



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

**Steve's Corner**

**The week of November 28-December 4, 2021**

Dear Grace, I saw a photo of a man on the street holding a sign that read: The Beginning Is Near! That's the Advent message: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ is near! We stand on tip toe to see! This weeks theme is "Accepting". It is about Isaiah accepting God's call to be a prophet and Mary's acceptance of God's call to bear the son of God.

Both entailed no small amount of courage.

The texts are Isaiah 6:1-4 and 8.

The Gospel is Luke 1: 26-38.

But the sermon is also about "Acceptance", the acceptance of what life brings with faith, especially when life brings bad news. It is acceptance as the last stage of grief, acceptance as coming to terms with life as it is, not as we wish it to be.

And it is about the terrible, terrible theology around the phrase, "Accepting God's Will" — especially as it is used when tragedy strikes. Come join in the spiritual posture of Advent called "Accepting".

**Calendar**

**Worship at 10:00 AM**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Our friends on homebound:*

*Tressie Starrette,  
Barbara Robinson,  
Mary Jean Grose,  
Irene Shoemaker  
Sarah Adams, Nancy Milstead.*

*Those issues close to us:*

*Brenda Joines family, Bobby Shannon family, Scott Smith, John Cass, Peggy Waugh, Jessica Pritchard, Fran Pratt, Teresa Bergandine Campbell, Sean Abercrombie, 5 month old, River, Cameron Gray, 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.*

*In our community and in our world, 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.*

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

***Celebrations:***

***Birthday***

**30 - Clara Rogers**

**Chad Coarsey and Ryan Chadwick will be married on December 28th.**

***Concerns:***

**Racial Healing.**

**Our Nation.**

**Marco, Katelyn and Millie Corcoran.**

**Clara Rogers.**

**Gary, Patti and Paxton West.**

**Glenda & Ray Jackson in Houston.**

## December Birthdays

- 6 - John Barnard
- 6 - Bob Rawls
- 9 - Cohen Bryce Hayes
- 19 - Marsha Angell
- 24 - Lauren Berryhill
- 25 - Grace McDougall
- 26 - Eben Coarsey
- 27 - Diane Hamby

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You can easily find it at:  
[www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org)

## Budget

Needed year to date: \$98,976.00  
Received year to date: \$89,236.00  
UNDER budget: \$9740.00  
Weekly needs: \$2062.00

## Mission Moments (For our Advent Offering)

The Mission Board has announced that our Advent offering this year will go to support the The Khaled Hosseini Foundation.

The Khaled Hosseini Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides humanitarian relief and shelter to families, economic opportunity for women, and healthcare and education for children in Afghanistan.

For more info go to :

[www.khaledhosseinifoundation.org](http://www.khaledhosseinifoundation.org)

## Church Maintenance Wiberg

## Scripture for the Week

Isaiah 6:1-4 and 8 and  
Luke 1:26-38 .

## Sunday's Sermon

# Accepting!

**Leader  
Chris Brown**

**Reader  
Reader's Choir**

## New Covenant Participants!!

**Being a Covenant Participant is open to all and allows folks to join in the life of Grace where they feel called. If you are interested in becoming a Grace Covenant Participant or would like more information, please speak to Steve or one of the deacons.**