

## **From the Editor**

Let's talk about sharing. I think we'd probably all agree that, generally speaking, sharing is a good thing, yes?

Surprisingly, I have observed my cats have on several occasions sharing with each other. Lizza, my eldest, doesn't play well with others; in fact, she can't seem to tolerate the other cats coming near her at all, try as they might to engage her in their play. But last week I was kicked back in my recliner with the other two cats (You've heard of cat-naps? I've found it works better with real cats.). In comes Lizza with a muffled yowl that, translated from cat-speak, means, "I come bearing gifts!" Instantly awake, the other two jumped to investigate, and Lizza presents them with a mouse she had caught. Reuben, like me, thought that was just the neatest thing and he played with it for some time before . . . well, you probably know.

I have also observed Reuben sharing a mouse he had caught with Laverne. He very deliberately placed it in front of her, then backed away and sat down to see how she received it.

How neat is that? They do naturally what we strive for a lifetime to learn.

Got something you'd like to share? Drop us a line!

**[newsletter@grace-pres.org](mailto: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

I read an article the other day in one of the journals that I subscribe to by John Ortberg. He is the Pastor of Menlo Park (California) Presbyterian Church. The article was about his call into ministry and how following God's call has caused him to go places and do things he never would have dreamed of doing.

He made a very good point that I think applies to Grace. He writes,

“Following God's call means trusting that somehow he (we) are not just moving into the future; he (we) is (are) being led. It is Abraham leaving Ur for he knows not what. It is Moses leaving Egypt for a land he will never enter. It is Jesus walking the Via Dolorosa toward a hill he does not want to climb.”

All who follow God's call go into the uncertainty. Like Abraham and Moses and Jesus we walk by faith not by sight. As uncertain as the times are in which we are living, there is a temptation to think about what has been, as if the best has come and gone. The days of large crowds and great resources are long gone. Difficult times seem to push us to time-gone-by days. But if we are to move forward as a church we must embrace reality with all its pain and remember that life and growth and meaning can come only in the risk of obedience. That is, walking the uncertain paths life offers. Doing things that we haven't done before. Embracing those who are different and letting go of control. You see, the future – even if it is hard – is better than nostalgia.

Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr once made a distinction between optimism and hope. He described optimism as a belief in progress, that things would get better. Hope, on the other hand, is built on the conviction that another reality, another kingdom, already exists.

So maybe the better course of action and thinking would be to not look back longingly or forward wishfully but live and minister in the here and now. Instead of thinking one time was better than another live in the reality of what is.

While I am not real optimistic about the short-term future in our world, I don't have to let that feeling dominate my mind because I

believe there is another reality at work, it is God's Spirit moving and changing and working in the lives of those who believe. The question is this, "Will we be obedient to God in whatever our reality, in whatever our is is?" How we answer this question will determine where we go and if we will go with hope.

Grace,

Larry

## **Youth Candle Sale**

July 20, will be the last day for the candles to be on display. The candles are made using wax recycled from Grace. Candles can be requested by size, shape, color and/or scent. Special orders may be placed by contacting Dana Jackson, 377-9374. Proceeds go to the Youth Fund.

Dana Jackson

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(901) 377-9374

## **From The Property Committee**

In order to solve some of the problems and conflicts with room use scheduling, the Property Committee has decided to re-institute the room assignment and scheduling procedures that have been used in the past.

All groups, other than Sunday School, requiring a meeting room(s) will need to pick up a Facilities Use Application at the Church office. This form should be filled out and returned to the office between August 15 and September 1.

Requests for specific rooms will be honored if possible.

In the event of a time conflict between groups the order of priority will be as follows:

- (1) Church Groups,
- (2) Church Sponsored Groups
- (3) Non-Church Groups.

## **Christmas in August**

The Presbyterian Women are asking for donations (toys, games, books, money, etc.) now for helping families at Christmas. Bring items and leave under the Christmas tree at church.

Last Christmas we did approximately 11 food baskets and toys for 15 children. Any questions, please contact Sara Lawson.

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(901) 867-3431

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

## **Huntsville Scouts Spend Night at GPC**

Sixteen Scouts and eight leaders from Boy Scout Troop 757, Huntsville, Alabama, stopped in Bartlett on Tuesday, June 15, on their way to a 10-day hiking experience at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Upon their arrival they were welcomed by members of Troop 487, who had prepared a spaghetti dinner and joined in fellowship around the dining tables. Scouts enjoy making new friends and sharing common experiences.

A couple of the Scouts may have swapped patches with their new friends.

When members of Troop 487 heard of the expected guests, they took the opportunity to provide a good meal for fellow Scouts, and to demonstrate to younger members part of what Scouting is all about. It was also a way to practice the Scout slogan "Do a good turn daily" for someone else.

Leaders of Troop 757 had made contact with Pastor Turner through his previous ministry in Alabama. Driving safety considerations limit scouts trips to eight hours of road travel per day. The troop had arranged to stop in Bartlett on the first leg, then to Oklahoma City the next day, and on to Philmont the third day. Philmont Scout Ranch is the 136,000 acre scouting center in the shadow of northeastern New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and a Philmont trip is one of the highlights of a boy's Scouting career.

## **MIHN**

The MIHN motto is “Families helping families help themselves.” Our Grace family has the opportunity to participate in this ministry four times each year. Many of you met the three families we hosted in June. There were three mothers and eight children in these families. One family has moved to Estival Place. Our second family decided to return to her family home in another state. Our third family is in the process of moving into permanent housing. Each of these single moms expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of this ministry.

We will host the MIHN guest again Aug 17-24. The sign up sheet is available in the hallway. As always, your generous gift of time and supplies is greatly appreciated.

## **From the Honduras Mission Team**

Installation and dedication of Living Waters system at Pastor Beto's church in San Isidro were the medical and dental missions are held was successful and the Team held 2 days of Bible School for over 100 kids per day. Floyd and Tanya Groves led the team from Advent.

Honduras Mission Fund collections during Bible School totaled \$205.26 or \$3988.79 in Limperia. The Lord blessed us!! Fund raising efforts are off to a great start.

Spoke with Floyd Groves and we are going to begin the process of putting together a Medical Mission Team for 2009. Anyone with any interest, please contact me or Beth Turner. Our biggest need at this time is a physician, which I will begin work on shortly. Further information will follow in the coming months.

Wayne

# Vacation Bible School

## *The Miraculous Power of Jesus*

VBS was an AWESOME success due to the POWER of many volunteers. We heard many enthusiastic comments and compliments from everyone, especially the children. Let's give our thanks and appreciation to everyone who participated or helped prepare.

### Daycare Staff

### Youth

Pastor Larry Turner

Velvet Davis

Garrett Guenther

Beth Turner

Sheri Davenport

Alec Miles

Jan Evans

Denielle Goshinsky

Aaron Miles

Clyde and Suzanne Getman

Ursa Haegle

Blake Ragghianti

Mark and Margie Gray

Matt Hewlett

Cheyenne Ferrell

Linda Foster

Megan Hines

Karley Horton

Bill and Jane McGoldrick

Faye Howard

Kara Joyner

Johnnie Davis

Samantha Mayhall

Erin Cole

Sara Lawson

Erin Pfaffenroth

Sami Sacco

Gladys Adams

Tara Rock

Taylor Bothwell

Steve James

Chris Mayfield

Cristaldawn Perry

Lee Busby

Linda and Rusty Tolley

Polly Schrimper

Gail Hackney

Wayne Gillespie

Frances Kitterman

Laura Griffith

Michelle Miles

Larry Toussaint

Linda Cole

*And thanks to anyone whose name I may have omitted.*

*In His Service,  
Sarah Pfaffenroth*

## VBS Quotable Quotes

*The most rewarding part of teaching children is realizing that we are making a difference. We asked VBS leaders to share comments they have heard this week.*

Upon entering the sanctuary Monday morning, and seeing the scenery in a darkened room with the fog from dry ice, an impressed child whispered to his leader: “Why is it so dark in here?”

Gail Hackney asked her granddaughter, Riley, “Do you like VBS?” She replied, “No, Mimi, I love it!”

A child was kept home on the third day of VBS because of illness. She told her mom: “But I have to go to VBS, Momma!”

After two days of VBS, a child was traveling to Jackson, TN to visit grandparents. He asked his mother, “Is Grandpa going to bring me to VBS each day?”

Snacks each day were planned to follow the lesson theme. After the story of Jesus healing the blind man using mud on his eyes, the snack was made of crushed Oreos to represent dirt. One child said, “It’s the best dirt I’ve ever tasted!”

After the story of Jesus walking on water, the snack illustrated the idea of sink or float. The children had soda with a cherry that sinks and ice that floats. Ice was served to each group from a zip-close bag. Seeing a bag of ice, a child asked, “Who got hurt?”

Clyde Getman portrayed the character of the Wacky Professor. A child said, “He gets WACKIER everyday!”

Music and singing is an important of the VBS program. During the music time, a child exclaimed, “I feel like I’m in church!”

Children and their crew leaders have small group discussions. A leader shared these comments.

“VBS makes me feel comfortable with God.”

“VBS makes me feel like God is doing something just for me.”

“VBS is the best thing in the world!”

VBS obviously makes an impression in many ways. That is why it is so important!

During Bible Blast (dramatizing the Bible story), one boy said, “I can’t wait to come back tomorrow and see what’s next!” Insert at the bottom of a page, with nothing on the flip side:

### **Veterans:**

Please let us know who you are! Fill out the slip below, cut it out and drop it in the collection plate. Or send the requested information by email if you prefer to **newsletter@grace-pres.org**.

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<b>I am a Veteran</b>
<b>Name</b>
<b>Branch of Service</b>
<b>Era of Service (19?? – 19??)</b>
<b>Years Served</b>
<b>Phone</b>
<b>Email</b>

## **Congregational Life Committee Interest Survey**

It is the goal of the Congregational Life Committee to provide fellowship activities for the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church. It is important that planned activities be of such interest that they will encourage your participation and attendance

In the coming weeks, a survey will be sent to every household. We will be asking you to complete the survey and return it to the church office in the self-addressed, stamped envelope by **August 30, 2008**.

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## **From the Presbyterian Women**

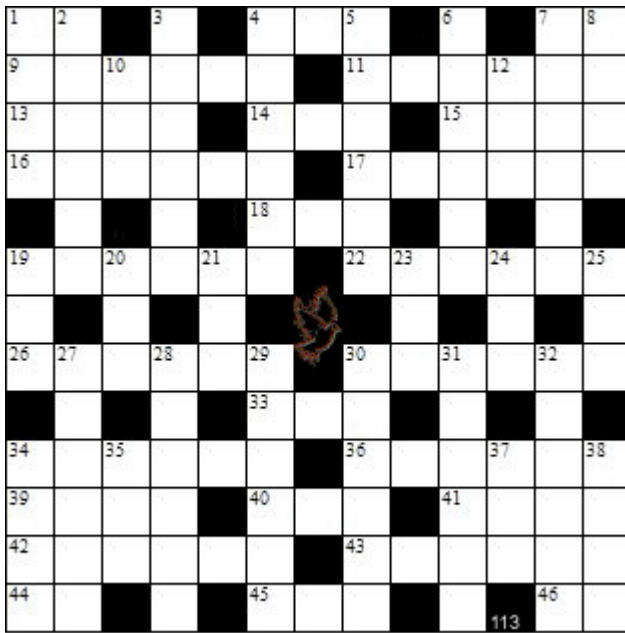
Thanks to the generous PW Birthday Offering from our church members we received \$502.00 on Sunday June 29, 2008. With this offering we will be able to support the 2008 Birthday Offering Recipients who are the Lakeview Presbyterian Church weekday school restoration in New Orleans, Louisiana and The Presbyterian Church of Congo and Kinshasa “Building a Strong Future for the Congo”, Democratic Republic of Congo. This was the largest offering from our congregation that the PW has ever received for our Birthday Offering and we sincerely thank all who presented these funds.

## **Attention All Pw**

Saturday August 23, 2008 we will have the Bible Study Conference for PW at Pinecrest Conference and Retreat Center, LaGrange, TN. Registration forms must be received by August 15, 2008. If you plan to attend please see Jan Evans for your registration form. All circle leaders and Bible study leaders are encouraged to attend. We will learn about our new Bible Study, JUBILEE! LUKE’S GOSPEL FOR THE POOR plus enjoy the beauty of Pinecrest. Sign in is at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$12.00 which includes morning coffee, juice, cinnamon rolls, lunch and beverage. We will car pool from Grace Presbyterian Church.

## **Attention Pw Board Members**

Our first board meeting for the year will be Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans. Please mark your calendar. If you are unable to attend please let Jan know.



## ACROSS

- 1 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will \_\_\_ called sons of God (Matt 5:9)
- 4 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees \_\_\_ in Moses' seat (Matt 23:2)
- 7 Jesus said \_\_\_ him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you" (Luke 18:42)
- 9 David was the youngest. The three \_\_\_ followed Saul (1 Sam 17:13-15)
- 11 the other disciple did \_\_\_ Peter, and came first to the sepulchre (John 20:4) KJV
- 13 father of Seth (Gen 5:3)
- 14 much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and \_\_\_ (3 John 13)
- 15 testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in \_\_\_ (Acts 23:11)
- 16 the LORD God Almighty, the LORD is his name of \_\_\_ ! (Hos 12:5)
- 17 second book of the Old Testament
- 18 for a \_\_\_ and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem (Isa 8:14) KJV
- 19 out of these \_\_\_ God can raise up children for Abraham (Matt 3:9)
- 22 They hammered out thin \_\_\_ of gold and cut strands (Ex 39:3)
- 26 the woman stayed at home and \_\_\_ her son until she (1 Sam 1:23)
- 30 Today it will be \_\_\_, for the sky is red and overcast (Matt 16:3)
- 33 Jesus went through \_\_\_ the towns and villages, teaching (Matt 9:35)
- 34 If you do not let my people go, I will send \_\_\_ of flies on you (Ex 8:21)
- 36 No longer will they build houses and \_\_\_ live in them (Isa 65:22)
- 39 And as for you, brothers, never \_\_\_ of doing what is right (2 Thess 3:13)

- 40 the LORD said unto Moses, \_\_\_ thee two tables of stone like unto the first (Ex 34:1) KJV
- 41 The price for his release is to be based on the \_\_\_ paid to a hired man (Lev 25:50)
- 42 Leah replied, "Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father's \_\_\_ ? (Gen 31:14)
- 43 your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will \_\_\_ yourselves for your sins (Ezek 36:31)
- 44 "Come, follow \_\_\_ ," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men. (Matt 4:19)
- 45 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on \_\_\_ land (Heb 11:29)
- 46 And surely I \_\_\_ with you always, to the very end of the age (Matt 28:20)

## DOWN

- 1 The \_\_\_ out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast (Ps 80:13) KJV
- 2 Then he took his \_\_\_ son that should have reigned in his stead (2 Kings 3:27) KJV
- 3 Weep ye not for the dead, neither \_\_\_ him (Jer 22:10) KJV
- 4 They had tails and \_\_\_ like scorpions (Rev 9:10)
- 5 That frustrateth the \_\_\_ of the liars, and maketh diviners mad (Isa 44:25) KJV
- 6 not the least \_\_\_ of a pen, will by any means disappear (Matt 5:18)
- 7 While Saul was talking to the priest, the \_\_\_ in the Philistine camp increased (1 Sam 14:19)
- 8 the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy \_\_\_ (Jude 14)
- 10 one of the tribes of Israel
- 12 I was given a reed like a measuring \_\_\_ and was told, "Go and measure (Rev 11:1)
- 19 The \_\_\_ will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood (Acts 2:20)
- 20 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in \_\_\_ eyes (Matt 21:42)
- 21 former occupant of the Garden of Eden
- 23 "They \_\_\_ me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! (Prov 23:35)
- 24 He who has an \_\_\_ , let him hear what the Spirit says (Rev 2:7)
- 25 Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to \_\_\_ out the land (Josh 2:2)
- 27 Be very careful, then, how you live not as \_\_\_ but as wise (Eph 5:15)
- 28 chose five smooth stones from the \_\_\_ (1 Sam 17:40)
- 29 Fearing that we would be \_\_\_ against the rocks (Acts 27:29)
- 30 while I move along \_\_\_ at the pace of the droves (Gen 33:14)
- 31 buried in the tomb of his father Joash in \_\_\_ of the Abiezrites (Judg 8:32)
- 32 Jesus loved \_\_\_ and her sister and Lazarus (John 11:5)
- 34 there shall come forth a rod out of the \_\_\_ of Jesse (Isa 11:1) KJV
- 35 crimson and blue yarn, and experienced in the \_\_\_ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7)
- 37 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to \_\_\_ from the tree of life (Rev 2:7)
- 38 Your beginnings will \_\_\_ humble, so prosperous will your future be (Job 8:7)

## **Did You Know?**

Did you know we have a Prayer Partner program with our youth? Adult members are matched up with a youth and for a year the partners pray for each other daily, meet together for meals, sport related or educational programs plus share pot luck dinners with all the Prayer Partners. This program enables our youth to get to know a member of our congregation plus for the adult to have a meaningful experience with one of the youth. In years past it has been found that the youth feel at ease being with his or her prayer partner to talk over their concerns. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful program please see Cristaldawn Perry, our Youth Director.

## **Men's Great Banquet #48**

Meeting Schedule

<b>Thursday, August 7th</b>	Organizational - 6:30 pm Grace Presbyterian Church
<b>Thursday, August 14th</b>	2 talks - 6:30 to 9:00 pm Grace Presbyterian Church
<b>Thursday, August 21</b>	2 talks - 6:30 to 9:00 pm Grace Presbyterian Church
<b>Thursday, August 28</b>	2 talks - 6:30 to 9:00 pm Grace Presbyterian Church