

This Week at GPC

Sunday Prayer Meeting – 8:15 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.  
Monday Office Closed  
Tuesday Music Team Meeting – 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Office Closed  
Wed-Thurs. Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/14 Medley 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*

*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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Friday.***

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**A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)**

***Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.***

**WELCOME**

***Joyfully gathering and growing disciples of Jesus***

*I am persuaded that love and humility are the highest attainments in the school of Christ and the brightest evidences that He is indeed our Master.*

- John Newton

**The LORD's Day  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.*

**Philippians 2:3**

\*THE SONG OF GATHERING

"Just As I Am"

Songbook #57

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, tho' tossed about with many conflicts, many doubts,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION ON PROVERBS 29:23

*One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.*

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Read Responsively)

Psalm 98:1-6

*Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm  
have worked salvation for Him.*

**People: The LORD has made known His salvation: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of  
the nations.**

*Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the  
earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**People: Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets  
and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Hymnal No. 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

September 8<sup>th</sup> Announcements:

**Please note: the church office will be closed Monday through Thursday this week due to Pastor Chris' study leave.**

**Phase Two Building Fund Update**

Our Fund Summary Through August 31, 2019	
Building Fund Target	\$500,000.00
Actual Amount Given	\$ 20,925.00
Total Still Needed:	\$479,075.00

We praise our great God and **THANK YOU** Grace Church family for your faithful giving. We've paid off the loan for phase one of the building and have begun saving for phase two.

**Educational Opportunities**

Interested in learning more about Grace Presbyterian Church or becoming a member? We have an Inquirer's class beginning in September. The meetings will take place during the Sunday school hour in the Meeting house starting Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 a.m. To register, please contact the church office via e-mail at [graceprescookeville@gmail.com](mailto:graceprescookeville@gmail.com) or via phone at 931-537-6400.

Come join us this evening, Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Service Opportunity**

If you are interested in serving on the **Sunday morning music team**, there will be a meeting and practice in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019**, from 6 to 7 p.m. If you are unable to attend but are interested, contact Kristin Livesay at [livesay.kristin@gmail.com](mailto:livesay.kristin@gmail.com).

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.

**Women's Ministry Opportunity**

**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.

Pride and Humility  
Matthew 23:1-12

- I. Jesus warns about demanding \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-4)
- A. Since the \_\_\_\_\_ knew the law of God, as well as the doctrine that flowed from it, the people were to follow the \_\_\_\_\_ instructions they received.
  - B. The scribes and Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ the conscience of the people where God had left them \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. If we would lead \_\_\_\_\_, we must live what we teach, or at least seriously \_\_\_\_\_ to do so.

- II. Jesus warns about \_\_\_\_\_ of piety (v. 5-7)
- A. By following the biblical \_\_\_\_\_ with more flamboyance than necessary, these religious leaders were seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, not of God.

**Galatians 1:10** For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

- B. Seeking public \_\_\_\_\_ to boast about one's religious position in the community is especially \_\_\_\_\_.

- III. Jesus warns about \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-10)
- A. A \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ will always and forever be only a disciple, as Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ is the Teacher.
  - B. As Christians, we should \_\_\_\_\_ claim the prestige that belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.

- IV. Jesus welcomes a new kind of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-12)
- A. Greatness in the Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ is much different than the behavior displayed by the religious \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

**John 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

- B. As disciples of Jesus, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives with the desire to give ourselves for the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

**Matthew 20:28** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.  
*Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace!  
Humbled Himself so great His love, and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!  
*Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
*Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
*Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

\*THE INVOCATION

\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Westminster Confession of Faith* Chapter 20:2  
Concerning Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience

**We believe that God alone is Lord of the conscience and has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in any way contrary to or different from his word in matters of faith or worship. And so, believing any such teachings or obeying any such commandments of men for conscience's sake actually betrays true freedom of conscience. Requiring implicit or absolute, blind obedience also destroys freedom of conscience as well as the free use of reason.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 11:18-32

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO CONFESSION James 1:26-27

*If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. Therefore, trusting in His mercy, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN *Geneva Liturgy of John Calvin, 1542*

**Eternal and Almighty Father; we acknowledge and confess before Your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable by ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death.**

**But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased, then, to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-4

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

\*THE SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*"Across The Lands"*

Songbook # 108

**You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!  
*You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

**Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!  
*You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

**With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!  
*You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

\*THE RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalms 25*

Hymnal pg. 792

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Hymnal No. 598

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield; 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, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.**

\*THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 23:1-13

THE SERMON

**PRIDE AND HUMILITY**

Pastor Chris Donnelly

\*THE CLOSING SONG

*"In Christ Alone"*

Songbook #40

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

\*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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