

ELDERS AND DEACONS...

Elders Meeting

September 13th
Tuesday—6 pm

Board Meeting

September 13th
Tuesday—6:30 pm

[Both Meetings at the American Way Campus]

LADIES CIRCLES....

Adelphai Circle

September 8th
Thursday - 6 pm
Lunch at The Chop House afterward

Dorcas Circle

September 13th
Tuesday - 10 am

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

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES....



FISH FRY (at the church)

September 17th
Saturday—4 pm

Wayne will fry up a mess of fish; everyone else brings sides, drinks, desserts.
[Everyone Invited]



SUPPER OUTING

to
“KITCHEN AT GRACE MEADOWS”
in
Jonesborough, TN

October 8th
Saturday
[Meet at Church, 4 pm]

Everyone is invited to join in the fun and fellowship of these GCC membership development activities. Also, everyone is encouraged to invite neighbors, friends, and family to join with us.

“BUTTERBEAN AUCTION”



September 20th
Tuesday—1 p.m.



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]

It's with a thankful heart I write this note to everyone to thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls.

*Thank you Ed for all your visits. I am blessed to have a church family that loves the Lord.
God bless you all,
Charlotte Clevinger*

*Thank you so much for the birthday cards. I am so thankful you thought of me.
I miss and love you all.*

Jean Carr

MISSIONS UPDATE

The missions emphasis for July and August was “The Oasis Women’s Ministry of Kingsport”. An SUV full of donated laundry detergent and fabric softener was delivered to the Oasis facility on Monday, August 29th.

Also in August Kay Cook reported that 107 individual snack items were delivered to the Ballad HV “Hospitality Snack Cart”. Jeff Arrington reported that our Sullivan County Jail Ministry “Bars of Soap” inventory is 519 (We need 1000+ by the first of December); and Robert Thompson reported that we are now resuming the “Clorox / Lysol Wipes Supply” collection for AJS. Containers for donated items are located in the fellowship hall.

In addition to the aforementioned, GCC continues to support 5 missions on a monthly basis and 8 missions on a rotating basis.

Be sure to check out the missions board in the fellowship hall. It is regularly updated by Jennifer Starnes.

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One of those monthly supported missions is the Sullivan County Jail Ministry affiliated with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. We are blessed to have on the calendar an update report by Chaplain Kent Pugh on Sunday, September 25th at 6 pm.

### \*MISSIONS QUOTE\*

“Missions is not the province of a few enthusiasts or a sideline specialty of some,  
It is the distinctive mark of being a Christian”.  
[by James S. Stewart, 1896-1990]

## SULLIVAN COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY UPDATE REPORT

With  
Chaplain Kent Pugh  
On  
September 25th  
Sunday—6 pm



## TEENS & 'TWEENS OUTING

### “FALL AT THE PHILLIPPE FARM”

In Chuckey, TN

The evening will include fun, food, and games among which will be farm rides, apple bobbing, hotdogs and roasted marshmallows around the fire pit.

Friday, October 28th  
Departure from the church will be at 5 pm.

Save the date! Don't miss the fun!



## EDUCATION UPDATE

This year's "Hullabaloo" is scheduled for Monday, October 31st, beginning at 5:30 pm. It will once again be a "Drive-Thru / Walk-Thru" event. Treat bags will be distributed until all the bags are given out. Volunteers are needed to staff the event and to prepare 300+ treat bags on Thursday, October 27th at 1 pm. Donations of candy are being received from now until the treat bag preparations. Thanks ahead of time for helping with these needs.

Also, on Friday, October 28th there will be a Teens & Tweens outing for "Fall at the Phillippe Farm" in Chuckey, TN. Departure from the church will be at 5 pm. Parents and young people watch, look, and listen for more details.

Regular weekly Christian education opportunities at GCC include the following:

- SUN. AM—Sunday School, 10 am
- Children's Church, 11 am
- SUN. PM—Grace Cadets, 6 pm
- WED. PM—Grace Cadets, 6 pm

For information about Christian Education at GCC you may contact Elizabeth Winegar, Children's Director at (423) 530-0601 or winegarelizabeth@gmail.com

## GRACE CADETS



### September Theme: Falling for Jesus



## "FIRST THINGS FIRST" Fall Preaching Mission

October 2-5, 2022  
Sunday – Wednesday  
6 pm each evening



### PREACHING MISSION SCHEDULE

| <u>DATE</u>    | <u>HOST</u>              | <u>PREACHER</u>              | <u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>     |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Oct. 2 [Sun.]  | First Christian          | Bob Underwood                | Indian Springs Christian |
| Oct. 3 [Mon.]  | Grace Christian          | Phip Sams                    | LifeBridge Christian     |
| Oct. 4 [Tues.] | Indian Springs Christian | Scott Plyler                 | Morrison City Christian  |
| Oct. 5 [Wed.]  | LifeBridge Christian     | Ed Clevinger<br>Mike Beverly | First Christian          |

### PREACHING MISSION SERMONS

| <u>DATE</u>    | <u>SERMON</u>                                       | <u>PREACHER</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Oct. 2 [Sun.]  | "The First Day" (Gen. 1:1-5)                        | Bob Underwood   |
| Oct. 3 [Mon.]  | "Seek Ye First" (Mt. 6:33)                          | Phip Sams       |
| Oct. 4 [Tues.] | "The First (and Greatest) Commandment" Mt. 22:34-40 | Scott Plyler    |
| Oct. 5 [Wed.]  | "First Place" (Phil. 1:18)                          | Ed Clevinger    |
|                | "I Am The First (and The Last)" (Rev. 1:17, 22:13)  | Mike Beverly    |

## **graceFULLY-noted**

- Thanks to our worship leaders for the month of August. Those included JOY ODOM (Aug. 7), HENRY FUNKHOUSER (Aug. 14), KAY COOK (Aug. 21) and GARY BEVERLY (Aug. 28). Much appreciation to these servants who helped us commence each Lord's Day to proclaim our mutually shared faith.
- Thanks to the GCC PRAISE TEAM for their leadership in the ministry of music. Led by VICKI CLEVINGER, LILY WISE-PIANIST, PATTY TURNER, and KAY COOK, the Praise Team prepares and practices every week for Sunday morning worship services. For the month of August, special music included "How Great Thou Art" with solo by Patty Turner (Aug. 14), "God Is So Good" (Aug. 21), and "I Call To The Lord" (Aug. 28). The commitment of our Praise Team is so much appreciated. Their music-leadership bears weekly witness of the Gospel in song, inspiring one and all to praise God.
- Thanks to VICKI CLEVINGER for organizing the "Bring Your Pals to Pal's" Catered-Lunch on Sunday, August 7th. Much appreciation to her and EVERYONE for bringing plenty of 'sides' and dessert items to share. Also lots of help with set-up and clean-up was an enormous contribution. We are so grateful to one and all. In addition, Sunday, August 7th was also "LILY WISE APPRECIATION DAY". Lily's weekly service as the GCC pianist is an awesome blessing. Lily has now been with us for over a year and is continuing as our pianist along with pursuing higher education at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Words are not enough to express gratitude to Lily for her commitment to the ministry of music at GCC. Her hard work, excellent musicianship, and humble service are a 'God-Send'. Be sure to thank Lily each week for loving Christ, Grace Christian, and all of us. Indeed, GCC loves Lily Wise. She is a vital part of our church family and our weekly spiritual enrichment. May the Lord richly bless her studies, her travel, and her ongoing service at the piano keyboard.
- Thanks to MAKAYLAH GARNER for hosting the "After-Church Lunch" for Hope Haven residents on Sunday, August 28th. Much appreciation to MaKaylah and all those who monthly prepare and serve meals to extend Christian hospitality in witness to the love of Christ.
- Thanks to BOBBY COOK and HENRY FUNKHOUSER for providing transportation to Hope Haven residents and others often multiple times a week. Their service to Christ and His Kingdom through this ministry is helping many to remain connected with a church family and to be supported in their spiritual walk.
- Thanks to GARY AND KITTY BEVERLY for preparing the fellowship hall for our "Old Fashion" Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, August 31st. Also thanks to EVERYONE for sharing an abundance of delicious "comfort food" items and helping with clean-up afterward. There's nothing like GCC fellowship, friendship, familyship, food, and fun. It is a winning combination every time!
- GCC prayers of grateful praise are extended for the safe arrival of HOLLY GRACE PHILLIPS. Holly was born to Kelly & Alicia Phillips on Friday, August 19th at Franklin Woods Hospital in Johnson City, TN. Holly is the granddaughter of our own Carolyn Phillips. May "grace-full outpourings" bless Holly Grace and the wonderful Christian family who welcomes her arrival.
- Thanks to JANICE HILL for continuing to teach the Adult Sunday School Class. Her weekly preparation and presentation of the Standard Lesson Curriculum is a great blessing to every student. Much appreciation to Janice for her ongoing commitment to this important ministry.
- Thanks to GARY BEVERLY for upgrade work on the baptistry handrail. It is now in a recessed position creating more clearance for ascending and descending the steps. Also thanks to LARRY MOORE for completing plumbing and electrical repairs at the American Way Campus. Gary's and Larry's labor to keep our two campus buildings in good repair are so much appreciated and so helpful for our budget.
- Thanks to MCKINLEY CALDWELL for donating a large number of books for our Grace Cadets and Children's Church ministries. His generosity provides a welcome addition to our children's ministry resources.
- Thanks to KITTY BEVERLY for subbing to lead the "Butterbean Auction" on Tuesday, August 16th. And the fun continues....!

## graceFULLY-noted—continued

- Thanks to WAYNE DARNELL and TONY TIPTON for their summer-long work mowing, trimming, and pruning to keep two GCC campuses looking good. Their commitment to this task is a shining example of sacrificial love for and service to Christ and His Church.
- Thanks to JOIE KERNS for the weekly detailing of our walkways and entry areas to keep our comings and goings at the church safe, clean, and neat. We so much appreciate Joie’s attention to this important part of our house and groundskeeping.
- Thanks to ETHEL BUSICK for her ongoing outreach ministry labor of love. The calls, cards, and visits are so important to keep our fellowship and familyship strong.
- Congratulations to MICHAEL BEVERLY (Gary & Kitty Beverly’s grandson) who recently achieved Trail Life USA’s highest honor. Michael became the first ‘Trailman’ in Troop 633-TN to earn the prestigious “Freedom Award”. Since the founding of Trail Life USA, a Christian boys adventuring organization, he is one of only six young men to earn this award in the “Overmountain Area” of this national organization which has troops in forty out of fifty states, including Alaska and Hawaii. The Freedom Award is understood to be the equivalent to the Eagle rank in Boy Scouts of America.
- Thanks to the ADELPHAI CIRCLE for sponsoring the two-month long mission collection of laundry detergent and fabric softener for the ‘Oasis Women’s Ministry’. Much appreciation to all GCCers for a wonderfully large outpouring of items. Also, thanks to numerous circle ladies for preparing and delivering meals. They were received with a bounty of thanksgiving.
- Thanks to JENNIFER STARNES for keeping GCC informed and enlightened about the GCC missions program. Her features on the fellowship hall missions board are always creative and current. So much appreciation to Jennifer for attending to this vital aspect of our congregation life.
- Thanks to KAY COOK, PATTY TURNER, JEFF ARRINGTON, and ROBERT THOMPSON for their ongoing service to provide logistical support for the inventory and delivery of items collected for our various local missions. Their commitment, along with that of so many contributors, is a source of blessing for countless souls.
- Thanks to our ‘TECH TEAM QUARTET’ of KITTY BEVERLY (PowerPoint), JAMIE ABERNATHY (PowerPoint backup and audio assistance), VICKI CLEVINGER (videographer), and BRIAN BROOKS (Webmaster) for covering all the bases of our technology needs at GCC. Kitty, Jamie, Vicki, and Brian are a “Fab Four” par excellent.
- Thanks to all GCCers for their commitment to be a true family of faith. The service of each one and everyone is a powerful witness of the Body of Christ sharing life and faith together.

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### NOTE FROM ED:

Thanks so much to Edward Thompson for choosing me for his school ‘award project’. The certificate he made at school and presented to me to Sunday, August 21st, is a life treasure. I appreciate it more than words can express. All the best to Edward for all the times ahead.

In Christ,

*Ed*



### GEMS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOREBEARS

“Consider that all who are justified and made righteous before God are made so by one common righteousness—not every man by his own, but by a common stock of righteousness that lies in One. As many were made sinners by the offense of one Adam, so many are made righteous by the obedience of another. This leads us unto Christ for righteousness... So this point of our being righteous by the righteousness of Christ is the vein of the Gospel and here lies the vein of life”.

[by Obadiah Grew, 1607-1689; in The Lord Our Righteousness, 1669, pp 27-28]