CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

August 10, 2025 Faces of Our Faith Season of Grace

Prelude

The 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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" (No.4 v.1,2,4)

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

The Scripture Acts 16:11-15, 40

The Choral Meditation "God of the Sparrow"

Words of Grace Lydia

*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

Announcements

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.

We are doing beer and hymns again at Red Buffalo on August 14 & September 11. 7PM

WG-On Sunday, August 31, we will meet at Vanhoy Campground for worship at the WILD GOOSE Festival. More details to come. WG

**The Davis Lectures, in cooperation with the Wild Goose Festival, is delighted to announced that the Reverend Dr. Starlette Thomas will be a guest lecturer on Wednesday, August 27 at 7 p.m. here at Grace Baptist Church,

Her topic is "Walk Together, Children": Spiritual Formation for an Undivided Kin-dom.**

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

ICM needs: canned corn and green beans, BUT anything is useful.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

10 - Thomas Brown 11 - George Keesbury 15 - Gary West 16 - Tip Nicholson 16 - Bailey Wiberg

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Our friends on homebound: Clara Rogers.

Those issues close to us:

Kakki's friend, Kristie's daughter in law, James Rogers, Sheri's person with ALS. Reynold's family,
Larry and Kathy Phillips and granddaughter Abby, David Grose, Billy Adams,
Reggie Jones, those on disability, Government workers and others with job instability, Cathy Moore,
All those affected by Hurricane Helene, 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 - Marshall August 24 - Berryhill August 31 - J. Brown

> **Flowers** Diane Hamby

2025 BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$61,752.00 Received year to date: \$57,192.93 UNDER budget: \$4559.07

Weekly needs: \$1,992.00 This Week's Offering: \$758.00 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 Music Director: LeAnda Barnard Church Musician: Nichole Tilley Secretary: Lisa Wardo