

The LORD’S Day
Sunday, July 28th, 2019

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

1 Chronicles 16:29

*THE SONG OF GATHERING "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Songbook #77

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.
All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.
*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for Promised Land
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for Promised Land***

**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.
*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for Promised Land
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for Promised Land***

**When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed,
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest.
*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for Promised Land
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for Promised Land***

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION ON PROVERBS 16:4

The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Read Responsively) Psalm 108:1-5

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

People: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples. I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Pastor: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

*THE SONG OF PRAISE "Hallelujah Praise Jehovah" Songbook # 28

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises, Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end.**

**Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, Seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, Righteousness He will maintain.**

July 28th Announcements:

Fellowship Opportunities

Please make plans to join us next Sunday, August 4th for our monthly church-wide fellowship meal. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to Grace not only to enjoy a meal, but to get to know us as a congregation. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side, main dish or dessert to share with the body.

Light finger foods and beverages are served each Sunday morning between Sunday school and Morning Worship. This is a great time to meet new people and share a word of encouragement.

As Christians, we are blessed by our Lord not only to be in union with Him, but with each other too. One of the ways we celebrate our membership in this special family is by doing life together, actively participating in community by mutually sharing the highs and lows of life with each other. If you are not currently involved in a Grace group, you are missing this vital piece of the puzzle which God has given us to grow in grace, so please check out the groups listed on the back of the bulletin, choose one that fits you, and get plugged in.

Service Opportunity

One of the local ministries we support with our time, talent and treasure is the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic. This organization is a free medical clinic that provides various services to women facing unexpected pregnancies. ***In 2019, our goal as a church is to give 5,000 diapers to this worthy cause.*** When you're out shopping please consider purchasing an extra pack of diapers to donate. You can place your gifts in the church foyer. Thank you for your support of life!

Summer Schedule

There is no Evening Bible Study from Sunday, May 26th through Sunday, July 28th due to VBS, General Assembly, summer vacations, and holidays. We will resume our study of the Old Testament book of Daniel at 6:00 p.m. on August 4th (***next Sunday***) with lesson 10 which can be found on the table in the Narthex or on our website.

Visitors

We are very thankful that you have joined us for worship this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will consider becoming a part of the Grace Church family. Please feel free to talk with Pastor Chris or one of our other Elders after the service if you'd like to learn more about Grace.

Bibles are provided for your use. If you need a dependable translation of the Scriptures, please take one of the English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles with you as our gift. All scripture quotations are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Women's Ministry Opportunities

Titus 2 Ministry will begin in September. Please be watching for sign-up sheets as well as additional details in the bulletin in the next few weeks.

Worship Opportunities

Next Sunday, August 4th we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together as a church family. Please take some time over the next week to prepare yourself to participate in this wonderful means of grace by which we commune with our Savior and grow together as God's people.

Don't Forget! Following our celebration of the Lord's Supper, we have the opportunity to give to the deacons' benevolence fund. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

Parable of the Wedding Feast
Matthew 22:1-14

- I. Rejections of the wedding _____ (v. 1-7)
 - A. This type of _____ would have been a countrywide festival _____ for several days.
 - B. It was not that they could not come to the _____, Jesus tells us that they simply _____ to take part.
 - C. Being _____, the king sends out additional servants to bid those called to enter the _____.
 - D. Ultimately, _____ of the King's invitation to the wedding banquet is open rebellion against Him which will be _____.
- II. New guests _____ to the wedding (v. 8-10)
 - A. Since the _____ invited guests have proved themselves unworthy, the King commands his servants to summons all kinds of _____ to the banquet.
 - B. As God's _____ carry out the Great Commission, different types of people will become part of the _____ church.
- III. An impostor is _____ (v. 11-14)
 - A. Not everyone who has _____ the invitation to the wedding feast and shows up get to _____.
 - B. True _____ in Christ's imputed righteousness moves us to want to be personally righteous as evidence of wanting to honor God for His _____ call.
 - C. As Christians, we now _____ between the cross and the crown under the _____ of our Savior.

Sermon Notes:

Food He daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, Makes the sightless eyes to see,
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, And the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, Judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, Of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, Thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing.

*THE INVOCATION

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Westminster Confession of Faith* Chapter 10:1, 4
Concerning Effectual Calling

We believe that at the right time, appointed by Him, God effectually calls all those and only those whom He has predestined to life. He calls them by His word and Spirit out of their natural state of sin and death into grace and salvation through Jesus Christ. He enlightens their minds spiritually with a saving understanding of the things of God. He takes away their heart of stone and gives them a heart of flesh. He renews their wills and by his almighty power leads them to what is good. And so He effectually draws them to Jesus Christ. But they come to Jesus voluntarily, having been made willing by God's grace.

Others, not elect, may be called by the ministry of the word, and the Spirit may work in them in some of the same ways He works in the elect. However, they never truly come to Christ and therefore cannot be saved. And, of course, people, not professing the Christian religion, cannot be saved in any other way at all, no matter how hard they try to live a moral life according to their own understanding or try to follow the rules of some other religion. To say they can be saved is extremely harmful and should be denounced.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:16-32

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we adore you and praise your glorious name, for you alone are worthy of our worship. Lord Jesus, as you taught your disciples to ask forgiveness for their sins and trespasses, we also humbly ask that you would forgive us for our sins, those we have committed and those things we have seen yet left undone. Thank you that you do not keep a record of our wrongs or punish as our sins deserve. Jesus, we thank you because you freely offered yourself, once for all, in payment of all of our sins, past, present and future. We believe, help our unbelief and have mercy upon us O Lord. Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal No. 529

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 89

Hymnal pg. 815

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE SONG OF PREPARATION

"I Asked The Lord"

Songbook #32

I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace,
Might more of His salvation know and seek more earnestly His face.

T'was He who taught me thus to pray and He I trust has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining pow'r subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart,
And let the angry pow'rs of Hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe,
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings, laid me low.

Lord why is this, I trembling cried, Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free,
And break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou mayest seek thy all in me,
That thou mayest seek thy all in me.

*THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22:1-14

THE SERMON

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

Pastor Chris Donnelly

THE CLOSING SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"

Songbook #91

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Doxology

Hymnal No. 733

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing, if able

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