

This Week at GPC

Sunday Prayer Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Student & Visitor Luncheon – 12:00 pm
Wednesday Office Closed
Thursday Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/15 Sherri Murchison
9/19 Anna Tatum
9/19 Robin Twitty
9/21 Andrew Martin

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, Tuesday, and Friday.

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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 wired by nature to love the same toys that the world loves. I start to fit in. I start to love what others love. I start to call earth "home." Before you know it, I am calling luxuries "needs" and using my money just the way unbelievers do. I begin to forget the war. I don't think much about people perishing. Missions and unreached people drop out of my mind. I stop dreaming about the triumphs of grace. I sink into a secular mind-set that looks first to what man can do, not what God can do. It is a terrible sickness. And I thank God for those who have forced me again and again toward a wartime mind-set."

— John Piper, Don't Waste Your Life

The LORD'S Day
Sunday, September 15th, 2019

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

*THE SONG OF GATHERING "The Sands Of Time Are Sinking" Songbook # 97

**The sands of time are sinking, The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for - The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.**

**The king there in His beauty, Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, Though sev'n deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.**

**O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.**

**The bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory Of Emmanuel's land.**

**Oh! I am my Beloved's And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit - I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth In Emmanuel's land.**

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION ON MATTHEW 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*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.

September 15th Announcements:

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.

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 22nd at 9:15 a.m. 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, September 8th 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.

If you are a Visitor or College Student worshipping with us, please join us today, September 15th, for a luncheon following the worship service. This is a great opportunity not only to enjoy a meal, but to get to know us as a congregation.

Service Opportunity

If you are interested in serving on the **Sunday morning music team** and you missed the meeting last week, please contact Kristin Livesay at 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. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby area as well as folders for the study. We are studying the fruits of the spirit.

Ladies Prayer Retreat: October 5th. More details later.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 67* Hymnal pg. 808

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:1-7

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO CONFESSION James 4:6-7

⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Christians, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners acknowledge before you that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as you, our Lord and God, know well.

But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them. We ask You for another outpouring of Your abundant mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Hebrews 10:12-14

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he

has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE SONG OF THANKSGIVING "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" Songbook # 76

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Belgic Confession* Article 19
The Two Natures of Christ

We believe that by being thus conceived the person of the Son has been inseparably united and joined together with human nature, in such a way that there are not two Sons of God, nor two persons, but two natures united in a single person, with each nature retaining its own distinct properties. Thus his divine nature has always remained uncreated, without beginning of days or end of life, filling heaven and earth. Christ's human nature has not lost its properties but continues to have those of a creature - it has a beginning of days; it is of a finite nature and retains all that belongs to a real body. And even though he, by his resurrection, gave it immortality, that nonetheless did not change the reality of his human nature; for our salvation and resurrection depend also on the reality of his body.

But these two natures are so united together in one person that they are not even separated by his death. So then, what he committed to his Father when he died was a real human spirit which left his body. But meanwhile his divine nature remained united with his human nature even when he was lying in the grave; and his deity never ceased to be in him, just as it was in him when he was a little child, though for a while it did not so reveal itself. These are the reasons why we confess him to be true God and truly human - true God in order to conquer death by his power, and truly human that he might die for us in the weakness of his flesh.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION "Jesus, Lead Us With Thy Power" Songbook #50

*Jesus, Oh lead us, with Thy power, safe into the promised rest;
Hide our souls within Thy bosom; Let us slumber on Thy breast.*

Feed us with the heav'nly manna bread that angels eat above.
Let us drink, from the holy fountain, Draughts of everlasting love.

*Jesus, Oh lead us, with Thy power, safe into the promised rest;
Hide our souls within Thy bosom; Let us slumber on Thy breast.*

Through the desert wild conduct us With a glorious pillar bright;
In the day a cooling comfort and a cheering fire by night.

Be our guide in every peril; Watch us hourly, night and day.
Otherwise we'll err and wander, from the Spirit far away.
*Jesus, Oh lead us, with Thy power, safe into the promised rest;
Hide our souls within Thy bosom; Let us slumber on Thy breast.*

In Thy presence we find comfort In Thy presence we're secure,
In Thy presence all afflictions, we will patiently endure.

In thy presence we can conquer, we can suffer, we can die.
Far from Thee, we faint and languish Lord, our Savior, keep us nigh.
*Jesus, Oh lead us, with Thy power, safe into the promised rest;
Hide our souls within Thy bosom; Let us slumber on Thy breast.*

*THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:1-18

THE SERMON INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF JESUS Rev. Charles Todd

*THE CLOSING HYMN "Macedonia" Hymnal No. 452

The vision of a dying world is vast before our eyes;
We feel the heart-beat of its need, we hear its feeble cries:
Lord Jesus Christ, revive thy church in this, her crucial hour!
Lord Jesus Christ, awake thy church with Spirit given pow'r.

The savage hugs his god of stone and fears descent of night;
The city dweller cringes lone amid the garish light:
Lord Jesus Christ, arouse thy church to see their mute distress!
Lord Jesus Christ, equip thy church with love and tenderness.

Today, as understanding's bounds are stretch'd on every hand,
O clothe thy Word in bright, new sounds, and speed it o'er the land;
Lord Jesus Christ, empower us to preach by every means!
Lord Jesus Christ, embolden us in near and distant scenes.

The warning bell of judgment tolls, above us looms the cross;
Around are ever dying souls – how great, how great the loss!
O Lord, constrain and move thy church the glad news to impart!
And Lord, as thou dost stir thy church, begin within my heart.

*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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