

## From the Editor

So how do we know when the “official” change of season has happened? Maybe you can tell by the weather. Look outside and walk around a little – Is the trend in temperature and humidity changing? Are we now past the stifling mugginess of summer and into the more pleasant moderate days of autumn? That might be a seasonal marker. Look at the trees. Do they look sort of tired and dull, or are they beginning to show some brilliance of color? That could be a marker. Got pets? Maybe they’ve slowed down their fur-shedding (they never really stop, do they?) and are starting to show some extra fullness of coat that indicates they’re preparing for cooler temperatures (hmmm . . . how do they know?).

But the one sure-fire way to tell the change of season is here: Go to Wal Mart. When they yank out the plants, fertilizer and garden tools and replace them with those huge inflatable Santa Clauses, you know it’s a done deal. Wal Mart goes straight from Lawn & Garden season to Christmas season and back.

One problem with that is you miss all the transitional cues that make things interesting. Think about it: If all we had was summer and winter (or lawn & garden and Christmas, however you mark it), things would be pretty boring.

The same goes, I think, with our church. We have all sorts of transitional things going on to make things interesting. Just look around. Better still, jump in the middle of it!

What marks the seasons for you? Got an idea to share? A bone to pick? Something else on your mind? Let us know!

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Carl



## Our Worship Schedule

Contemporary Service	8:45 - 9:45
Sunday School hour	10:00 - 11:00
Traditional Service	11:15 - 12:15

## Grace Presbyterian Sunday School

<b>Nursery</b> Room 103	Kathe Walker	Judy Thigpen
<b>2 Year – Pre-K</b> Room 102A Bible Quest	Wendi Glenn Debbie Metoyer	Frances Kitterman
<b>Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Room 102B Bible Quest	Susan Lawson Cathy Bendall	Michelle Miles
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Up</b> Portable Bible Quest	Don Bogen Greg Krishen	Carl Jones David James
<b>Adults</b>		
<b>In-Betweeners Class</b> Session Room	Discussion -- This is a new adult class for young adults, college aged through 30's. Clyde Getman will help coordinate class materials	
Call Sara Lawson, S.S. Superintendent, 867-3431, or Suzanne Getman Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 for questions or if you are interested in joining this new adult class		
<b>Bible Discovery</b> Room 101A	John Dotson	Bill Bendall
	Study – I Corinthians	
<b>Friendship Class</b> Room 101B	John Price	
	Discussion – Book of Acts	

**From the Pastor**

# November



Dear People of Grace,

Here it is November already—and you-know-what is right around the corner! Advent! Christmas! A new church year! But before we begin the new year in December, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday—this year on November 25th. Some years we skip this particular celebration of the church and we go straight from Thanksgiving Sunday right into Advent. But, Christ the King Sunday—or the Reign of Christ Sunday as it is also called—allows us to both begin and end our liturgical year by focusing our worship in a special way on Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Our liturgical year, then, is structured so that it reflects what we believe about Jesus and the God who sent him.

In the book of Revelation, speaks of the Lord as the One who “who is and who was and who is to come.” (Revelation 1:8) And, Jesus himself says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:13) So, it is a good and right to begin our church year by celebrating the One “who was” by remembering the birth of Christ—the One who was with God from the foundations of the world and who was anointed by God to bring salvation to the world that God so loves.

It is also good and right to celebrate the One “who is”—Christ Jesus who is the head of the Church and is present with us as we continue his mission and ministry. We remember how he healed those who were sick; and, so, we too reach out in compassion to those who are suffering. We remember how he demonstrated God’s justice by welcoming, even eating with, those who the world scorned and looked down upon. And, so, we too reach out to those who are the most different from

ourselves, those who our world says are insignificant and unworthy. We recall that he loved the little children and spoke sharply to those who would keep them from coming to him. And so we, too, would bring the children to Jesus in our teaching ministries as well as community ministries.

And with deep devotion and great gratitude we celebrate the One “who is to come”—and this too is good and right. This is the One that we remember and worship on Christ the King Sunday. On this Sunday, our scripture texts extol the One in whom “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”; the One through whom God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” (Colossians 1:19-20) We re-tell the story of his triumph over the powers of death and evil and the hope that we have through him for life everlasting in heaven’s glory and God’s shalom.

Yes, in the Church, we begin and end all our days with the One who is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

How are you beginning and ending your days?

May God empower you with grace and goodness to live within the One who was and is and is to come,

## Judith



## From the Building Committee

The construction work on the new addition is ahead of schedule with a tentative occupancy date of November 23rd. Work toward getting clearance by the Tennessee DHS and the State Fire Marshal to move the Schools into the new space began several weeks ago. This is usually a fairly lengthy process but by starting early we are hoping that the move will be able to take place before the Christmas holidays.



The Church is not bound by the State regulations and will be able to use the building for Sunday School and other activities as soon as the local building inspectors issue an occupancy permit. A progress report as of Wednesday, October 17, 2007 follows:

- The painters have finished the primer coat on all the interior spaces.
- Interior wood casing for the windows is presently being installed.
- The building insulation work should be completed on Thursday.
- Installation of the drop in ceiling grid should start on Thursday.
- Exterior brickwork is presently being acid washed.
- The electricians, the plumbers and the heating & air subcontractors are awaiting completion of work by other subcontractors.
- Installation of the telephone and computer network wiring will begin next week.

- The header pieces for the exterior doors have been lost in shipment but replacements should arrive before the end of the week.
- When the exterior doors are installed the security fencing can be removed to allow the grading and landscaping work to proceed.

This list is only part of the work that is in progress or that has been completed. Church members are invited to tour the building at any time after work hours. Hard-hats will not be required if the contractor is not working..

**The Committee**

Bill Carroll (Chair)      Paula Bishop   John Dotson  
John Evans (Vice Chair)   Lee Guenther   Jere Lawson



**From the Session**

**Session Commendation for Charlotte Hicks:** At a recent meeting of the Session, an official commendation to Charlotte was noted for the excellent worship preparation made for the bulletin, and for pastoral visits to members of the congregation during the three-month period between Rev. Green's leaving and Rev. Reese's arrival. It was good experience in preparation for her becoming a Commissioned Lay Pastor, but it required many hours of time and effort on her part. Thanks to Charlotte Hicks for a job well done.

Dossett Foster, Clerk of Session



## From the Grace Presbyterian Women

On October 21<sup>st</sup> at the joint service Presbyterian Women presented a check in the amount of \$754.75 to Bill Carroll as a contribution to the building fund. The contribution was from the profits of the cook book *A Taste of Grace* that we have been selling for one year. This will be the first contribution for we still have cook books available and all the monies will be given to the building fund.

Also on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the joint service the Presbyterian Women presented a pulpit robe to Crystaldawn Perry with love for all the work and accomplishments she has done. Crystaldawn will graduate in May 2008 and will conduct the Sunday service at Grace Presbyterian Church on November 11, 2007.



### Circle Meetings:

- **Circle #1:** Tuesday November 13 at 10:00 AM at the church
- **Circle #2:** Tuesday November 13 at 10:00 AM at the home of Becky Karnes
- **Circle #3:** Tuesday November 20 at 10:00 AM at the church. Out to lunch after the Bible Study lesson
- **Circle #4:** Monday November 12 at 7:00 PM at the church
- **Circle #5:** Tuesday November 13 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jean Starnes

*For a circle to be complete, there must be a coming together.  
Circles shaped around heartfelt needs will achieve the purpose of  
Presbyterian Women.*

**Crafts/Hobbies** The PW's project this year will be a Crafts/Hobbies Silent Auction in May 2008. Only hand made items will be accepted. Have you started your hand made craft? Start now to get your item or items ready for this money making project. More information will be given in our newsletters before the big event. We have so many talented members that this will be a chance to show your talents. Give your name and craft item to Jan Evans so we can include your special talent to this worth while fund raiser.



**From Left to Right:**

Dot Hathaway, Wendi Glenn, Jean Starns, Rev. Judith Reese, Jan Evans,  
Virginia Martin, Linda Foster, Miree Pomeroy

## **Food Baskets**

We will be collecting can goods for our Christmas baskets the middle of November. Please watch for the collection dates in your Sunday bulletins. We need your help in collecting the foods for the baskets, so start purchasing your items now to make a contribution. We will have “baskets” in the hallway for your can goods and non-perishable foods.

## **Cookie Exchange and Lunch**

The holidays are quickly approaching. Need a little quiet time before all the running around? Please bring a box lunch and join the Presbyterian Women for some fun at the **Home Made Cookie Exchange** on December 15, 11:30am – 1:00 pm.

Sign up will be November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will be getting a call the afternoon of December 2<sup>nd</sup> with the number of Homemade Cookies you will need to bake, which will depend on the number of people who sign up. (*Adults only, please.*)

Bring some type of container to carry your cookies home.

You will get a great assortment of cookies for the holidays.

Any questions please call Susan Smith – 251-4510



## **From the Yard Man**

Thanks to the Yard Crew: Recently, an Appreciation Dinner (Pot Luck) was held at the beautiful home of Roy and Hariette Wynne. Volunteers were thanked by Rev. Judith and a wonderful time of good food and fellowship was had by all. Bill Carroll laid out the landscaping plans on a table and explained the additional work that will be needed next year because of the addition of our new building. If you are reading this article, please pray that you might be among the new volunteers needed for mowing, edging and trimming. Jere and Sara Lawson were present because of their financial contributions (weed killing and fertilization treatments) as well as their moral support.

If you want to thank members of the crew personally, they are Roy Wynne, Walt Schrimper, Joe Bishop, Byron and Diane Graves, Bob Harrold and Ken Hathaway.

Dossett Foster  
*AKA The Yard Man*



## *JONAH (CHAPTER ONE)*

*There once was a minor prophet named Jonah  
Who heard God's call to preach in Ninevah  
Not a word did he say  
As he ran the other way  
And thinking he could flee from God, went to Joppa.*

*There he found a ship bound for Tarshish, a city in Spain,  
Paid his fare and boarded just before it started to rain.  
To the deck below  
Jonah did go  
And fell fast asleep wanting rest for his anxious brain.*

*A violent storm threatened the ship that day.  
The sailors were fearful and to their gods they did pray.  
They could not understand  
What was at hand  
And to lighten the load, threw all their cargo away.*

*The captain found Jonah sleeping in his bed.  
"Get up and pray to your God or we'll all be dead.  
We will soon see  
Who caused this tragedy."  
So lots were cast and they fell on Jonah to his dread.*

*The sailors asked Jonah who he was and why his God was angry.  
"It is my fault; I am running from God trying to flee. "  
"What should we do to help us get through?"  
"Throw me overboard," Jonah said, "and calm will become the sea."*

*The men did their best to row back to shore,  
But the raging waters grew wilder than before.  
They prayed to the Lord  
And threw Jonah overboard.  
"Oh God, do not let us be accountable," they did implore.*

*At once the storm ceased and the weather became nice.  
The sailors feared God, made vows and gave Him sacrifice.  
God sent a big fish;  
Jonah was his dish.  
He stayed inside its belly three days and three nights.*

Suzanne Getman  
October, 2007

## **From the Worship Committee**

### **What are the Responsibilities of the Worship Committee?**

The Worship Committee oversees all of the worship activities of the church. This requires planning with our Interim Minister, Rev. Reese, and with the Session.

**Music** Charlotte Hicks is our Director of Music and oversees all the music for the church. Our Director of Instrumental Music, Bobby Vawter, directs the Bell Choir and also operates and oversees the Sound Board. Cathy Harris currently leads our Contemporary Worship.

**Communion** Ushers and greeters must be scheduled each Sunday. *We need a person to help with communion preparations for Contemporary Worship.* If you would like to take this responsibility, please contact the committee. Jean Markham and Dana Jackson prepare the Communion table for the 11:00 service.

**Acolytes** Sharon Ragghianti oversees the Acolytes who light and extinguish the candles for worship and takes care of the candles for worship.

**PR** Donna MaGinn has volunteered recently to be our PR person. She thinks the Grace Presbyterian Choir is the best kept secret in Bartlett!

**Advent Preparation** The Worship Committee is responsible for decorating the church for Advent and for scheduling the families who will participate in lighting the special Advent candles each Sunday.

**Joy Gift Celebration** The Worship Committee is also responsible for securing the Joy Gift materials and planning the Joy Gift Celebration Service in December.

As you can see, the Worship Committee has varied responsibilities each week and month throughout the year and requires many hours of dedicated work of its members. If you

have an interest in serving on this committee, we invite you to do so. Contact any member below.

Jean Markham, Chair	Cathy Harris	Paula Bishop
Charlotte Hicks	Sharon Ragghianti	Dana Jackson
Bobby Vawter	Donna MaGinn	

### **Children's Communion Class**

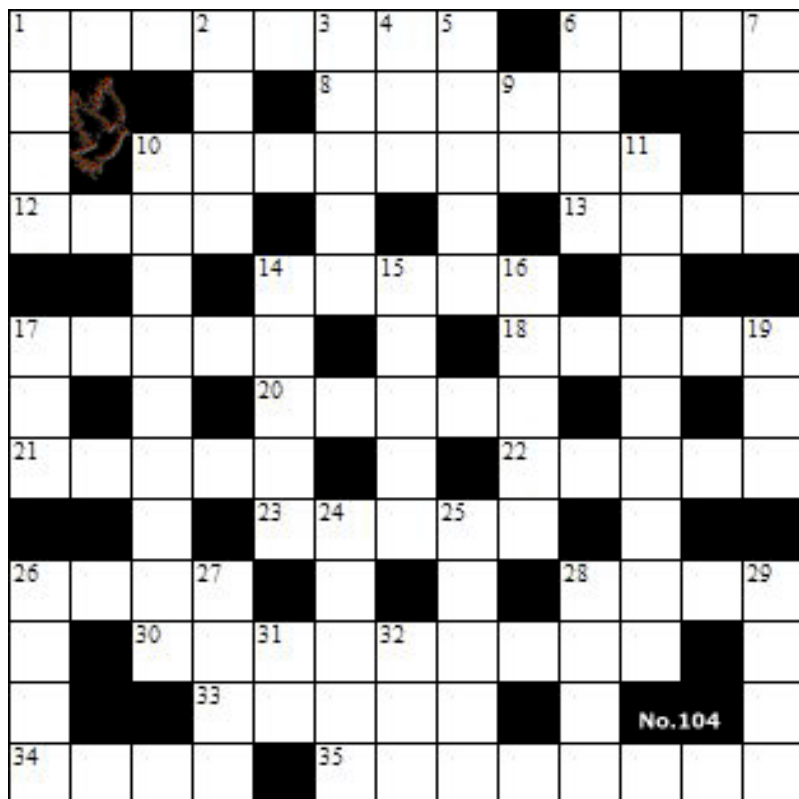
On Sunday, September 30, 2007 eight children and four parents gathered to learn all about Communion and to fashion Communion bread. Rev. Reese instructed the children in the meaning of Communion, breaking a loaf of bread and reciting some of Jesus' words of institution so that they might understand more fully the meaning of the wine and the bread. She explained how the bread and the cups of juice are passed for the traditional service and then how Communion is taken by intinction, as done in the Contemporary service. She then appointed "elders" who passed the cups and others who served by intinction.

Following this the children had great fun fashioning Communion bread from dough. They were quite creative, with symbols of the cross used on some. The Mickey Mouse one was dubbed "St. Mickey" so it would be appropriate to be placed on the altar table along with the others the following Sunday as we observed World Communion Day. Along with the children's bread were other ethnic breads and a cluster of grapes placed on a beautiful silk table runner on top of our Communion Cloth making it a very special celebration.

We thank Rev. Reese for making this class so meaningful for the children. It is sure to impact their lives in what it means to observe Communion.

Jean Markham, Chair  
Worship Committee





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## ACROSS

- 1 Honest scales and \_\_\_ are from the LORD (Prov 16:11)  
6 Tell them everything I command you; do not \_\_\_ a word (Jer 26:2)  
8 the sign was written in Aramaic, \_\_\_ and Greek. (John 19:20)  
10 Observe my Sabbaths and have \_\_\_ for my sanctuary. I am the LORD (Lev 19:30)  
12 Weren't there three men that we \_\_\_ up and threw into the fire?" (Dan 3:24)  
13 oldest son of Isaac (Gen 25:25)  
14 Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem..... at the \_\_\_ of the wall (2 Chron 26:9)  
17 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be \_\_\_ out (Acts 3:19)  
18 dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and \_\_\_ (2 Chron 5:12)  
20 there in its beak was a freshly plucked \_\_\_ leaf (Gen 8:11)  
21 This miraculous sign will \_\_\_ tomorrow (Ex 8:23)  
22 you may not eat the camel, the rabbit or the \_\_\_ (Deut 14:7)  
23 But during the \_\_\_ an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail (Acts 5:19)  
26 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. \_\_\_ (Phil 4:20)  
28 Accept him whose faith is \_\_\_, without passing judgment (Rom 14:1)  
30 gathered the church together, they \_\_\_ all that God had done (Acts 14:27)KJV  
33 attacked the \_\_\_ of the herdsmen and carried off droves of sheep (2 Chron 14:15)  
34 Each of them quickly lowered his \_\_\_ to the ground and opened it (Gen 44:11-12)  
35 He who has been \_\_\_ must steal no longer, but must work (Eph 4:28)

## DOWN

- 1 Get this woman out of here and \_\_\_ the door after her (2 Sam 13:17)  
2 Rise in the presence of the \_\_\_, show respect for the elderly (Lev 19:32)  
3 Do not call anything impure that God has made \_\_\_ (Acts 10:15)  
4 and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his \_\_\_ (Matt 26:51)  
5 "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not \_\_\_ (Rom 13:9)  
6 The death he died, he died to sin \_\_\_ for all (Rom 6:10)  
7 bring forth a son, and \_\_\_ shalt call his name JESUS (Matt 1:21)KJV

9 Blessed are the poor \_\_\_ spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matt 5:3)  
10 Of a truth I perceive that God is no \_\_\_ of persons (Acts 10:34) KJV  
11 my acquaintances are completely \_\_\_ from me (Job 19:13)  
14 a garland to grace your head and a chain to \_\_\_ your neck (Prov 1:9)  
15 as Jesus was \_\_\_ up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples (Matt 20:17-18)  
16 I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the \_\_\_ angels (1 Tim 5:21)  
17 Come, you \_\_\_ are blessed by the LORD (Gen 24:31)  
19 He covers the \_\_\_ with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain (Ps 147:8)  
24 units, parts, points  
25 Do not be like the \_\_\_ or the mule, which have no understanding (Ps 32:9)  
26 the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret \_\_\_, they could not (Ex 8:18)  
27 I will break their yoke from your \_\_\_ and tear your shackles away (Nah 1:13)  
28 His master replied, \_\_\_ done, good and faithful servant (Matt 25:23)  
29 THIS IS JESUS, THE \_\_\_ OF THE JEWS (Matt 27:37)  
31 " \_\_\_ ! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Luke 4:34)  
32 A man finds joy in giving an \_\_\_ reply (Prov 15:23)



## **From the Congregational Life Committee**

Have you ever sensed how quickly time goes by? Halloween has passed. Thanksgiving is coming soon followed very quickly by Christmas and the New Year. You will soon have the opportunity to sign up for two fun activities for the Christmas season and the New Year.

The first activity, Magi Family, is designed for single people, couples or a family. A single person is given the name of a single person, couples are matched with couples, families with families - unless otherwise requested. All you do is fill in the form and matches are made. You will receive the name of your Magi person or family by mail. You are asked to pray for your Magi person or family. You may also choose to send a card, bake some cookies, give a tree ornament or babysit. You may choose to keep yourself a secret until Christmas. Sign up forms will be on a table in the hall the first Sunday in November.

The second activity, Salt Shaker Dinners, start in January and run through May. 8 people gather at a home for food and fellowship once a month. Homes/hosts and guests rotate so you will be with a different group of people each month. Hosts supply the meat and drink. Guests bring the vegetables, salad, bread and dessert. You do not have to be a host to participate. If for some reason you can't attend one month substitutes may be chosen from a list that will be available. Many singles participate so if you are single don't let that keep you from sharing a delicious meal and getting to know our church family better. So sign up for Salt Shaker Dinners. Forms will also be on the table in the hall.

Don't let the time go by and miss out on these two fun activities. Any questions call Jane McGoldrick at 388-4456.



# November 2007 Public Access

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01	02	03 6:30pm» Christian Education Committee
04 (Week 45) 5pm» Bell practice	05	06 7pm - Congregational Life Committee	07 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	08	09	10
11 (Week 46) 5pm» Bell practice	12	13	14 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	15 Ladies at O' Ladies at O'Charley's Newsletter Deadline	16	17
18 (Week 47) 5pm» Bell practice	19	20	21 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 (Week 48) 5pm» Bell practice	26	27	28 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	29	30 Game night by Congregational Life Committee 7:00-9:00 p.m. Day Trippers host Bingo Night	