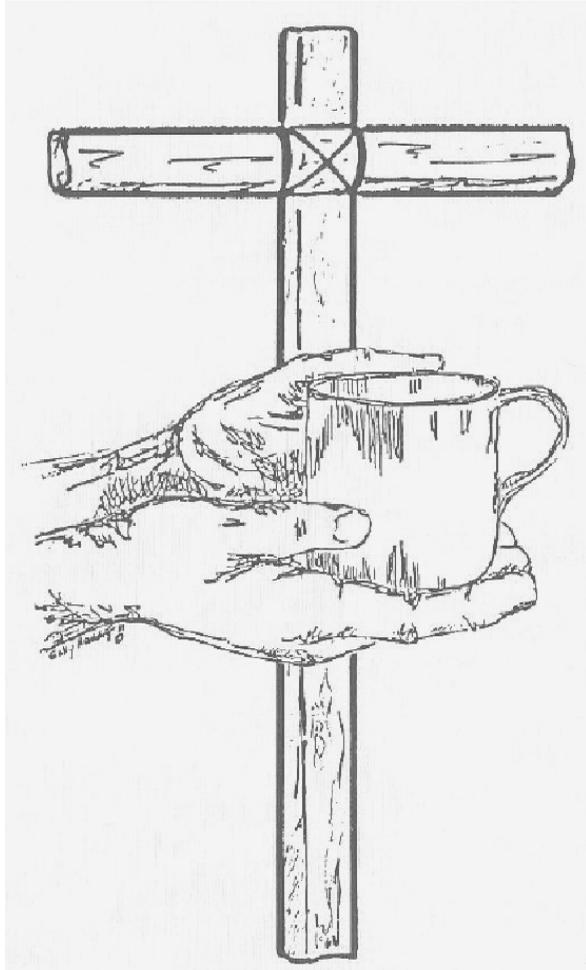


# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
September 9, 2018

## Education Sunday

### GATHERING

*The Prelude*

*The Welcome and Announcements*

\* *The Choral Opening*

*"Serve The Lord With Gladness"*

### RESPONDING

\**The Call to Gathering*

**Leader:** God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

**People:** Courage to change the things I can,

**Leader:** And wisdom to know the difference.

\* *The Invocation*

\* *The Opening Hymn*

*"We Thank You, God, For Teachers"*

Insert

*The Offertory*

Recognition of Teachers for 2018/19 Sunday School Year

*Litany for the Commissioning of Workers*

(Litany on insert)

### ENGAGING

*Prayers of the People*

*The Biblical Lesson*

John 8:31-32, Philippians 4:4-7

*The Choral Meditation*

*"Sing Praise"*

*Words of Grace*

*"What I Learned in Rehab"*

### SOJOURNING

\**The Closing Hymn*

*"In The Midst of New Dimensions"*

Insert

\**The Benediction*

\* *The Choral Benediction*

*"God Be With You"*

\**Postlude*

*\*All who are able, please stand*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Education Sunday. We are back to regular schedule with Sunday School at 10:00am and Worship at 11:00am. We will be having a potluck right after Worship. All are welcome to stay.

Tomorrow, September 10 - Serve supper at the Shelter. 4:45pm

September 20 - Church Cabinet. 6:00pm

### **Birthdays**

10 - Billy Adams

10 - Mary Ruth Godfrey

10 - Gina Barrickman

### **Anniversary**

10 - Arnold Watt and Allison Copeland

## **CONCERNS**

Continue to remember:

Sarah Shields, Susan Attayek family, Karen Marlowe, Bill Hayes, Georgia Theriot, June Acre, Bobbie Arnold, Andrew Donawa, Chris B.'s cousin, Lewis, Kathy's dad, Jerry, Steve's mother, Nitza Rodriguez and children, Casey Leslie, Bradleys, Search committee, all God's people, those making decisions concerning gun violence, homeless children, Charlottesville, VA. Wild fires in California, our Nations Immigrants, children separated from their parents.

Mary Alice Woods, Tressie Starrette, Nellie Grant, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Rosemary Rector, Ernestine Lanford, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Beecher Grose.

Those facing tough times: those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Caleb Sisk.

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$58,425.60

Received year to date: \$58,009.68

Under budget: \$415.92

Weekly needs: \$1669.56

### **Our Life Together**

Monday

4:45pm - Serve at the Shelter

8pm - NA

Wednesday

No Choir rehearsal

Friday

8pm - NA

Next Sunday

10am - Sunday School

11am - Worship

**Leader:** We are gathered to recognize your gifts of leadership to our family of faith.

**People:** *Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.*

**Leader:** Through your teaching may we gain wisdom and understanding.

**People:** *Teach us the ways of the Great Shepherd who leads us all to grace, reconciliation and forgiveness.*

**Leader:** Through your teaching may we model the early church.

**People:** *Continually devoting themselves to the instruction given by the apostles, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, to the prayers.*

**Teachers:** May we have a servant's heart as we give direction to our church family.

**People:** *O God, grant these, your servants, who are gifted to teach, your grace and wisdom.*

### **We Thank You, God, For Teachers**

*We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your Way,  
Who show by their example how we can serve and pray,  
Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;  
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.*

*We thank you, God, for families of every kind and size,  
Who keep the vows they spoke when their children were baptized,  
Who pray and read the Bible, who love and serve the poor;  
They teach, by what they value, the way of Christ our Lord.*

*We thank you, God, for churches that welcome one and all,  
That nurture every person in answer to Christ's call.  
So fill us with your Spirit, and give us life anew,  
That we may help each other live faithfully in you.*

### **In The Midst of New Dimensions**

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?  
God of Rainbow, fiery pillar, leading us in covenant,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, ever more.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?  
As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.  
God of Rainbow, fiery pillar, leading us in covenant,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, ever more.*

### **Second Hour Helpers**

*Today -*

Sept 9 - John Koppelmeyer and Kevin Angell.  
Alt. Diane Hamby  
Sept 16 - Sheri Coarsey and David Comer.  
Alt. Marsha Angell  
Sept 23 - Linda Marshall and Carole Hendrix.  
Alt. Sheri Coarsey

### **Church Maintenance**

*Before next Sunday -* Shuford/Hamby  
Sept 23 - McMillan/Nicholson  
Sept 30 - Hendrix

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 and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

*Ministers: All Members of the Congregation*

Interim Pastor: Steve Shoemaker      Music Director: LeAnda Barnard  
Secretary: Lisa Wardo      Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

#### Boards

Cabinet: David Comer  
Deacon: Nichole Tilley/ Randy Berryhill  
Mission: Gay Shaver/ Phyllis Munson  
Education: Katelyn Johns  
Stewardship: Tom Wiberg      Worship: LeAnda Barnard

*WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that your being present will bring joy and peace and presence of God to you.*

*You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.*

If you are interested in joining this congregation as we seek to discern and live out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a church member.  
You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130,  
or by email at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).