

From the Editor

Does anyone else have election fatigue? Seems like it's been going on for nearly a year already, and we're only just now getting to the actual campaign. Today I lamented on how the Democrats and Republicans each blame the other for the current price of gasoline, when in fact neither side has much control over it.

Still, it could be worse. We could be in Zimbabwe trying to have an election. As bad as we think it gets here, we rarely have violent riots or deaths surrounding our elections.

That's not to say we are without violence or hate in the US however, as the recent video from the police station in Memphis demonstrates in what can only be called a hate crime committed by a police officer against an arrested suspect.

I don't know that I have a point here, other than maybe to illustrate the "bipolar-ness" of the world we live in. If you wish, you can go as far away as Zimbabwe to see that, but it's not necessary.

What's your thought for the day? Drop us a line and share it!

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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

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

Elton Trueblood, a Quaker, philosopher-theologian, described what might be called “The Strategy of Jesus.” Reflect on his words:

There is no person in history who has impacted all of mankind more than Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus was deeply concerned for the continuation of his redemptive, reconciling work after the close of his earthly existence, and his chosen method was the formation of a small band of committed friends. He did not form an army, establish a headquarters, or even write a book. What he did was to collect a few very common men and women, inspire them with the sense of his spirit and vision, and build their lives into an intensive fellowship of affection, worship and work.

One of the truly shocking passages of the Gospel is that in which Jesus indicates that there is absolutely no substitute for the tiny, loving, caring, reconciling society. If this fails, he suggest, all is failure; there is no other way. He told the little bedraggled fellowship that they were actually the salt of the earth and that if this salt should fail there would be no adequate preservative at all.

What we need is not intellectual theorizing or even preaching, but a demonstration. One of the most powerful ways of turning people’s loyalty to Christ is by loving others with the great love of God. We cannot revive faith by argument, but we might catch the imagination of puzzled men and women by an exhibition of a fellowship so intensely alive that every thoughtful person would be forced to respect it. If there should emerge in our day such a fellowship, wholly without artificiality and free from the dead hand of the past, it would be an exciting event of momentous importance. A society of genuine loving friends, set free from self-seeking struggle for personal prestige and

from all unreality, would be something utterly priceless and powerful. A wise person would travel any distance to join it.

I used this quote on June 22 during our morning worship. The theme for the day was the ministry fair and everyone finding their place of service in the Body of Christ.

I hope you have found your niche and are servicing Christ to create a fellowship like the one Trueblood writes.

Grace and Peace,

Larry

Children's Church Schedule						
Date	0845 Leader	Assistant	Puppet Assistant	11:15 Leader	Assistant	Puppet Assistant
6-Jul	Kim Upshaw	Sandy Rene	Mark Gray	Beth Turner	Amy Bishop	Alex Fry
13-Jul	***	Joint Service	VBS	1030 AM	***	
20-Jul	Kim Upshaw	Leslie Russell	Wayne Gillespie	Beth Turner	John Dotson	Blake Ragghianti
27-Jul	Suzanne Getman	Dossett Foster	Amy Jackson	Beth Turner	Michelle Miles	Aaron Miles
3-Aug	Kim Upshaw	Walt Schrimper	Wendi Glenn	Beth Turner	Christy Tinnen	Catie Waddell
10-Aug	Kim Upshaw	Debbie Metover	Samantha Metover	Beth Turner	Sandra Gillespie	Amy Jackson
17-Aug	Kim Upshaw	Jan Evans	Mark Gray	Beth Turner	Kirsten Waddell	Alex Fry
24-Aug	Kim Upshaw	Dana Jackson	Amy Jackson	Beth Turner	Carl Jones	Blake Ragghianti
31-Aug	Kim Upshaw	Linda Foster	Wayne Gillespie	Beth Turner	Amy Bishop	Aaron Miles

Beth Turner Children's Church Coordinator - 907-9454

If you have a schedule conflict please switch with another team member and call linda in the office to let her know so the the bulletin will be correct.

Thank you all for your faithfulness to Grace's children - They are our future!

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee has scheduled an **open meeting** to address complaints by several Church members concerning the use of the building and the availability of rooms for adult gatherings. The meeting will be attended by the Elders, Sessional Committee Chairs and members, representatives of the various groups who use the facilities and others who are interested. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm** and should last less than two hours. All Church members who would like to join the discussion are urged to attend.

Did You Know?

We have a program each month hosted by one of our church committees? It is usually the last Sunday of the month but the time many vary. Each committee provides the programs and offers pot lucks, ice cream socials, special guests and/or many opportunities to have a good get together. The program is always printed in the Sunday bulletin and in our monthly Newsletter so be sure to notice when the program is, what it is and what committee is sponsoring this fun time to enjoy food and be with your fellow church members.

From the Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Committee

Floyd and Tanya Groves will be leaving with a Mission Group from Advent on 6/20/08 and returning 6/27/08. They will be installing a Water Purification System where we conduct our Medical Missions.

Please keep this group in your prayers.

Wayne Gillespie

Jeffrey Cummings Receives Eagle Scout Award

Jeffrey James Cummings, a member of the Scouting program since 1997, was presented the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor at GPC on Saturday, June 21, at 2:00 pm.

Jeffrey became a member of Pack 487 in 1997 and Troop 487 in 2001. A Board of Review on April 6, 2008 approved him for advancement to Eagle Scout. Less than four per cent of those who enroll in Boys Scouts are approved for the rank of Eagle Scout.

The goals of responsible citizenship, character development, physical, mental, social and moral fitness are approached by mastering a variety of skills, experiencing leadership development through training and practice, and service to others.

Jeffrey has earned 22 merit badges. He has taken Junior Leader Training in his troop and in the weeklong Junior Leader Training Conference at Kia Kima Scout Reservation in 2004. He has served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. He was elected by his troop members to the Order of the Arrow. Jeffrey has been a member of the Troop 487 High Adventure Crew, and participated in the three-week "Rockin' in the Rockies" excursion.

Some of his service projects included serving on the Cub Day camp staff, attending each year with the Scouts Memorial Day ceremony and helping place flags at the 47,000 graves at the Memphis National Cemetery. He earned the Good Turn America award in 2006. His Eagle project was the design, management and completion of a segment of the Outdoor Education program at Altruria Elementary School. Upon reaching his eighteenth birthday and graduation from the troop, Jeffrey has become an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 487.

Contributed by Clyde Getman

Did You Know?

We have a seat in the choir loft for you? We welcome any church member to join the Chancel Choir. We practice on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM and sing at the 11:15 AM Traditional Worship Service. We enjoy being together as a group, bringing the Word of the Lord to the congregation through song and we have fun times with parties and celebrations. Charlotte Hicks is our Director of Music.

What Would We Do Without The Vawters?

Have you noticed that you see the Vawter family at the early service, the late service and also at the church practicing their music three nights a week? Have you also noticed that they are here for most any other activity sponsored by the church? Bob, Director of Instrumental Music and Technical Services, operates sound for the early service in which Andrew and Katelyn have been the lead singers in the Praise Band. In the second service, Janet joins them in the Chancel Choir and/or the Bell Choir. Many times, Andrew runs the sound system and leaves that post briefly to play bells. Bob also keeps our outstanding web site up to date. They are a very talented and dedicated family for which we should be very thankful. It should be noted that they always have Cephas and Jean Starnes to cheer them on with their full support. Let the Vawters know that you appreciate their talent(s) and service.

From The Presbyterian Women

Each year the PW from Grace Presbyterian Church honor a church member with Honorary Life Membership. This year the PW honored two members. They were chosen because of their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church. We offered this honor on June 1, 2008 at the 11:15 AM service with our thanks for a life of faithful service.

Mildred Culverhouse has been her circle Bible study leader, participated in all the circle activities, presented the Christmas story to our December gathering, ushers with her husband, participates in and helps with church activities. Mildred prepared a block of patchwork quilt for the Church-Wide Gathering of PW in Louisville, KY in 2006. These patchwork squares were made into small blankets to be given to women in third world countries. Mildred has two quilts hanging on the wall at the lodge at Pinecrest and donated one of her beautiful quilted items to the Silent Auction this past May.

Ken Hathaway has the distinction of being the first male at Grace Presbyterian Church to be presented with Honorary Life Membership. Ken works above and beyond when it comes to making repairs inside and outside of Grace. When asked or when he sees that something needs to be repaired he brings his trusty tool kit to church and makes the repairs. We could not have filled the Christmas food baskets nor made the deliveries this past December if Ken had not helped us. Ken donated several of his lovely wood working items to our Silent Auction this past May.

June Gathering

On June 9, 2008 the PW from Grace met for a picnic pot luck at the church. Several guests were introduced. A special thank you was given to Sara Lawson for the beautiful table decorations. The board members were also thanked for their helping to set up for the evening. A special thank you was made to Janet Vawter for her

banner, Continuing the Journey plus Circle # 4 with Suzanne Getman quilting the Genesis story. Both are hanging in the sanctuary. Katherine Fitzgerald was given a token gift for her many flower arrangements she has done for our church with our love and appreciation.

Moderator, Jan Evans presented gifts to the circle Bible study leaders who are: Mildred Culverhouse, Linda Foster, Jean Markham, Suzanne Getman and Marilyn Wilson. Also the board members and circle leaders were thanked and presented gifts. They were Wendi Glenn, Jean Starnes, Susan Lawson, Dot Hathaway, Jane McGoldrick, Virginia Martin, Frances Ketterman, Linda Foster, Miree Pomeroy, Sara Lawson and Sandy Kehrl. Susan Lawson was thanked for her three years of serving on the board as Treasurer. Paula Bishop was introduced as the new Treasurer. Circle # 5 has joined with the other night time circle, # 4. They will meet on the 2nd Monday night of the month at 7:00 PM at the church. All circles will begin meeting in October.

Moderator, Jan Evans was presented with a lovely gift to add to her angel collection. She thanked all the PW for her gift plus a year's subscription to the Horizon magazine.

The centerpiece was awarded to Virginia Wright for being the oldest member present. Jan reminded all that God gives our elder members good health so that they can be with us and we are blessed for their inspirations, guidance, love and dedication.

Suzanne Getman presented a project of knitting or crocheting new born caps for the local hospitals. Instructions were available for the PW members. Sandy Kehrl passed out the PW Birthday offering envelopes. The PW Birthday will be celebrated Sunday June 29, 2008 with cake being served after each service.

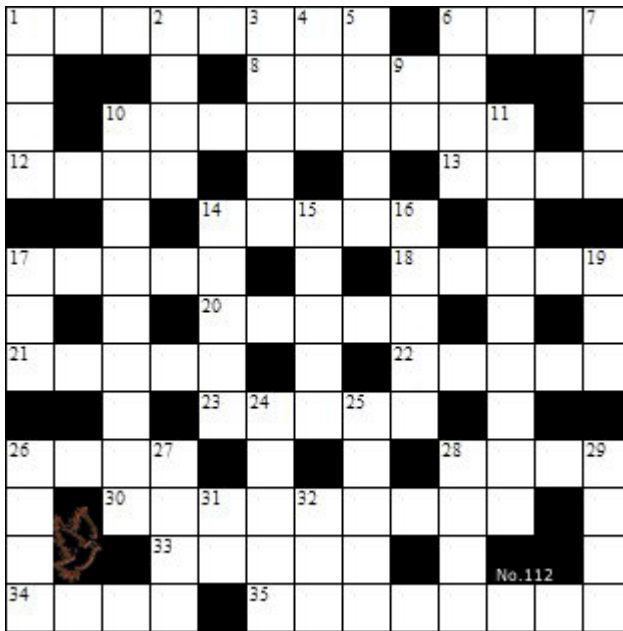
PW Project Update

With the profits from the Silent Auction and the sale of the PW cook books we received \$1120. These funds were raised to be used for un-budgeted needs of the church. The PW board voted to use \$560 to replace the window blinds at the church. A check was given to Bill Carroll, head of the Building Committee. The other half of the money (\$560.00) to be used in decorating the ladies bathroom. Sara Lawson has agreed to head up this committee with Sarah Pfaffenroth to assist her. We are hoping to get this project under way ASAP during the summer. Any contributions for either of these projects would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution you may do so by contacting Jan Evans or Sara Lawson. The PW Board thanks all of our church members who contributed to make these projects a success.

Did You Know?

We have a Contemporary Worship Praise Band? Please contact Bob Vawter if you are interested in joining this fine band who participates in the 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service. The Praise Band practices on Thursday nights at 6:00 PM.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to use your God given talents though music at Grace Presbyterian Church.



Across

- 1 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they ___ the deeds of the wicked (Jer 5:28) KJV
- 6 They hatch the ___ of vipers and spin a spider's web (Isa 59:5)
- 8 When you make a vow to God, do not ___ in fulfilling it. (Eccl 5:4)
- 10 I will honor, but those who despise me will be ___ (1 Sam 2:30)
- 12 O Sovereign LORD, ___ well with me for your name's sake (Ps 109:21)
- 13 Daniel, close up and ___ the words of the scroll until the time of the end (Dan 12:4)
- 14 do not reap to the very ___ of your field (Lev 23:22)
- 17 Jesus went into the synagogue and ___ to teach (Mark 1:21-22)
- 18 the judgment of the great ___ that sitteth upon many waters (Rev 17:1) KJV
- 20 Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for ___ (Acts 19:24) KJV
- 21 Bring the whole ___ into the storehouse, that there may be food (Mal 3:10)
- 22 Heal the sick, ___ the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy (Matt 10:7-8)
- 23 a time to mourn and a time to ___ (Eccl 3:4)
- 26 The woman came and knelt before him. " ___, help me!" she said (Matt 15:25)
- 28 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as ___ (Matt 28:3)
- 30 ___ the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days (Num 9:20)
- 33 the ___ of vipers that glide in the dust (Deut 32:24)
- 34 Their breastplates were fiery red, dark ___, and yellow (Rev 9:17)

35 Now you ___ in Jerusalem and men of Judah (Isa 5:3)

Down

1 a man who ___ him ten thousand talents was brought to him (Matt 18:24)

2 those who ___ against me use my name as a curse (Ps 102:8)

3 the lot fell to Matthias; so he was ___ to the eleven apostles (Acts 1:26)

4 As Jesus walked beside the ___ of Galilee, he saw Simon (Mark 1:16)

5 I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not ___ (Ps 26:1) KJV

6 But Noah found favor in the ___ of the LORD (Gen 6:8)

7 The ships were wrecked and were not able to set ___ to trade (2 Chron 20:37)

9 On one occasion ___ expert in the law stood up to test Jesus (Luke 10:25)

10 Your sons and ___ will prophesy (Joel 2:28)

11 as I passed by, and beheld your ___, I found an altar (Acts 17:23) KJV

14 So he ___ their days in futility and their years in terror (Ps 78:33)

15 ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy ___ from Egypt (Gen 42:3)

16 How he ___ unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God (Ps 132:2) KJV

17 "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." ___ they laughed at him (Matt 9:24)

19 mother of Seth (Gen 4:25)

24 Therefore now ___ your ways and your doings (Jer 26:13) KJV

25 "Why? What ___ has he committed?" asked Pilate (Mark 15:14)

26 flowing from the throne of God and of the ___ (Rev 22:1)

27 I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a ___ (John 1:32)

28 Go, ___ everything you have and give to the poor (Mark 10:21)

29 The first woe is past; two other ___ are yet to come (Rev 9:12)

31 Come, follow ___, " Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men (Matt 4:19)

32 as a thread of ___ is broken when it toucheth the fire (Judg 16:9) KJV

From the Session

Highlights from the Stated Meeting of the Session:

- The Session had an excellent Training Retreat at the church on Friday evening, June 20th and Saturday morning, June 21st. It was a time of instruction, spiritual enrichment, empowerment and good fellowship. Pastor Larry was our leader, and, it must be said that his wonderful VISION for Grace Presbyterian Church is contagious. We, as a Session, are praying that every member will “catch it.” All 15 elders were in attendance for both sessions. We regretfully accepted the resignation of elder Cathy Bendall because of her work making it impossible for her to attend meetings regularly. She was praised for her dedication and service to Grace Presbyterian Church.

Meet Linda Cole: Linda came to Grace as the Administrative Assistant last December. She has been a very helpful and effective addition to our staff according to Pastors Judith and Larry. Linda grew up in Dunsmuir, a small town in California. Her husband, Larry, has been in the Navy for about twenty-eight years; so, Linda has also lived in Oregon, Washington and Colorado before moving to this area. They live in Lakeland, and Anthony (recent graduate) and Erin attend Arlington High School. They are all members of Hope Presbyterian Church in Cordova. Her major work experience was as a Customer Service/Agent/Office Manager in the insurance field for over thirteen years.

At the present time, the Session only allows twenty hours a week for this position; so, we felt that all church members need to be reminded that Linda’s work time has to be limited to what the Pastor sees as most important to the work of our church. Because of this, we are asking members to contact Pastor Larry about work that you might want Linda to do. He, then, will decide if it can be worked into her schedule. Please note that Linda is at work from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM every day except Wednesday when she begins work at 10:00 or 11:00 AM. Also, we are asking for your cooperation with

the previously announced deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin. If something is brought in later than Thursday, you will need to prepare the inserts and place them in the bulletins. Some of you have already been doing that with lengthy announcements. Linda has worked overtime, on her own, many times, but we should not require her to do that since she is not paid for it.

If you are at church during the week, drop in and introduce yourself to Linda. She is anxious to meet and get to know as many of us as possible. Also, if you might be able to help her with some of her major tasks, such as the Newsletter, let her or Larry know.

Dossett Foster
Clerk of Session

Hospice Volunteer Training Begins July 12th

Just an hour or two of committed time each week can help ease the loneliness, fear, and boredom of the terminally ill person. If you can listen to stories, hold a hand, read the Bible, sing, or play a musical instrument, there's someone who needs your special gifts.

Among the fears of the terminally ill person are isolation, abandonment and being alone at the time of death.

By simply being a loving presence, you can bring comfort and warmth of human companionship to our hospice patients' last days. Through service to others, you will find your own life Greatly enriched!!!

Please call Lynn Packard, 382-9292, Volunteer Coordinator at Crossroads Hospice for more information.

From the Grace Presbyterian Youth

- Wednesday, July 2nd: **No Wet-n-Word**
- Sunday, July 6th: **Youth Fourth of July Picnic**, TBA.
- Monday, July 7th- Friday, July 11th: **VBS**, 9:00AM - 12:00PM (youth need to be at the church by 8:45AM).
- Wednesday, July 9th: **Wet-n-Word**, 5:30-7:30PM.
- Saturday, July 12th: **Youth Yard Sale and Car Wash**, 7:30-2:00PM (youth bring \$5 for lunch).
- Sunday, July 13th: **Youth Bowling Outing**, TBA.
- Wednesday, July 16th: **Wet-n-Word**, 5:30-7:30PM.
- Sunday, July 20th: **No youth group meeting**.
- Wednesday, July 23rd: **No Wet-n-Word**.
- Sunday, July 27th: **Youth Study**, 6:00-7:30PM.
- Wednesday, July 30th: **Wet-n-Word**, 5:30-7:30PM.

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We have a place for you in the Bell Choir? Bob Vawter is the Director of Instrumental Music and would welcome you to play with the Bell Choir. We practice on Sundays at 5:00 PM and play at least once a month during the 11:15 AM Traditional Worship Service.