



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

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, the travelers are almost back. By time you read this we should all be home. My sermon this Sunday is part of a three part sermon series on "The Church Flourishing". This first sermon is on the importance of Church Covenants and is entitled, "Who We Are and How We Wish To Live Together." The sermon text is Romans 12: 9-18 and the Call To Gathering is from Colossians 3:12-17.

About a decade ago we at Grace composed our own Church Covenant. A committee has been formed to look at it and suggest any revisions. Church Covenants are a distinctive of Baptist congregations. Most have them but do not write their own.

What is the purpose of a church covenant? What promises do we make to each other as we join? A covenant generally says "Who We Are and How We Wish To Live Together." Who we are often includes a statement of our mission as a people of God in Christ. The purpose of the sermon, as with the next two, is to start a conversation, not end one! Let's ponder together the ways a church thrives.

Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00AM
 Worship at 11:00 AM
 Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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The week of September 8-14, 2024

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound:
 Nancy Milstead,
 Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:
 Gay Park, James,
 Kyle & Patricia,
 Kim's mother and nephew,
 Sarah Borders, Darren and Tia,
 Grace Eller, Louise's brother, Jack,
 Sharon Westbrook, Lisa Malone,
 Regina Shumaker, Walter Arreaza ,
 Al Fraley, Amber Jordan and family,
 The people of Cuba, Kim and Stan.
 peoples of the Ukraine,
 Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,
 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:
 Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,
 Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,
 Zach Thompson,
 Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,
 Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,
 Kelso Igano, Zach Thompson.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations:

Birthdays

10 - Billy Adams
13 - John Gerard Chesnut

Kakki and Ben are expecting a little boy in March of next year.

Concerns:

Racial Healing.
 Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the gun epidemic going on right now.

School students and staff and the community around these schools.

Prayers for people who feel unloved.
Middle East Crisis.

Teen's who are considering suicide.

The Family of Susie Wiberg.

Bob Barber is having surgery.

Students and staff as the new school year begins.

Gay Shaver has a broken ankle.

Wild Fires in the West.

Rebecca Beaver had back surgery and is at home.

Robert Collier family.

All those involved in the Apalachee High School shooting in Georgia.

September Birthdays

- 4 - Katelyn Hayes
- 4 - May and Davis Kenney
- 4 - Leigh Brown
- 5 - Josh Hayes
- 10 - Billy Adams
- 13 - John Gerard Chesnut
- 16 - Jen DeLong
- 18 - Jordan West Barker
- 18 - Sydney Koppelmeyer
- 23 - Ian McMillan
- 26 - Andora Nicholson

Anniversaries

- 4 - Jen and Gina DeLong
- 19 - Forrest and Layne Adams
- 20 - David and Janice Comer
- 20 - Neal and Louise Grose
- 21 - Stephen and Emma Chesnut
- 24 - Terry and Diane Hamby
- 30 - Josh and Katelyn Hayes

Steve's sermon's are always available
On Facebook and Youtube.
You can easily find it at:
www.gracestatesville.org

Budget

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$71,172.00
Received year to date: \$67,402.50
UNDER budget: \$3769.50
Weekly needs: \$1,977.00
This Week's Offering: \$1520.00



The Stewardship Board is offering a new option for giving to the church. We now have PayPal! You will find a PayPal QR Code in the Midweek, the Sunday bulletin and on the website. This allows you to use your paypal account or credit card to make a donation to the church. Of course we will still be taking cash and checks with the regular offering each Sunday.

Mission Board News

ICM needs our help to restock their shelves!
We will be collecting food on the first Sunday of each month.

Church Maintenance
Scouts

Scripture for the Week

Romans 12: 9-18

Sermon

"Who We Are and How We Wish To Live Together."

Leader

Andora Nicholson

Reader

Lisa Wardo

*Upcoming events:

*September 21 - A Food & Fall Benefit Fest for Iredell Christian Ministries will be held from 10:00 until 3:00 at 308 Mocksville Hwy. in the Banner Drug parking area. It will include a food drive, food trucks, kids zone, raffles and much more fall fun.

*September 22 - Covered Dish following worship. The church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, along with the slaw, chili, and drinks. Families are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. We'll have a cookie bar set up for the children! This will be a time for us to enjoy each other's company and be updated on how much has been raised toward the capital campaign.

*Mark your Calendars for Our Davis Lecture Series coming November 17th.