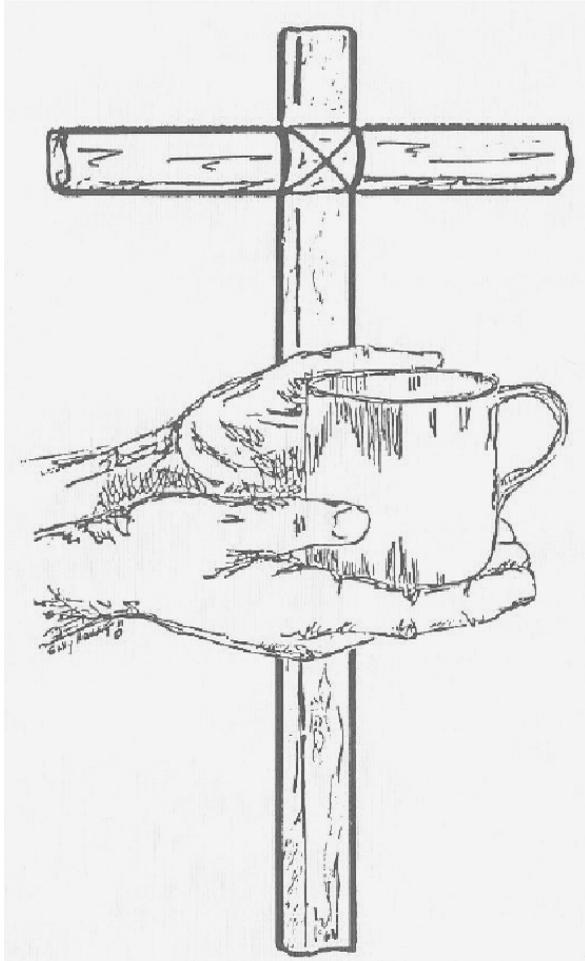


The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
July 25, 2021

Season of Grace

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Gathering

Leader: God calls us to love with a love which is true and sincere.

People: to love all people with mutual affection.

Leader: To outdo one another in respecting each others ways,

People: where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

Leader: And to a a world where goods are shared and misery relieved;

People: where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

Leader: Let us rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.

Invocation

The Choral Opening

"All Are Welcome"

Prayers of the People

Piano Meditation

Emma Chesnut

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 9: 35-38

The Choral Meditation

"Faithful Shepherd"

Words of Grace

"A Community of Compassion"

Benediction

**Postlude*

Announcements

Welcome back Steve and Sue!!

The Education board is looking for volunteers to lead activities for children during the last half of Sunday morning services throughout the summer. Please see Sue if you are interested or for more information.

Also, the Education board has announced "Summer Small Groups", a series of small groups that will each meet for 4-6 weeks during the Summer. Please pick up a flyer to see more details.

The Mission offering for Season of Grace is going to the Little Free Libraries.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered this past Sunday at Christmas in July, At 5th Street. It was a great day!

Birthdays

26 - Phyllis Rogers
27 - Nichole Tilley
30 - Kate Bradley Simpson

Anniversaries

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

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound:

Tressie Starrette, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose.

Those issues close to us: Vera Beaver family, Bo Walker family, Lucy Martin family, Dan Elsenheimer family, Mike Helms family, Chris's father, Janice Berryhill's father, Kenneth Davis, Linda Shaver, Kim's mom, Melanie Vaughn and family, South Statesville residents, South Florida condo tragedy, Carol Rupp, Sean Abercrombie, Kim Elliott, Cameron Gray, Fran Pratt, 5 month old, River, Margaret Hayes, Nicky Wilson, Jamie Stewart, Irene Shoemaker, Vera Webster, Nancy Milstead, Spencer Cox, Linda Sample, caregivers, and 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:

Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran, Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, Jacob Taylor and Ethan Dowden, Justin Steele, 30th Brigade.

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - D. Rogers

August 8 - Starette/Lippard

August 15 - Coarsey

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$57,736.00
Received year to date: \$50,261.00
UNDER budget: \$7475.00
Weekly needs: \$2062.00

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

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker

Music Director: LeAnda Barnard

Secretary: Lisa Wardo

Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

Boards

Cabinet: David Comer

Deacon: Leigh Brown

Mission: Susie Wiberg

Education: Sue Shoemaker

Stewardship: Johnny Marshall

Worship: Nancy Davis

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.

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