

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

"You are free, yet you are God's servants, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do wrong." 1 Peter 2:16 (CEV)

From one celebration of freedom to another this month, this verse continues to resonate deeply as we reflect on recent events that have threatened the freedoms of many in America. It's important to remember that this scripture was part of a greater letter written to early Christians who were facing hostility and harassment under the Greek and Roman empires.

The sad truth is that today, there are still those who identify as Christians yet choose to act with hostility and judgment toward others. As we move through this month, may we be reminded that with freedom comes the responsibility to love others as Christ commands, and to humbly serve as we have been called.

Last month was rich with life and ministry here at Grace. We successfully hosted our JRAMS Summer Enrichment Program, Vacation Bible School, and for the first time, a Juneteenth Festival. As the youth said "goodbye" to their school year we recognized and celebrated their academic milestones and achievement. We were uplifted by powerful messages of hope and encouragement from our very own Andy Fitzgerald and Pastor Kenneth Pettigrew. And last Sunday, we showed up in full force for our joint worship service at Trinity Presbyterian Church—what a blessing it was!

July often brings class and family reunions, vacations, and other joyful gatherings. In respect for this time of rest and reconnection, we'll be pausing our Focus on Youth and Bible Study sessions for the summer. Use this time to tend to your health—mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. Stay hydrated, stay encouraged, and stay connected to those you love.

At the same time, please don't forget about Grace. Whether near or far, you can continue to worship with us and give online. Let's keep checking in on one another, spreading the Good News, and sharing God's love wherever we are.

Humbly submitted, Pastor Pam

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 2025





No Wednesday Noon Bible
Study in July.
We will take a summer break.
Bible Study resumes in
August.

2nd , 4th& 5th Thursday July 10, 24, & 31 LaDeara Crest Food Pantry 2:00pm July 2
Part II Communion
Training
6:30pm

July 4 Church Office Closed



July 9
GPC Finance Meeting
6:00pm
Zoom

July 12
PM Breakfast
Cagney's(Cloverdale)
8:00am

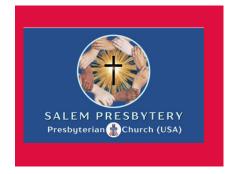
July 13
Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. April Rhinehardt

July 21 GPC Session 6:30pm Zoom



July 22
Ad Hoc
Committee Meeting
6:30 pm
Zoom

July 24
Worship Committee
6:30 pm
Zoom







GRACE LEADERSHIP

SESSION

Rev. Kaye Ziglar
(Moderator)
Ernestine Worley
(Clerk of Session)
Sandra Thomas
(Asst Clerk of Session)
Charles Allen
Daye Brake
Brionne Jarvis
Reginald McNeil
Gwen Parker

TRUSTEE

Frank Thomas
(Chair)
Emmanuel Williams
(Co Chair)
Ava Bethea
Mary Chisholm
Willie Gray
Brionne Jarvis
Rick Byrd

DEACON

Ashley Miller LaVerne Pearson

GRACE TRUSTEE

GPC Trustee Chairman Mr. Frank Thomas





Mr. Rick Byrd

GPC Trustee Co-Chairman Mr. Emmanuel Williams



Mr. Willie C. Gray



Ms. Ava Bethea

GPC Trustee Secretary Mrs. Brionne Jarvis

Ms. Mary Chisholm

CHURCH MINISTIRES IN ACTION



National Black Presbyterian Caucus 48th Biennial Conference

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Juanita Eldridge, who was honored at the 48th Biennial Conference of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus. Her years of faithful service, humble spirit, and unwavering commitment to God's people have left an indelible mark on our church and our community. Having received this recognition during the Lucy Craft Laney Awards Brunch, we rejoice with her and lift her in prayer, thanking the Lord for her example of love, leadership, and devotion. To God be the glory for the great things He has done through Elder Juanita.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study - Summer Break Update

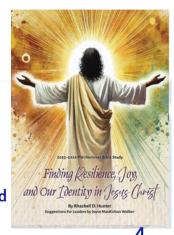
Presbyterian Women Bible Study is currently on Summer Session and will resume on Saturday, September 6th.

We are now in the process of ordering our new study book titled:
Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ
by Rhashell D. Hunter, with Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan
Walker.

Standard print - \$14.00

□ Large print – \$20.00

We look forward to growing together in faith this fall. Enjoy your summer and stay tuned for more updates!



CHURCH MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Non-Profit Grant Program at Grace







We are excited to share that the 2025 JRAMS Summer Enrichment Camp officially wrapped up on Thursday, June 26th—and what an incredible two weeks it was! This year's camp welcomed an average of 28 bright, energetic students (ages 7-14) each day, and together we explored, learned, created, and grew in both knowledge and community.

Our campers enjoyed a packed schedule filled with fun and enriching experiences. Highlights included a trip to Kaleideum, a fun-filled bowling outing, and an exciting Water Fun Day held right here at the church. Through our "I AM STEM" interactive sessions, students engaged in hands-on science and math challenges designed to stretch their minds and build confidence. In the garden, creativity bloomed as students took part in Garden Art projects, including planting, painting, and learning about the connection between nature and self-expression. A major highlight this year was the Juneteenth Festival. Our JRAMS scholars played a huge role in the success of this powerful event, participating in the showcase and helping with operations throughout the day. From dance, spoken word and visual art projects to assisting with setup and engaging the community, our students showed up with joy, pride, and purpose. In the spirit of giving back, JRAMS was proud to donate \$300 from the event proceeds to the United Way of Forsyth County, continuing our mission to sow seeds of service and impact. We give all glory to God for His covering, guidance, and grace throughout the camp. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the amazing staff and volunteers who made this experience possible: Alprator Baldwin, Jason Pender, Issa Cogdell, Brionne Jarvis, Frank Thomas, Emmanuel Williams, Kennedy, Deena, and Amari. Your dedication and presence made all the difference in the lives of our campers.

To our parents, church family, and broader community—thank you for your support, your prayers, and your continued belief in the mission of JRAMS. We are already looking forward to next summer and the opportunity to pour into our youth once again.

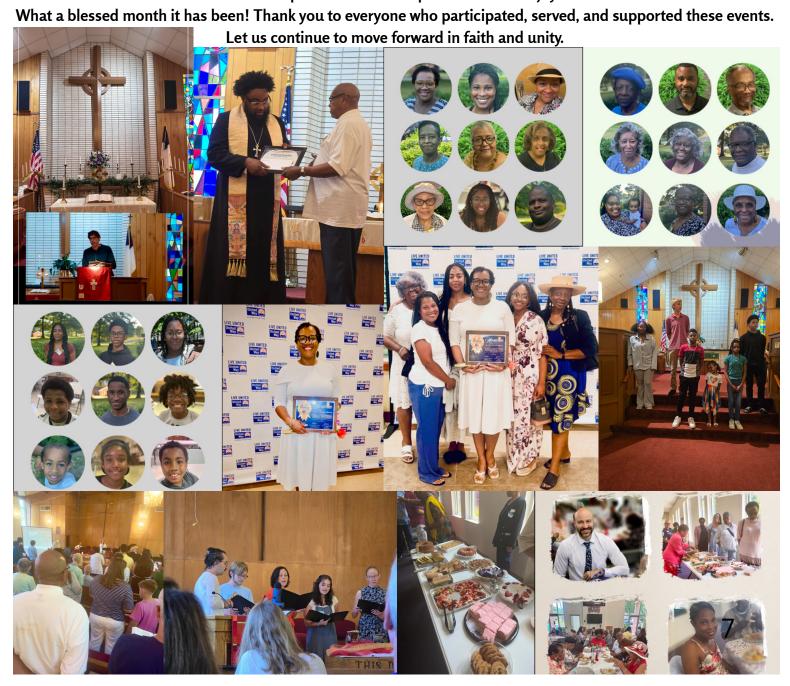
Daye Brake
Non-Profit Programs Coordinator



June Highlights at Grace Presbyterian Church

The month of June was filled with joy, fellowship, and celebration here at Grace—and we are grateful for every moment God allowed us to share together. Here's a look back at some of the wonderful events that took place:

- Iune 1st We were blessed to have our very own Mr. Andy Fitzgerald worshiping with us in the pews.
- inspired and encouraged all who were present.
- Iune 16th–19th Our church was full of energy and learning during Vacation Bible School! Children, youth, and adults came together for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship.
- June 22nd We took time to celebrate our youth and their accomplishments during the 2024–2025 school year.
 A special congratulations to the Class of 2025 graduates! Your Grace family is proud of you.
- Iune 28th A moment of great pride as Pastor Mitchell received a well-deserved award from United Way, honoring Women Clergy in Forsyth County. We celebrate this powerful recognition of her leadership and service.
- June 29th We concluded the month with a joyful Joint Worship Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church, uniting with our friends from Dellabrook and Lloyd Presbyterian Churches. The spirit of worship was followed by a beautiful fellowship with a delicious spread for all to enjoy.





Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe Anthony

Barbara Benjamin

Elsie Blackman

Janice Jeter

Cassandra O'Neal

James Powell

Christine Smith

Jane Williams



Andy Fitzgerald
Pat Burton
LaVerne Pearson
James Rousseau
Zoe Odom
Shirley Bynum



Reginald, Sr., and Deborah McNeil

James & Jean Rousseau 8