

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

June 22, 2025 Faces of Our Faith Season of Grace

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregational Opening “Celebrate”

*Celebrate, come celebrate.
Join in as God’s people in worship and singing.
Celebrate, come celebrate.
Rejoice as we witness God’s love.
In God’s love we are unified; by God’s grace we’ve grown.
Celebrate, come celebrate,
Praise God for we are God’s own.*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who hunger to hear God’s story.
People: We gather to remember the faces of our faith.
Leader: Some bold, some quiet. Some broken, some brave.
People: Each with a story. Each with a role.
Leader: Come, young and old. Come, certain and searching.
People: In this space, all stories are sacred.
**All: Let us worship the God who calls us—
each and every one—
to be part of the story still unfolding.**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
(No. 423 v.1,2)

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:35-40

The Choral Meditation “God Our Creator, Source and Sustainer”

Words of Grace

*Benediction

Leader: Go now and hear the stories your sisters and brothers want to tell,
People: for God may speak to us through them.
Leader: Dare to share yourselves with all people that God loves,
People: that we may more fully understand each other.
Leader: The peace of God go with you and be shared through you.

*Congregational Benediction “Go In Peace, Walk In Love”

*Go in peace, walk in love, may your path be guided.
Through the calm, through the storm, God is ever present.*

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

Announcements

We Welcome Rev. Ron Gunter as our Speaker today.

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.

During the Season of Grace, artwork associated with the sermon will be displayed in worship for the congregation to interact with through meditation and prayer. For Father's Day on June 15, we would like to create a collage of photos of our "father figures", made up of pictures submitted by Grace folks. Please email your photo of a "father" who has inspired your faith to ndavis49@gmail.com by June 13. (If you have a photo that can't be emailed, check with Nancy for alternatives.)

Our Special offering for the Season of Grace will go to **FLAR**.

Here is a list of items they need:

New shoes- All sizes
New Pajamas- All sizes
New pacifiers
New bottles
New sippy cups
New Journals for teens
New Crib sheets

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

23 - Emily Nicholson
26 - Sara Nicholson
26 - Leo Brown
27 - Randy Berryhill
28 - Saige Milstead

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:
Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

*David Grose, Billy Adams, Jim Cashdollar, Those on disability,
Government workers and others with job instability, Diane Reynolds, Cathy Moore,
All those affected by Hurricane Helene, Rebecca Beaver, Alf Fraley,
Louise's brother, Jack, Middle East crisis, Lucas Watt and family, Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,
Iredell Statesville Schools students and staff, Amber Jordan and family, 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

Church Cleaning

Before next Sunday - Lippard/Scott
July 6 - C. Brown
July 13 - Shoemaker/ Scanlan

Flowers

Lisa Wardo

2025 BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$43,824.00
Received year to date: \$40,331.01
UNDER budget: \$3,492.99
Weekly needs: \$1,992.00
This Week's Offering:

Use this PayPal QR code for easy donations.



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