

All of these advances can be interpreted as consistent with, “What hath God wrought?!” in like sign of the Pentecost miracle. The Lord has placed an unmistakable premium on the Gospel being proclaimed and understood across the miles and over the ages, as Jesus said, “From Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and even unto the uttermost parts of the earth” (Acts 1:8). And for the work to proceed, God has repeatedly entrusted amazing technological means to the stewardship of evangelical purpose. Of course, there is always a predictable pushback against a worldview that interprets history and its artifacts as serving the cause of Christ. The secular worldview wants every achievement harnessed and owned for this world’s sake. What the world accepts not is that all is ultimately and finally intended for God’s glory.

As we continue GROWING IN GRACE together, let us affirm and reaffirm a Christian worldview that well knows the kingdom of this world will be – yes, already has been – subjugated to the Kingdom of God. To be sure, everything of and in this world is, one way or another, in service to God’s great priority and end time sign revealed by Jesus: “The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to the nations, and then the end will come” (Mt. 24:14). And that very end is recorded in Revelation 11:15 as the 7th Angel proclaims, “The Kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” May those with eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to know, and hearts to understand clearly discern “What hath God wrought?!” Samuel Morse got it in 1844. God help us to always get it as well.

Everything for Him,

*Ed*

## ELDERS AND DEACONS...

### Elders / Board Meeting

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday—6 pm

[American Way Campus]



## LADIES CIRCLES....

### Adelphai Circle

Meeting

May 9th

Thursday – 6 pm



### Dorcas Circle

Meeting

May 14th

Tuesday – 10:30 am

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

## “BUTTERBEAN AUCTION”



May 21<sup>st</sup>

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]

# THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

**“SISTERS IN  
CHRIST”  
LADIES TEA**

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May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday – 1 pm  
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\*All Ladies Invited\*

**MOTHERS DAY**

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May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday – 11 am  
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\*All Ladies Honored\*



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

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May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday – 11 am  
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\*All Graduates Recognized\*

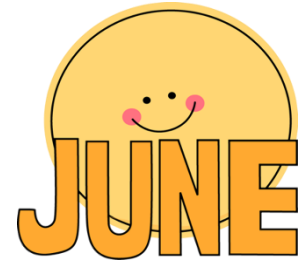
**POTLUCK  
FELLOWSHIP  
MEAL**

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May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday – 6 pm  
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\*Everyone Invited\*

# THE JOLLY MONTH OF JUNE

- **“OUT TO EAT”** at Golden Corral – June 8 (Sat.) at 5 pm
- **FATHERS DAY** – June 16 (Sun.) at 11 am
- **JOHN & BEV LEONARD**  
w/ Baptist Mid-Missions “Brazil Update” – June 23 (Sun.) at 6 pm



**GEMS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOREBEARS**

“Take no thought for tomorrow. Tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own”  
(Mt. 6:34).



“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength; it is carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn’t empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength”.

[by Corrie ten Boom, 1892-1983; from Clippings From My Notebook, 1982]

## CARDS & LETTERS

Dear Grace Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers for Chad while he was being treated for cancer. We know God has heard, and continues to hear our prayers and yours. Chad has recovered from surgery, completed chemotherapy, and continues to improve. Thanks again. May God bless you all.

Chad and Pamela Lyons  
(Marcia & Ruth's friends in Florida)

## MISSIONS UPDATE

The Grace Christian Church missions portfolio includes the financial/prayer support of 12 missions. Four are supported monthly and 8 are supported on a rotating basis. In addition, donated items are 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".

Other missions news include the following:

- Father-Son Team, Trevor and Rankin Burress, shared an update on their mission work in Honduras at our evening service on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The entire Burress Family has been involved in the Central American work for over 2 years. GCC has followed their involvement with enthusiasm and interest. We look forward to hearing about their future work as additional terms of service have already been planned.
- The Adelphai Circle is sponsoring a summer "Cans of Soup Drive". The soup will be distributed to various soup kitchens in the area. Thanks ahead of time for your support. Watch, look and listen for more details.
- For our evening service on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, GCC is blessed to be included on the furlough missions report schedule of John & Bev Leonard w/ Baptist Mid-Missions. John and Bev are veterans of the mission field in Brazil and have faithfully served even in the face of persecution. Their work is compelling, so save the date. May God guard and guide John & Bev as they continue serving in the strong grip of His grace.

## \*MISSIONS QUOTE\*

"Missions are not the ultimate goal of the church; worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't".  
[by John Piper – in "Let The Nations Be Glad, 1992 / 2022"]



## GRACE CADETS

We have a great bunch of loving kids who enjoy learning about Jesus!  
All children are invited to come be a part of our Grace Cadets group.

Contact Karen Cradic for more info:

Home Phone # 423-245-4273

Cell #: 423-367-4756

Email: [cradicbkaren@gmail.com](mailto:cradicbkaren@gmail.com)

## graceFULLY-noted

- Thanks to our worship leaders for the month of April. Much appreciation to PAULA KEITH (April 7), HENRY FUNKHOUSER (April 14), PATTY TURNER (April 21), and JANICE COBB (April 28) for helping us commence our morning services with the resonating sound of our mutually shared faith.
- Thanks to the GCC PRAISE TEAM for their weekly service to prepare and share special music for our Lord's Day worship. Selections for April included "Be Thou My Vision" (April 7), "Day By Day" (April 14), "Come Now and Praise His Name" (Apr. 21), and "The King of Who I Am" (Apr. 28). With LILY WISE, PIANIST at the Kawai Baby Grand, the Praise Team's music leadership is superb!
- GCC prayers of grateful praise are extended for the decision of PAULA KEITH to place her membership at Grace Christian Church on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. A big GCC warm welcome to Paula. Please add to your church directories her address:  
Paula Keith  
1120 Belmont Circle  
Kingsport, TN 37664
- Thanks to TREVOR BURRESS and RANKIN BURRESS for sharing an update on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> about their most recent mission work in Honduras. Their service to Christ is clearly bearing fruit in Central America and GCC has been so blessed to follow each part of the progress for the last two years. Much appreciation to the entire Burress Family for continuing to serve and for keeping us posted about the journey.
- Thanks to GARY BEVERLY for working full-time throughout April for attending to and assisting with contractor work at both GCC campuses. The baptistery and water fountain plumbing work at East Sevier is complete as well as the sewer line replacement at American Way. He has also overseen and helped with repairs to the two rental properties. In addition, Gary has been hard at work pruning the Crepe Myrtles around the East Sevier parking lot. Be sure to express your appreciation to Gary for keeping Jesus and GCC the top priority in his daily life.
- GCC congratulations to TAYLOR RIGSBY who was awarded the Dorman G. Stout, Jr. "Student Leadership Scholarship" at ETSU. What a great accomplishment! Shout-outs to Taylor!
- Thanks to all GCCers for an outpoured sharing of delicious food, dessert, and drink items at the "potluck" Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Food and fellowship at GCC always combine for a sensational family of faith experience!
- 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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]..... There are, of course, numerous other GCCers serving in a multitude of ways to get things done, to make things work, to keep things going, to sustain things strong and to carry things forward. Everyone is better because of each one doing a part. As Paul says, "To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (I Cor. 12:7). Thanks and thanks again for expressing this Biblical model so faithfully.