

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 23, 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 *"The Dream of God"*
(on your tables)

Quilt Time

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:1-3

The Choral Meditation *"Praise God"*

Words of Grace “The Way Down is the Way Up”

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

****Season of Grace will end August 30th.****

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 regular schedule(Sunday school at 10am and Worship at 11am) on September 13th, with a Back to School Covered Lunch after worship.

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!

Wild Goose Lecture - 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.*

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 signup sheet will be on the bulletin board or you can let Phyllis Rogers or Renae Keesbury know.

***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

Birthday:

23 - Kakki Barnard Kudlacek

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Janice Comer, Spencer Cox, Billy Adams, Kate Campbell, Pam Navey family, Allison & Arnold, River's coworker, Carole's friend, Family of Bailey Rogers, Regina's friends, Hispanic community, Louise's brother, Jack, Government workers and others with job instability, all those affected by Hurricane Helene, Middle East crisis, Cameron Gray, Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, peoples of the Ukraine, caregivers, healthcare workers, those on disability 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 – J Brown-Irby

September 6 – Barnard

September 13 - McKinney/Vanderstreek

Flowers

Diane Hamby

Second Hour Helpers

Today -Janna, Cory, Brandon, Serenity

August 30 - Louise, Ed, Andrew, Autumn

Budget Update

Needed Year to Date: \$69,894.00

Received Year to Date: \$68,400.06

UNDER budget: \$1,493.94

Weekly Needs: \$2,118.00

This Week's Offering: \$1510.00



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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