

This Week at GPC

Sunday Prayer Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Welcome Back Luncheon – 12:00 p.m.
Building Committee Mtg – 4:00 p.m.
Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Session Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Women’s Night Out - 7:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/30 Hull Anniversary
8/31 Zach Donnelly
8/31 Vonnie Earnst

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
RUF @ 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 Christian does not think God will love us because we are good,
but that God will make us good because He loves us.*

- C.S. Lewis

The LORD’S Day
Sunday, August 25th, 2019

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

*THE HYMN OF GATHERING

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Hymnal No. 4

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me,
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads his own, his chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod, The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, The Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION ON 1 JOHN 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Read Responsively)

Psalm 92:1-4

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

August 25th Announcements:

Educational Opportunities

Interested in learning more about Grace Presbyterian Church or becoming a member? We have an Inquirer's class that began last week. The meetings will take place during the Sunday school hour in the Meeting house at 9:15 a.m. It's not too late. To register, please contact the church office via e-mail at graceprescookeville@gmail.com or via phone at 931-537-6400.

Come join us this evening, Sunday, August 25th at 6:00 pm as we continue our study of the Old Testament book of Daniel. We'll be studying lesson 11 can be found on the website or on the table in the Narthex. Let's find out what God would have us learn about living as His adopted people in a pagan society.

Fellowship Opportunities

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.

Please make plans to join us next Sunday, September 1st 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.

Service Opportunity

We are collecting 16 oz. jars of Peanut Butter for Food to the Rescue, a local organization that gives out food boxes during each school breaks to over 450 children between 1 and 18 years old. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Twitty.

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.

Are you a college student or visitor with us this morning? Then please make plans to stay for lunch as our guest **today Sunday, August 25th**. We will share a meal in the Sanctuary following morning worship.

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.

This week: Our monthly women's night out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th from 7 to 9:00 p.m. Please prayerfully consider joining the other women of the church for a night of fun and fellowship.

Worship Opportunities

Next Sunday, September 1st we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together as a church family. Please take some time over the coming week and prayerfully prepare yourself to participate in this wonderful means of grace by which we are renewed and knit together as the covenant people of God.

Don't Forget! Next week, 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.

Loving God and Neighbor
Matthew 22:34-40

- I. A lawyer _____ Christ (v.34-36)
- A. In first century Palestine, a _____ was an expert in the interpretation and application of Old Testament _____.
 - B. Rabbinic _____ counted 613 separate commands contained in the Scriptures, 248 positive and 365 _____.
 - C. Once again, the religious _____ are trying to discredit the Lord in the eyes of the _____.
- II. The Messiah _____ the exam (v. 37-40)
- A. Jesus _____ our responsibility to keep God's commands in terms of _____.
 - B. Our love for _____ should be comprehensive and _____.
- 1 John 5:3** *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*
- C. Our love for _____ should be _____.
 - D. Please note, this is two commands not _____. Jesus is not teaching that we must love ourselves _____ we can love others.

Sermon Notes:

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hymnal No. 642

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r: Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*THE INVOCATION

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 3, 4, 5

Q 3. How do you come to know your misery?

A. The law of God tells me.

Q 4. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. "And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Q 5. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-19

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 3:10

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from Augustine's Confessions

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before You. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it to You? We would be hiding You from ourselves, not ourselves from You. And we make our confession not in words and sounds made by the tongue alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts, which cry aloud to You. When we are evil, making confession to You is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, making confession to You is simply to make no claim on our own behalf, for without You, O Lord, we can do nothing.

And so, we make confession to You of our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love You and so we are ashamed of ourselves and cast ourselves aside and, once again, choose You and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Songbook #20

Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet.

*THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 119:1-24

Hymnal pg. 829

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Songbook #26

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
Land me safe on Canaan's side Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

*THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22:34-40

THE SERMON

LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

Pastor Chris Donnelly

*THE CLOSING SONG

"Love of God"

Songbook # 60

Love of God revealed in wonder by the works of a Maker's hand:
Seas that roar with thund'rous splendor, fields that whisper at His command.

All the joys of life we cherish are God's gracious sign:
We are children of His promise, heirs of mercy and grace divine.
Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.

Love of God revealed in frailty through the gift of a servant King;
Sov'reign pow'r robed in humility, Prince of Peace crowned with suffering.
Oh what love, that calls humanity to kneel at the cross
And exchange our sin's futility for the joy of a Father's love.
Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.

Love of God, what priceless treasure over all this world affords;
To be His and His forever, this my glory and my reward!
May this love, beyond all knowing, so capture my soul
That I'm filled to overflowing with a passion for Him alone!
Unfailing love from heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Doxology

Hymnal No. 731

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

*THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing, if able

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