GBC Staying in touch... Happenings within our community of faith Steve's Corner

Grace!

I can hardly wait for us to be together this Sunday for a service on the front lawn of the church. The Worship Board has been hard at work to make this a safe and meaningful service of worship. You will see details of all this elsewhere in the Midweek. Fittingly, our first Sunday in person since March will include Communion! My sermon is entitled, God's Grace and Human Folly. The text is a parable , Matthew 18: 21-34.

It is about grace given but not passed on. However often we have sung Amazing Grace, it has not always sunk in. And we have too often been hoarders of grace and not vessels of grace. I hope grace will sink a little deeper in us this Sunday, and that starting with Communion we will begin more fully and freely than ever to pass it on.

<u>Calendar</u>

No meetings or services this week.

Contact us at gracestatesville@gmail.com or visit us at www.gracestatesville.org. Steve can be reached at 704-591-0192 or shoe1948@yahoo.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound: Tressie Starrette, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose.

Those issues close to us: Gina and Bryan, The Chad West family, the Ada Mae Cashdollar family, the Judy Lewis family, Michael and Janis Johns, Luna Mielke, Jordan Love, Vera Webster, Nancy Milstead, Tim Alexander, Spencer Cox, Virginia Carter, Sandy Gordon, Phyllis Rogers' parents, The African Baptist Churches of Zimbabwe, Parlier family, Linda Sample, Karen Marlowe, Casey Leslie, 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: Molly Murphy, 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, 30th Brigade.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS Celebrations:

Birthdays

- 11 Will Kenney
- 16 Brandon Tilley
- 16 Grady Linston Adams 20 - Tom Wiberg
 - 20 Tom Wiberg 21 - Kevin Angell
 - 24 Steve Coarsey

Anniversaries

18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

Concerns:

The over 7.6 million people infected with COVID-19 in our nation.

The friends and families of the over 212 thousand who have died from the virus in our nation.

The over 37 million people worldwide infected with COVID-19.

Racial Healing

Irene Shoemaker, Steve's mom.

Those hit by the wild fires out west.

Those affected by recent hurricanes and tropical storms.

Teachers, Students and Parents as schools make changes.

Please remember Melissa's friend Sherry. Her father has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. They will find out about surgery this Friday.

OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 David Grose 2 - Grant Lippard 2 - Lawrence Lippard 3 - Doug Hendrix 5 - Mary Whitted Hendrix 6 - Peggy Nicholson 7 - Hunter Johnson 8 - Liliana Billings 11 - Will Kenney 16 - Brandon Tilley 16 - Grady Linston Adams 20 - Tom Wiberg 21 - Kevin Angell 24 - Steve Coarsey 30 - Jean Stroupe 30 - Mike Shaver
- 5 Maggie and Susie Hurst 18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

Budget

Needed year to date: \$81,031.58 Received year to date: \$72,158.00 **UNDER** budget: \$8,873.58 Weekly needs: \$1976.38

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Please join us for our outside worship on Sunday, October 18th. 10:00am. Please bring your own chair and we will practice social distancing. You can also stay in your car and listen on your FM radio. Channel 87.9. We will be having **Communion with the** bread provided. Please bring your own beverage of choice. See you then!

Please join us in our Youtube casts!! On Facebook and Youtube. You can easily find it at: www.gracestatesville.org

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SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN LOOKING TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

ANTICIPATORY GRIEF.

LEADERS TO HAVE UNCOMMON WISDOM.

CORPORATE LEADER.S

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

THOSE WITHOUT INCOME.

HIGH RISK GROUPS.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

Small local businesses.

ANYBODY IN CHARGE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE.

FACILITY RESIDENTS WITH NO FAMILY VISITS.

THOSE WITH ANXIETY ISSUES.

Those who have already lost loved ones due to the virus.

STILL BEING MINDFUL OF THE WORLD EVEN AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS PASSED.