

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

July 26, 2026

On the Journey

Season of Grace

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*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.**

*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.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

*“We Sing to You, O God”
(on your tables)*

Quilt Time

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson

Joshua 1:9

The Choral Meditation

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Voices of Grace

“Sharing Our Journeys”

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

*“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”
(on your tables)*

**My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

Our journey together continues Today with the sharing of personal faith journeys by several of our Grace folks. It will be a meaningful way to reflect on our own journeys and the connections we have with one another.

We are in the midst of our **Season of Grace**.
There will be no Sunday School during this season and worship will begin at 10am.
A light breakfast is served every Sunday morning at 9:30am for gathering and socializing.

This year the Mission board is asking for people to give of themselves and their time.
There will be a list of Volunteer Opportunities on the bulletin board and each week they will highlight one.
We hope you will go out and support any of these with your interest and talents!

We are now serving a meal twice a month at Fifth Street - the second Monday and the fourth Thursday of the month. For the month of August that will be 8/10 and 8/27. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board or you can let Phyllis Rogers or Renae Keesbury know.

Please see a member of the Grounds Committee if you're interested in having a raised garden bed for the 2026 growing season! It's so much fun to grow and pick your own vegetables and flowers!
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.
We have a nice new mower that's in great working order, too!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

19 - Kim McKinney
26 - Phyllis Rogers
27 - Nichole Tilley

Anniversaries:

27 - John and Andora Nicholson
30 - John and Linda Marshall

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, those on disability, Joe Swain, Nancy Dill, Tony Smith, River's dad, Kate Campbell, Emma Wegmiller's sister, all those affected by the Venezualen earthquakes, Jen's work, Wildfires in Utah, Allison & Arnold, Regina's friends, Hispanic community, Louise's brother, Jack, Government workers and others with job instability, Brian's grandfather, All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Cameron Gray, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, peoples of the Ukraine, 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:

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

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Wardo
August 9 - Angell
August 16 - Marshall

Flowers

Neal & Louise
Grose

Second Hour Helpers

Today - Kristie, Bradi, Kayla, Autumn
August 2 - Tom, Sherri, Paul, Autumn
August 9 - Carole, Cathy F, Diane, Ava

Budget Update

Needed Year to Date: 61,422.00
Received Year to Date: \$59,385.09
UNDER budget: \$2,036.91
Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00
This Week's Offering: \$2,170.00

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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