

greater, higher, deeper, richer, fuller, and freer than life in this world offers. These chaotic times beg for the Good News heraldry of the early church.....A Christian would greet a brother or sister with, “He is risen!” The brother or sister would then respond, “He is risen indeed!” That is the “living hope’ which transcends a lost and dying world.

Because He Lives,

*Ed*

**ELDERS AND DEACONS...**

**Elders Meeting**  
 April 12th  
 Tuesday—6 pm

**Board Meeting**  
 April 12th  
 Tuesday—6:30 pm

[Both Meetings at the American Way Campus]

**LADIES CIRCLES....**

**Adelphai Circle**  
 April 7th  
 Thursday—6 pm

**Dorcas Circle**  
 April 12th  
 Tuesday—10 am

[NOTE: Meeting is week earlier for April]

Lunch afterward at Riverfront Seafood

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

**“BUTTERBEAN AUCTION”**



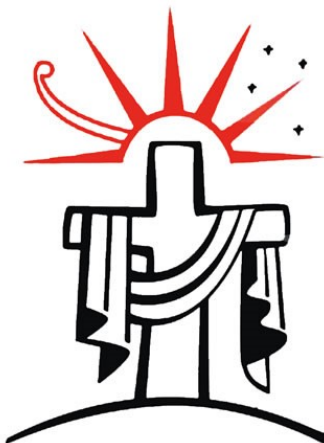
April 19th  
 Tuesday—1 p.m.



\*Everyone invited!\*

[For more info, contact “Butterbean Auctioneer” Lisa Darnell at (423) 782-0963]

**EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE....**



- April 10 [Sun.] Palm Sunday 11 am
- April 13 [Wed.] NO S.A.L.T. Bible Study
- April 15 [Fri.] Good Friday Service 6 pm
- April 16 [Sat.] “EGG-Stravaganza” 2-4 pm
- April 17 [Sun.] Easter Breakfast 10 am  
(No Sunday School)
- April 17 [Sun.] Resurrection Sunday 11 am
- April 17 [Sun.] No Praise Team Practice  
And NO Sun. pm Service

**HE IS RISEN!**

## LADIES SPRING TEA

Fill my cup, Lord



May 7th  
Saturday—1-3 pm



\*All ladies invited\*  
[Wear your favorite hat!]

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

### Review....

The Adult Sunday School Class continued in March. Carolyn Phillips and Janice Hill serve as the adult teachers. Additional classes will be added for youth / children as the need arises.

The March theme for Grace Cadets was “March Madness”. The March activity for Root 2:7 Youth was a “Middle School Youth Rally” on Friday, March 11th.

As always, Grace Cadets continue meeting on Sundays and Wednesdays at 6 pm. Children’s Church is available on Sunday mornings at 11.

### Preview....

Coming up on April 16th, the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the “EGG-Stravaganza”, 2-4 pm. Elizabeth Winegar, Children’s Director, has planned an Easter egg hunt, a lesson, crafts, games, and refreshments. All children are invited. Baskets for the hunt will be provided.

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For additional information about class offerings or volunteer opportunities please contact:

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- Elizabeth Winegar [Children’s Director] - (423) 967-7366 or winegarelizabeth@gmail.com



## GEMS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOREBEARS

“The primary plan was that those twelve men who had been with Jesus all of His public ministry and who were eyewitness of His death and burial and who had seen Him after His resurrection, talked with Him, and touched him—that they should continually give a firsthand testimony that Christ had really risen from the dead.... They had seen the resurrected Savior and insisted on telling everyone, everywhere.... May God grant that we too will be faithful witnesses of the resurrected Savior whom we have met and who has shown His power in our lives.”

[by John R. Rice, 1895—1980; from “The Importance of Christ’s Resurrection “ (sermon); in Great Preaching On The Resurrection, pp 56-57, 1984]

## MISSIONS UPDATE

### REVIEW....

The Agape Women's Services "Baby Bottle Project" concluded on Sunday, March 6th. On Monday, March 7th, Vicki Clevinger delivered the money-filled bottles to the AWS site in Johnson City. GCC generosity allowed us to donate \$944.37, along with a supply of baby clothes and blankets. [See attached "Thank-You" from AWS].

In March Kay Cook and Patty Turner delivered 197 individual snack items to HV Ballard and Jeff Arrington reported the soap count at 434. Donations of "Clorox / Lysol Wipes" continue to be received in the fellowship hall container and will be delivered by Robert Thompson as it is filled.

The "After-Church Lunch" for Hope Haven residents was held on Sunday, March 27th. The hosts were Patty Turner and Vicki Clevinger with assistance from Kay Cook, Bobby Cook, Rose Lane, and Henry Funkhouser.

Also in March and continuing until Sunday, April 10th, individually-wrapped candy items are being received for the April 16th "EGG-Stravaganza." Since this includes a printed Easter message and is extended as outreach, there is a blended mission and education emphasis in view. [See also Education Update].

On Sunday, March 27th, GCC was blessed to hear a wonderful presentation by Trevor Burress regarding missions in Honduras. His shared experience was so educational and enlightening for one and all. We will be sure to have Trevor back, following his next trip.

### PREVIEW....

GCC will continue supporting the aforementioned local missions as well as the thirteen missions that are part of our missions portfolio of support. Five of those are supported monthly; eight on a rotating basis.

### NOTE...

Remember to check out the missions bulletin board in the fellowship hall. For March-April, Jennifer Starnes has displayed publicity about our April 16th "EGG-Stravaganza". [Ref. the "Review" paragraph above.]

## \*MISSIONS QUOTE\*

"When Jesus became the Risen Lord, He summarized His own preaching in its missionary intention:

'You shall be my witnesses.... unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8)'. "

[by Herbert Lockyer, 1886-1984; from "Meditation For Annual Missionary Day", p. 179;  
in All The Holy Days and Holidays, 1968]

*Good morning,*

*We are pleased to share that we have totaled up your church's baby bottles.*

*This year, Grace Christian donated \$944.37 for Agape Women's Services!!*

*We are so thankful for your commitment to help us love and serve well. Thank you so very much for caring about our mission.*

*Please let us know if we can serve your church family in any way. We would appreciate your prayers as we continue to serve and share the love of Jesus.*

*We appreciate you,*

*Beth—Lisa—Liesl—Christie (Agape Women's Services)*

## graceFULLY-noted

- Thanks to our worship leaders for the month of March. ELIZABETH WINEGAR (Mar. 6), CAROLYN PHILLIPS (Mar. 13), LARRY MOORE (Mar. 20), and JIM DENNISON (Mar. 27) helped us begin each Lord's Day gathering with the sound of our shared faith confessed to the glory of God.
- Thanks to our PRAISE TEAM for sharing their music ministry to set the tone of worship, week after week. Special music for March included "Have a Little Talk With Jesus" (Mar. 6), "Keeper and Sustainer" (Mar. 13), "Bring Back the Springtime" with solo by Patty Turner (Mar. 20), and "Days of Elijah" with narrated intro by Patty Turner (Mar. 27). The Praise Team is led by VICKI CLEVINGER, LILY WISE, KAY COOK, and PATTY TURNER. The hours of preparation and practice by our entire Praise Team is so much appreciated.
- Thanks to all the participants who led various parts of our Ash Wednesday Service on March 2nd. Those included KAY COOK, JOSH LAWSON, KAYE TIPTON, GARY BEVERLY, HENRY FUNKHOUSER, and VICKI CLEVINGER. The readings, poems, prayers, and mini-lessons conveyed the 'just-right' perspective to turn our hearts and minds toward the great themes of Christian faith as we journey toward Easter.
- Thanks to LISA DARNELL for her leadership of the monthly "Butterbean Auction". Her preparation, organization, and "auctioneer-ation" create fun and fellowship the third Tuesday of each month. Also much appreciation to those who continue donating items for auction.
- Thanks to PATTY TURNER and VICKI CLEVINGER for preparing, serving, and hosting the Hope Haven "After-Church Lunch" on Sunday, March 27th. Also thanks to KAY COOK, ROSE LANE, BOBBY COOK, and HENRY FUNKHOUSER for their assistance. The Christian hospitality extended each month by our hosts and hostesses are truly a 'God-send'. Thanks to BOBBY COOK for his transportation ministry extended multiple times a week to the Hope Haven residents and beyond. His servant's heart to help in this capacity has provided opportunities for worship and fellowship to so many. GCC is truly grateful for Bobby's service.
- Thanks to ETHEL BUSICK for working to keep lines of outreach communication flowing. We appreciate her willingness to "keep on keeping on".
- Thanks to CAROLYN PHILLIPS and JANICE HILL for preparing and sharing most excellent lessons for our adult Sunday School class.
- Thanks to our team of 'Local Ministry Logisticians' who serve monthly to gather, organize, and transport donation items to various ministries. Those include KAY COOK and PATTY TURNER (Ballad HV "Hospitality Snack Cart"), ROBERT THOMPSON (AJS "Lysol / Clorox Wipe Supply"), and JEFF ARRINGTON (Sullivan Co. Jail Ministry "1000 Bars of Soap"). Also thanks to those who donate items.
- Thanks to JOIE KERNS for his weekly service to keep our walkway and entrance areas detailed and debris-free.
- Thanks to TREVOR BURRESS for sharing his Honduras mission experience with GCC on Sunday, March 27th. His most excellent presentation was full of insight and inspiration about ministry in Central America. May God multiply the seeds of service Trevor planted and fill his life with missionary blessing.
- Thanks to JENNIFER STARNES for attending to the missions bulletin board for our education and enlightenment about the GCC missions program. Be sure to thank Jennifer for keeping us mission-reminded.

- Thanks to the MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE for sponsoring the “Soup / Salad / Bread” 5th Wednesday Fellowship Meal on March 30th. The food was fabulous and the fellowship was fantabulous. Much appreciation to WAYNE & LISA DARNELL for their organizational leadership and to everyone who pitched in to set up and clean up. Also, many thanks to EVERYONE for sharing plenteous portions of food and dessert items.
- Thanks to HENRY FUNKHOUSER for sharing his wonderful acapella rendition of “The King Is Comin” on Sunday, March 27th. It was the perfect exclamation point to conclude the day’s theme.
- Thanks to GARY BEVERLY for his ongoing work to plan, schedule, and meet contractors for various work at our two campuses. Most recently that included the annual city inspection of the backflow valve at our American Way campus. Much appreciation to Gary for attending to so many needs and details at GCC.
- Thanks to KITTY BEVERLY for keeping our worship services so well supported with prompts, images, pictures, and graphics. Her media arts ministry is a vital component of our weekly gatherings. So when you look at the screen be sure to remember that hours of prep-work precede the viewing. Much appreciation to Kitty for serving to provide this essential resource.
- Thanks to THAD NOTO for keeping the church website current and creative. Thad’s worth as the GCC webmaster is key to our internet presence as well as an important tool for inreach and outreach. Shout-outs to Thad for his commitment to this ministry.
- Thanks to WAYNE DARNELL and TONY TIPTON who have already begun the seasonal task of mowing and caring for the landscapes of the church properties (Sevier Street property, American Way property, Oakdale House, and 2 rental houses). That’s a LOT of mowing! We appreciate these hard-working men.
- As always there is a host of GCCers who are working in countless ways to meet every need of the church. Their service is evident because everything is being done as a labor of love. So thanks to ONE AND ALL for “being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part” (Eph. 4:16b).

