



## STAYING IN TOUCH... HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, this Sunday is my third in a series of the flourishing of the church. And the title is: "Spiritual Identity, the Church's And Our Own In A Changing World." How would you talk about your own spiritual identity? A woman at a former church said to me, "I'm not sure I want to be completely Christian." That adjective did not say all she was. Does Baptist fit you? Christian? Baptist Christian? Christian agnostic? Inter-faith? Spiritual but not religious? Christian humanist? Seeker? Feminist theologians say that we all need a good and sturdy container for our selfhood. Perhaps the same is true for our Spiritual Identity. But do we need more than one way to describe our spiritual self?

And how about our church. How would we describe our spiritual identity? Baptist Christian? Baptist with a small "b", a more modest spiritual identity? Ecumenical, Inter-Faith? How do we define ourselves without over defining ourselves?

Amin Maloof, an Arab Christian born in Lebanon, living in Paris at the time of 911, wrote a book about how singular identities can become "murderous identities."

Our texts for the day include Acts 11:25, Acts 19: 23, and John 14:6: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" Come, let's ponder such things together.

And my Sunday School lesson will be about Francis Collins, one of the most brilliant scientists of our day and an evangelical Christian whose article in The NY Times last week writes his worry about the abandonment of truth and science in many American Christians today, "Take It From a Scientist: Facts Matter. And They Don't Care How You Feel". Interested? Look it up. Then join us. Steve

#### Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00AM  
Worship at 11:00 AM  
Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Our friends on homebound:*  
Nancy Milstead,  
Clara Rogers.

*Those issues close to us:*  
Gay Park, James,  
Kyle & Patricia,  
Kim's mother and nephew,  
Sarah Borders, Grace Eller, Louise's  
brother, Jack, Lisa Malone,  
Walter Arreaza, Al Fraley,  
Amber Jordan and family,  
The people of Cuba, Kim and Stan.  
peoples of the Ukraine,  
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,  
caregivers, healthcare workers,  
homeless children, our nations  
immigrants.

*Those facing tough times, those who  
are mentally ill, those who are affected  
by violence, those who are  
incarcerated, children who are a part of  
the Guardian ad Litem program, local  
law enforcement officers and fire  
fighters.*

*Those in the military:*  
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,  
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,  
Zach Thompson,  
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,  
Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,  
Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson.

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### Celebrations:

#### Birthdays

23 - Ian McMillan

26 - Andora Nicholson

#### Anniversaries

24 - Terry and Diane Hamby

### Concerns:

**Racial Healing.**

Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the  
gun epidemic going on right now.

School students and staff and the  
community around these schools.

**Prayers for people who feel unloved.**

Middle East Crisis.

Teen's who are considering suicide.

Tom Wiberg had surgery this week.

Bob Barber.

Wild Fires in the West.

**Robert Collier family.**

All those involved in the Apalachee  
High School shooting in Georgia.

# October Birthdays

- 1 - David Grose
- 2 - Grant Lippard
- 2 - Lawrence Lippard
- 3 - Doug Hendrix
- 5 - Mary Whitted Hendrix
- 6 - Peggy Nicholson
- 6 - Ben Kudlacek
- 7 - Hunter Johnson
- 8 - Liliana Billings
- 11 - Will Kenney
- 12 - Maple Scott
- 13 - Millie Corcoran
- 14 - Ulysses Marshall
- 16 - Brandon Tilley
- 16 - Grady Adams
- 20 - Tom Wiberg
- 21 - Kevin Angell
- 24 - Steve Coarsey
- 30 - Jean Stroupe
- 30 - Mike Shaver
- 31 - Tristan Brown
- 31 - Serenity Brown

## Anniversary

18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

Steve's sermon's are always available  
On Facebook and Youtube.  
You can easily find it at:  
[www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org)

## Budget

### BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$75,126.00  
Received year to date: \$71,144.00  
UNDER budget: \$3982.00  
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00  
This Week's Offering: \$1380.00



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have PayPal! You will find a PayPal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

## Mission Board News

ICM needs our help to restock their shelves!  
We will be collecting food on the first Sunday of each month but you can bring them anytime.

## Church Maintenance DeLong

## Scripture for the Week

Acts 11:25, Acts 19:23,  
& John 14:6

## Sermon

"Spiritual Identity, the Church's And Our Own In A Changing World"

## Leader

**Doug Hendrix**

## Reader

### \*Upcoming events:

#### \*\*Note these date changes\*\*

\*October 12 - A Food & Fall Benefit Fest for Iredell Christian Ministries will be held from 10:00 until 3:00 at 308 Mocksville Hwy. in the Banner Drug parking area. It will include a food drive, food trucks, kids zone, raffles and much more fall fun.

\*October 13 - Covered Dish Fundraiser Celebration following worship.

The church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, along with the slaw, chili, and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. We'll have a cookie bar set up for the children! This will be a time for us to enjoy each other's company and be updated on how much has been raised toward the capital campaign.

\*Mark your Calendars for Our Davis Lecture Series coming November 17th.