

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 30, 2026 On the Journey Season of Grace

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* The Congregational Opening *“All Are Welcome”*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and
all can safely live. A place where saints and
children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Life is not a straight line.
It is a journey of becoming—
full of twists and turns,
questions and discoveries,
losses and new beginnings..

People: We do not walk alone.

Leader: Generations before us have walked this road.
They left guideposts along the way—.

People: Songs of hope, acts of courage, practices of love.

Leader So come.
Let us gather with the God who meets us on the journey.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise *"To Follow The Journey"*
(on your tables)

Quilt Time

The Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson Hebrews 12:1-2, Galatians 6:9

The Choral Meditation *"O Savior, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

The Words of Grace “Are We There Yet?”

*The Benediction

*The Congregational Benediction *"Sing Them Over Again to Me"*

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
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*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Season of Grace ends today.

September 6th you will have 2 options for worship ,1- at Grace for 10am Worship(no breakfast), or 2- Wild Goose at 11am.

We will resume our schedule with Sunday school at 9am and Worship at 10am on September 13th, with a Back to School Covered Lunch after worship.

Wild Goose Lecture – Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. - Kristin Kobes Du Mez, American historian and author of *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*. and a new book on the way: *Live Laugh Love: The Secret History of White Christian Women and the World They Made*.

WILD GOOSE WEEKEND- SEPTEMBER 3-6

We are looking for volunteers! Your duties would be to hang out in the tent for a couple of hours and greet folks who might stop in. We'll have literature, handouts and merch from all 3 sponsoring groups to give out. Our tent is also known for its southern hospitality, so we'll have ice water, apples and pb&j sandwiches available for whoever would like them. As well, we offer some special snacks throughout the day! We need folks from 9am to 9pm on Friday and Saturday!

The link to sign up to volunteer is on the midweek.

Tickets - you can purchase tickets for the festival and parking on the festival website. Also, if you volunteer in the Grace/PFLAG/PRIDE tent, you are eligible to use our special sponsor's link, where you can get your ticket for free!

***Don't forget - the Grounds Committee needs your Cardboard! AND**

Please join us to spread the wood chips on the Sign Bed! **Saturday, September 12th at 8am!** Donuts and coffee for all helpers!

Summer mowing - please consider volunteering to help with mowing chores this summer.

We mow once every 2 weeks and it takes about 2 hours, possibly up to 3 if you prefer to go slower on the riding mower.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

30 - JJ Grose

September 4 - Katelyn Hayes

4 - Leigh Brown

5 - Josh Hayes

Anniversaries:

30 - Cory and Sam Scott

September 4 - Jen and Gina DeLong

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, Kate Campbell, River's coworker, Carole's friend, Pam Navey family, Allison & Arnold, Regina's friends, Hispanic community, Louise's brother, Jack, Government workers and others with job instability, all those affected by Hurricane Helene, Calvary Baptist, Brian, Sharon Keller, Bailey Rogers family, Middle East crisis, Paul's son, Matt, Emma, Sophie, Cameron Gray, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, those on disability homeless children, our nations immigrants.

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Those in the military:

James Pulliam, Adam Ivey, Anthony Corcoran, Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson, Zy'cale Bowling, Ethan Matthews.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday – Barnard

September 13 - McKinney/Vanderstreek

September 20 - DeLong

Flowers

Diane Hamby

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Louise, Ed, Andrew, Autumn

September 6 -

September 13-Paul V, Louise, Phyllis, Landon

Budget Update

Needed Year to Date: \$72,012.00

Received Year to Date: \$78,669.40

OVER budget: \$6,657.40

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$10,269.34



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We are Grace Baptist Church - a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community. We are an intergenerational faith community called and committed to the life of love and servant-hood through the experience of celebrative worship, the development of each person’s gifts and the work for peace and justice.

In our diversity we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We recognize each individual as a child of God. We welcome and affirm ALL people, who and where you are, to join in our common mission through participation and leadership in this community of faith.

We are affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America and the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Interim Pastor: Carrilea Hall

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley