

## **From the Editor**

I am just speechless this month; can you believe it?

I will note in passing however, that we had a very successful family picnic and there are pictures posted on our church website ([www.grace-pres.org](http://www.grace-pres.org)).

What makes you speechless? Drop us a line and tell us about it!

**newsletter@grace-pres.org**

## Our Worship Schedule

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Contemporary Service | 8:45 - 9:45   |
| Children's Service   | 8:45 - 9:45   |
| Sunday School Hour   | 10:00 - 11:00 |
| Traditional Service  | 11:15 - 12:15 |
| Children's Service   | 11:15 - 12:15 |

## Grace Presbyterian Sunday School

|   |   |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Nursery – Room 103</b>                   | Kathe Walker  | Judy Thigpen      |
| <b>2 Year – Pre-K – Room 112</b>            | Wendi Glenn   | Frances Kitterman |
| <i>We Believe</i>                           | Debbie Metoyer  |                   |
| <b>K – 5 – Room 117</b>                     | Susan Lawson  | Michelle Miles    |
| <i>We Believe</i>                           | Cathy Bendall   |                   |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Up – Room 109</b> | Carl Jones  |                   |
| <b>Contemporary Issues</b>                  | Discussion – Sometimes from the Bible, sometimes from current events, exploring the question “ <i>Just what does this mean to us?</i> ” |                   |
| <b>Adults</b>                               |   |                   |
| <b>In-Betweeners – Library</b>              | Discussion – This is a new adult class for young adults, college aged through 30's. Clyde Getman will help coordinate class             |                   |
| <b>Bible Discovery – Session Rm.</b>        | John Dotson   | Bill Bendall      |
|   | Study – I   |                   |
| <b>Friendship Class – Room 101</b>          | John Price  |                   |
|   | Discussion – Book of Acts, Titus  |                   |

Call Sara Lawson, S.S. Superintendent, 867-3431, or Suzanne Getman, Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 with questions or if you are interested in joining one of these classes.

## **From the Pastor**

### **Summertime**

It is hard to believe that it is summer once again. I, for one, am looking forward to summer. We are taking a vacation in June to Heber Springs. I am anticipating several lazy days of playing golf, boating, sleeping, eating, and not doing whatever else I can think of. I can assure you, though, that Beth and I are excited about having some down time to recharge our batteries. We're also looking forward to seeing family that we haven't seen in almost a year and catching up on their lives.

Vacations are a wonderful time to refresh and renew our mind, body and soul. Our pace of life keeps most all of us, even if we are retired, so busy that life passes us by.

So take some time and relax this summer. Take a trip if you can. But get out of your routine and enjoy life. We know that life is too short so let's enjoy more of it.

And don't forget your church. We will be here every Sunday with a refreshing song to sing and an encouraging word from God's Word.

Grace,

*Larry*

# June Children's Church Leadership

| <u>June</u>  |                |                |                  |                      |                               |                 |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>1st</b>   | Suzanne Getman | Jan Evans      | Wayne Gillespie  | Beth Turner          | Christy Tinnen                | Blake Raggianti |
| <b>8th</b>   | Suzanne Getman | Dana Jackson   | Amy Jackson      | Sarah P.             | Sandra Gillespie              | Michelle Miles  |
| <b>15th</b>  | Kim Upshaw     | Walt Schrimper | Wendi Glenn      | <b>Leader Needed</b> | Kirsten Waddell               | Amy Jackson     |
| <b>22nd</b>  | Suzanne Getman | Sandy Rene     | Mark Gray        | Beth Turner          | Wendi Glenn/<br>Miree Pomeroy | Blake Raggianti |
| <b>29th</b>  | Kim Upshaw     | Debbie Metoyer | Samantha Metoyer | Beth Turner          | Carl Jones                    | Alex Fry        |
| <b>Childrens Church Coordinator -- Beth Turner - 907-9454</b>  |                |                |                  |                      |                               |                 |
| <i>If you have a schedule conflict, please switch with another team member and call Linda in the office to let her know so the bulletin will be correct.</i> |                |                |                  |                      |                               |                 |

## New Church Directory

If you have not had your picture taken for the directory please call Dot Hathaway at 388-2117 for an appointment to have it taken.

Thanks,

*Dot*

## Letters to the Editor

To our friends at Grace Presbyterian Church.

The refrain for the hymn, **We are one in the Spirit**, by Peter Scholtes, states: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, They will know we are Christians by our love.*

This has never been more true than here at Grace. Your outpouring of love for Sandy and me, and the rest of our family was truly a resounding affirmation of this hymn, and your love for Sandy. The many calls, cards, hospital visits, and prayers were all much appreciated. They offered us hope, love, smiles and even tears, as Sandy's illness continued to take her away from us. We thank you from the bottom of our heart.

Peace and Love,

*Bob Harrold*

## **From The Presbyterian Women**

The Silent Auction on May 4, 2008 was a huge success thanks to Polly Schrimper and her committee, Gail Hackney, Sara Pfaffenroth, Linda Tolley, Judy Price and Jan Evans. Our big THANK YOU goes to the members who summited their beautiful handmade items and to those who bid on and bought these items. The box lunch was enjoyed by all who purchased them. Fifteen minutes before the bidding closed at 1:30PM the bidding went hot and heavy. A special thanks to John Gordon who inspired the bidding and to Bob Vawter who operated the audio for us. We made over \$750.00 dollars at the auction. The money will go to Grace Presbyterian Church to be used for an un-budgeted expense. An announcement will be given later on where these proceeds will go. We plan to have another Silent Auction next year, inviting the public since this auction was so successful. So for those of you who did not summit one of your handmade items be sure to plan to do so next year. Again a big thank you to all of you who made this project a success.

Our June gathering for all circle members, church members and friends will be held at the church on Monday June 9, 2008 at 6:30 PM. We will have a fun evening with a picnic style pot luck. This is a time to spend together enjoying each others company and giving a special thank you to our circle leaders and Bible Study leaders. Please ask a friend to attend with you so they can meet with our members. See you there.

Our circles do not meet during the summer months. All the circles will meet in September for our Fall Gathering and begin the 2008/2009 Bible Study. This year our Bible Study will be: Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor. The circles will meet during October and November. In December we meet at our Gathering to celebrate the Christmas season. January, February, March, April and May consists of our monthly circle meetings. If you do not belong to a circle please join us. We have one night circle and three day time circles.

## **From the Congregational Life Committee**

### **Annual Ministry Fair:**

On **June 22, 2008**, after the 10:30 joint worship service, the Ministry Fair will be jointly sponsored by the Commitment Committee and the Congregational Life Committee. We will have a potluck luncheon after the joint service. Please bring foods that do not have to be heated (sandwiches, fried chicken, meat trays, salads, deserts, etc).

You will have an opportunity to learn about the multitude of ministry opportunities within the church. Take time to review all the displays that will line the walls of the sanctuary and give prayerful consideration to getting involved in at least one of the activities.

This is your opportunity to commit to giving of your time and talents.

### **Did You Know?**

Did you know that our church provides sandwiches for the soup kitchen downtown? Each month the M.O.R.E. Committee (Mission Outreach & Evangelism) prepares 500 -- yes, 500 -- bologna and cheese sandwiches. This project is headed up by Carol Haley. She and the M.O.R.E Committee meet the last Saturday of the month at our church to make these sandwiches. Then on Sunday morning they are delivered to The First Presbyterian Church. These sandwiches, along with soup, fruit, dessert and soft drink are served to the homeless, some 115 to 125 each Sunday. Volunteers make the soup and serve each Sunday. Twice a year volunteers from Grace Presbyterian help to serve. M.O.R.E Committee posts a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for anyone to serve at the soup kitchen so that you may volunteer your services. A very special THANK YOU to Carol Haley and the M.O.R.E. Committee who help to make this service to the homeless a big success.

**The “Yard Crew” Needs Your Help:** As you know, we have a lot more edging and bed work to do this year because of the new addition. This means that we need several more volunteers than we have had in the past. Since the March call for volunteers, Mark Gray has agreed to help with mowing and Michelle Miles and Linda Foster are already helping with the weeding of the beds. These are in addition to the veterans, who are Roy Wynn, Byron and Diane Graves, Joe Bishop, Walt Schrimper and Ken Hathaway. If you wonder why the grounds don’t always look as neat as you might like, it is because we simply don’t have enough volunteers. So, please pray about this and let Dossett Foster know that you are willing to help with either mowing, edging, hedge-trimming or planting. The contact information is [dossett1@bellsouth.net](mailto:dossett1@bellsouth.net) or 382-0684. **Remember, it does save GPC a lot of expense money.**

“The Yard Man” -

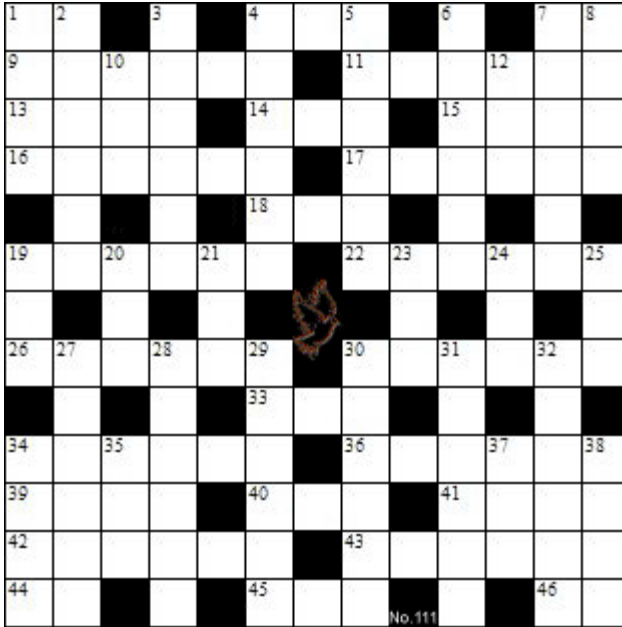
## **Did You Know?**

Did you know that our church helps with MIHN (Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network)? MIHN’S national project name is Family Promise. Families who have lost their homes because of job loss, unexpected expenses, emergencies, fire or abuse and have no other shelter are invited to stay at different churches over a period of 30 days. Our church provides this shelter three or four times a year for one week. During this week we have volunteers from our membership who help prepare food, provide supplies, visit with the families, serve the meals, are overnight hosts, do laundry or run errands. Dana Jackson from our church provides a sign up sheet a couple of weeks before the families arrive. During the week any school children are taken to their school and the adults are taken to the First Baptist Church where the Social Staff assists in a job search, housing search and any guidance that will assist the families during this 30 day emergency shelter. MIHN needs all of us to volunteer our services, so please watch for the sign up sheet, announcements in the bulletin plus a reminder from Dana Jackson.

## **From the Session**

### **Highlights from the Stated Meeting of the Session:**

- We were so pleased to approve the membership of Jason Russell into the love, labor and fellowship of Grace Presbyterian Church and to approve the baptism of his daughter, Charlotte Lea Russell. If you want to meet Jason, you will find him performing as part of the “Praise Band” in the early service. More recently, Christy Tinnon joined by her reaffirmation of faith. She had, early in life, grown up in the Curry Memorial Church since she is the daughter of long-time member, Joan Tinnon. Be sure to welcome her back.
- **FOND FAREWELL:** May is the final month of Charlotte Hicks term as an elder. During that time, Charlotte has served on the Worship Committee and chaired the Christian Education Committee. As Director of Music, she has, with very little help, planned the worship services for months at a time when we did not have an Interim or Installed Pastor. She also made pastoral calls to shut-ins and served them communion. Since early in 2007, Charlotte, husband, Donald, and son, Daniel, have played major roles in the retention and revival of the Praise Band in the Contemporary Service. She has completed all the coursework and examinations to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor, and has very capably preached in our pulpit on two occasions. Charlotte was given special recognition at a meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South for being recognized, at the highest of several levels, as a Certified Church Musician, presented by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. There are currently less than a hundred musicians honored in this way. As you can see, it has been a busy three years for Charlotte Hicks, and we commend her not only for her valuable work on the Session but also for her tireless dedication to serving Grace Presbyterian Church. It might be added that she also has a full-time job.



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### Across

- 1 "What shall I \_\_\_\_, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked (Matt 27:22)
- 4 Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the \_\_\_\_ (Gen 32:31-32)
- 7 the Son of Man will come at \_\_\_\_ hour when you do not expect him (Matt 24:44)
- 9 You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former \_\_\_\_ (Luke 11:42)
- 11 from them that pass by securely as men \_\_\_\_ from war (Mic 2:8) KJV
- 13 So Delilah took new ropes and \_\_\_\_ him with them (Judg 16:12)
- 14 beast of burden
- 15 My shield is God \_\_\_\_ High, who saves the upright in heart (Ps 7:10)
- 16 ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to \_\_\_\_ place (Matt 17:20) KJV
- 17 condition, position
- 18 Blessed are \_\_\_\_ merciful: for they shall obtain mercy (Matt 5:7)
- 19 ye shall not eat: the eagle, and ossifrage, and the \_\_\_\_ (Deut 14:12) KJV
- 22 David, wearing a linen ephod, \_\_\_\_ before the LORD (2 Sam 6:14)
- 26 Isn't this the David they sang about in their \_\_\_\_ (1 Sam 29:5)
- 30 I charge you before the Lord to have this \_\_\_\_ read to all (1 Thess 5:27)
- 33 female sheep (Gen.21:28)

34 Jesus used this \_\_\_ of speech, but they did not understand (John 10:6)  
36 the LORD Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful \_\_\_ (Isa 28:5)  
39 things full of marrow, of wines on the \_\_\_ well refined (Isa 25:6) KJV  
40 angry (Jer 51:7)  
41 It is for freedom that Christ has set us \_\_\_ (Gal 5:1)  
42 My son, if sinners \_\_\_ you, do not give in to them (Prov 1:10)  
43 The LORD blessed the \_\_\_ part of Job's life more than the first (Job 42:12)  
44 The disciples went and did \_\_\_ Jesus had instructed them (Matt 21:6)  
45 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on \_\_\_ land (Heb 11:29)  
46 "Come, follow \_\_\_," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."  
(Matt 4:19)

## Down

1 While the gatekeepers are still on \_\_\_, have them shut the doors (Neh 7:3)  
2 also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, \_\_\_ and garlic (Num 11:5)  
3 We have both straw and \_\_\_ for our donkeys (Judg 19:19)  
4 so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by \_\_\_ counsel (Prov 27:9) KJV  
5 Those who \_\_\_ by hurled insults at him (Matt 27:39)  
6 This gate is to \_\_\_ shut. It must not be opened (Ezek 44:2)  
7 We also \_\_\_ responsibility for bringing to the house of the LORD (Neh  
10:35)  
8 fishermen's gear (Mark 1:18)  
10 lion's abode (Dan 6:16)  
12 decay (Isa 50:2)  
19 wherewith the \_\_\_ number of them is to be redeemed (Num 3:48) KJV  
20 cooking utensil (Lev 2:7-8)  
21 The god of this \_\_\_ has blinded the minds of unbelievers (2 Cor 4:4)  
23 his hand fetcheth a stroke with the \_\_\_ to cut down the tree (Deut 19:5)  
KJV  
24 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then \_\_\_ it down (Luke 13:9)  
25 borders of Manasseh were Beth Shan, Taanach, Megiddo and \_\_\_ (1 Chron  
7:29)  
27 I urge you, as \_\_\_ and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful (1 Peter  
2:11)  
28 Mordecai had a \_\_\_ named Hadassah (Est 2:7)  
29 The plan \_\_\_ good to Pharaoh and to all his officials (Gen 41:37)  
30 another hath \_\_\_ defiled his daughter in law (Ezek 22:11) KJV  
31 robberies (Rev 9:21)  
32 This is the one I \_\_\_: he who is humble (Isa 66:2)  
34 Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog? A \_\_\_? (1 Sam 24:14)  
35 but we do it to \_\_\_ a crown that will last forever (1 Cor 9:25)  
37 and experienced in the \_\_\_ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7)  
38 He is not \_\_\_; he has risen! (Luke 24:6)

