

ELDERS AND DEACONS...

Elders / Board Meeting
June 11th
Tuesday—6 pm
[American Way Campus]



LADIES CIRCLES....

Dorcas Circle Meeting
June 11th
Tuesday - 10:30 am



Dorcas Circle Meeting
June 13th
Thursday – 6 pm

[All ladies are invited to participate in either or both circles.]

“BUTTERBEAN AUCTION”



June 18th
Tuesday—1 pm



Everyone invited!

[For more information about the “Butterbean Auction” and /or to donate items, you may contact “Butterbean Auctioneer” Lisa Darnell at (423) 782-0963]



GEMS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOREBEARS

“Sincerity is not enough. The idea that sincerity is always a virtue is harmful. To tell people that it doesn’t matter what they believe as long as they believe it sincerely is to do them no service. Sincerity is a virtue only when it is related to truth. The difficulty of persuading a man who is in error about something in order to change his mind, is that he is ‘sincerely wrong’.”

[by D. Reginald Thomas, ?-1977; in Love So Amazing, 1961, p. 118)



GRACE CADETS

Our Youth Studies have been about how Saul became Paul and his journey after he met the Lord Jesus on the Damascus Road. We have been in the Book of Acts and are headed to the book of Romans in June. We are inviting all the youth to come on our travels as we go with Paul.

June is the month to prepare for VBS in July. Volunteers will be needed to help with games, crafts, & other activities.

Thank you all for the continued support of Children’s Church & The Grace Cadets.

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Tune Into June



“OUT TO EAT” at Golden Corral

June 8
Saturday - 5 pm ff
(or before 4 pm for
“Early Bird” \$ break)



FATHERS DAY

June 16
Sunday - 11 am
All Men Honored

Sermon – “In My Father’s House”
(John 14:1-6)



JOHN & BEV LEONARD

w/
Baptist Mid-Missions
[“Brazil Update”]

June 23rd
Sunday – 6 pm

MISSIONS UPDATE

The current portfolio of support at Grace Christian Church includes 12 missions. Four are supported monthly and 8 are supported on a rotating basis. In addition, donated items are regularly delivered to the Ballad HV “Hospitality Snack Cart”, the Andrew Johnson School “Clorox / Lysol Wipes Supply”, and the Sullivan County Jail Ministry “1200 Bars of Soap”.

For the month of May, snack items for Ballad HV remain in inventory, 10 containers of wipes were delivered to Johnson School by Robert Thompson, and the Jail Ministr soap inventory is 759 – that’s over the half-way point.

Also in May, the Adelphai Circle began sponsoring a summer “Cans of Soup Drive”. The soup will be distributed to various soup kitchens and food pantries in the area. Cans of soup may be deposited on the designated fellowship hall table. Thanks ahead of time for your donations.

For the month of June, GCC is blessed to be included on the furlough missions report schedule of John & Bev Leonard w/ Baptist Mid-Missions. The Leonards are veteran missionaries serving in Brazil and will be present at our 6 pm service on Sunday, June 23rd. Their work is inspiring and compelling, so save the date. We look forward to welcoming the Leonards and pray God’s watchcare in their summer travels.

Don’t forget to check out the missions board in the fellowship hall. For this season, Jennifer Starnes has featured our “Cans of Soup Drive” as a reminder of the summer long mission.

MISSIONS QUOTE

“The first great passion of missions is to honor the glory of God by restoring the rightful place of God in the hearts of people who think, feel, and act in ways that dishonor the glory of God.... If you love the glory of God, you cannot be indifferent to missions. This is the ultimate reason Jesus Christ came into the world.... He came to get glory for His Father among the nations. If you love what Jesus Christ came to accomplish, you love missions.”

{by John Piper – in Let The Nations Be Glad!, 1993 / 2022, p. 212-213}

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- Thanks to our worship leaders for the month of May. GAIL HAMMONDS (May 5), PATTY TURNER (May 12), PAULA KEITH (May 19), and ROSE LANE (May 26) helped us commence our morning services with faith focused, fastened, and fixed on Jesus.
- Thanks to the GCC PRAISE TEAM for preparing, practicing, and presenting a most excellent array of special music selections for the month of May. Those included “The King of Who I Am” (May 5), “For the Beauty of The Earth” (May 12), “Holy Spirit, Come” (May 19), and “Give Me a Servant’s Heart” (May 26). Be sure to thank a Praise Team member for their commitment to a ministry of music that sets a mood, cadence, and flow of worship that is spiritually edifying. Also, constant thanks to LILY WISE for her commitment to Christ, GCC, and the ministry of music as our pianist. She is a ‘God-send’.
- Thanks to GAYLE MERMILLIOD for sharing her inspirational testimony at this year’s “Ladies Spring Tea” on Saturday, May 4th. The theme was “My Soul Thirsts For God” from Psalm 42:2. Gayle’s words captured the theme perfectly. Also, thanks to all of the 51 ladies who participated in bringing together wonderful afternoon of Christian sisterhood shared and encouraged. In addition, much appreciation to Patty Turner, Karen Jaynes, Kathy Hakes, Phyllis Jackson, Joy Odum, Lisa Darnell, Kitty Beverly, Janice Cobb, Rose Lane, Kaye Tipton, Henry Funkhouser, and Gary Beverly for meeting on Friday, May 3rd to set up everything. The fellowship hall was decorated beautifully. In the hat contest, the “prettiest” was won by MaryBeth Thompson, the “most colorful” was won by Melinda Maddox, and the “most unique” was won by Casey Cain.
- Thanks to MAKAYLAH GARNER, ELLA GARNER, EMMA BUSICK, ROSALIE ARRINGTON, and EDWARD THOMPSON for making our Mother’s Day Service on Sunday, May 12th so meaningful and indeed, extra-special. MaKaylah shared a wonderfully-moving ‘Mother’s Day Tribute’ with the perfect touch of Baby Ella’s on-stage assistance. Emma shared her most excellent violin solo rendition of “Canon in D / Ode to Joy”. Also congratulations to Emma for finishing her John Sevier Middle School tenure as “1st Chair Violin” in the orchestra. Finally, Rosalie and Edward faithfully distributed the ‘purple-tipped’ carnations to all the ladies in the sanctuary. What an awesome Mother’s Day!
- Thanks to VICKI CLEVINGER for sharing her inspiring “Be Strong” poem and tribute for ‘Graduate Recognition Sunday’ on May 19th.... A big “con-GRAD-ulations” to our 2024 graduates. GCC celebrates their accomplishments and prays that the strong grip of God’s grace will secure their fruitful futures for all the times ahead. This year’s graduates are as follows: From High School: GRACIE BEVERLY from Tri-Cities Christian Academy (Gary and Kitty Beverly’s granddaughter); BRODY BROOKS from West Ridge High School (Lindsay Brooks’ son / Gwen Hobbs’ grandson); ABIGAIL MARQUEE DYKES from Home Schooling (Kaye Tipton’s granddaughter); KILIAN FLANARY from Home Schooling (Wayne and Lisa Darnell’s grandson); ZORI PIERSON from Abingdon High School (Sam Pierson’s daughter); SAVANNAH PLESS from Daniel Boone High School (John & Sheila Pless’ granddaughter / Gail Hammonds’ niece). From College: KATIE BEVERLY from Pensacola Christian College with a BS in Nursing (Gary and Kitty Beverly’s granddaughter); ELLIOTT BROOKS from University of Tennessee with a BS in Neuroscience (Lindsay Brooks’ daughter / Gwen Hobbs’ granddaughter); ASHLEIGH GRIFFITH from Northeast State Community College with a Technical Certificate in Health Professions; ALISHIA HERRING from Bon Secours in Mechanicsville, VA with a BS in Nursing (Ray Denton’s granddaughter); and CHASE McMULLAN from ETSU with a BS in Health Sciences in December (Kathy Hakes’ grandson). From Graduate School: KATIE HODGE CLIFTON from King University with a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) - Family Nurse Practitioner (Phyllis Jackson’s granddaughter).
- GCC prayers of condolence are extended on behalf of numerous families who are in a season of bereavement. May the graces and mercies of peace and comfort fill the lives of the following:
 - FAMILY OF TRAVIS LANE. Travis was the cousin of our own Tony Tipton. He passed away in a traffic accident on Sunday, April 7th. He was 51. Travis is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, parents, extended family and a host of friends.

- FAMILY OF TOM SHOCKLEY. Tom, along with his wife Tonya, have deep ties to Grace Christian Church across three decades. Tom passed away at his home on Sunday, May 5th. He was 57. Tom is survived by his wife, parents, brother, extended family, and a host of friends.
- FAMILY OF NICK GILLIAM. Nick was the nephew of our own Sherry Campbell. He passed away at his home after an extended period of declining health. He was 41. Nick is survived by his children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, sister, extended family and host of friends.
- FAMILY OF JAMES CRAWFORD. James was the brother of our own Jerry Crawford. He passed away in Kingsport on Monday, May 20th. He was 88. James is survived by his wife, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sister, extended family and a host of friends.
- FAMILY OF SHEILA PLESS. Sheila and her husband John are members of Grace Christian Church. Sheila passed away at Ballad-HV Medical Center on Wednesday, May 22nd. She was 64. Sheila was in church only 3 Sundays ago sitting with her sister Gail Hammonds and friend Paula Keith. Her passing is and always will be profoundly impacting to her family, church family, and friends. Sheila brought a sure and steady presence to one and all. Her life was full of love, joy, and compassion; serving, supporting, and helping; caring, sharing, and bearing; activity, adventure, and endearment; friendship, familyship, and fellowship; work, play, and faith. With such fullness her footprints and fingerprints have indelibly marked the full circle of her family, friends, co-workers and church. Sheila is survived by her husband, son, grandchildren, brother, sister, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, extended family, and a host of friends.

*GCC remains committed to supporting and encouraging these families with the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. May victory in Him bring daily faith victories to each one and everyone for the times ahead.

- Thanks to all GCCers for preparing and sharing plenteous portions of delicious food and dessert items to share at our “Pot Luck” Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, May 29th. The fellowship hall tables were full of life, love, and laughter. Christian gatherings are always the best – “a foretaste of glory divine”.
- Thanks to TONY & KAYE TIPTON for continuing to keep our sanctuary and exterior entrances decorated with flowers. Their creative touch captures the beauty of each season and conveys the same to our household of faith for God’s glory.
- Thanks to GARY BEVERLY for his ongoing attention to facility repairs and contractor work at both GCC campuses during the month of May. His constant labor of love for Christ and His Church are a mainstay in our family of faith.
- Thanks to the following GCC servants who “keep on keeping on” in various capacities week after week and month after month. In addition to our Church /Staff of
- -KITTY BEVERLY – SEC. / FIN. / ADM.,
- -KAREN CRADIC – CHILDREN’S DIRECTOR, and
- -ETHEL BUSICK – OUTREACH / INREACH ASS’T, those include...
- -LISA DARNELL [Butterbean auction – 3rd Tuesdays]
- -WAYNE DARNELL, TONY TIPTON, JOIE KERNS [Lawn and Grounds Maintenance]
- -JENNIFER STARNES [Missions Bulletin Board]
- -JANICE HILL [Adult Sunday School Teacher]
- -KAY COOK, PATTY TURNER, ROBERT THOMPSON, JEFF ARRINGTON [Inventory and Transport of Items for Local Missions]
- -KITTY BEVERLY, JAMIE ABERNATHY, JENNIFER STARNES, BRIAN BROOKS, JORDAN ARRINGTON [Technology and Media Support]
- -BOBBY COOK [Hope Haven Transportation]
- Thanks without end to the entire GCC FAMILY OF FAITH. The brotherhood and sisterhood shared throughout has created a powerfully unified fellowship. The presence of each one and everyone is endeared by each one and everyone. Jesus lives in us all to the glory of God.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers (and sisters) to dwell together in unity.” (Ps. 133:1)