

ELDERS MEETING

October 13th
Tuesday – 6 pm
[American Way Campus]



LADIES CIRCLES

Adelphai Circle
October 8th
Thursday – 6 pm



Dorcas Circle Meeting
October 13th
Tuesday – 10:30 am
Lunch at Eggs Up Grill

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

BUTTERBEAN AUCTION



October 20th
Tuesday – 1 pm

Everyone invited!

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

GEMS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOREBEARS

“Every day of our lives we shall choose between selfishness and unselfishness. But the big decision to let Christ rather than self rule makes all the smaller decisions easier. This is the ‘taking up of our cross daily’ Jesus spoke of (ref. Lk. 9:23”.

[By Catherine Marshall, 1914-1983;
from Beyond Our Selves, 1961,
pp. 186-187]

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

As October arrives, so do plans for our “Hullabaloo” on Saturday, October 31st at 6 pm ff. This yearly event has a hybrid emphasis with overlap between missions and education. Candy and small trinket items are now being collected in the fellowship hall. These will be placed in treat bags along with Christian-themed items on Friday October 30th at 1 pm. Volunteers are needed to prepare approximately 300 bags. Help is also needed for the “Hullabaloo” event itself on Saturday. Specific help includes bag distribution, traffic control, prop set-up / take-down, and cheerful welcoming.

The regular schedule of Christian Education and children/youth ministry opportunities at GCC continues into the fall season. Note the following:

- Adult/Children Sunday School [10 am]
- Children’s Church [11 am]
- Grace Cadets [Sun./Wed. – 6 pm]

Sunday services at GCC meet at 11 am and 6 pm. Wednesday S.A.L.T. Bible Study meets at 6 pm.

Be sure to include Christian education as a weekly priority. Learning together results in growing together. Growing together means becoming like Jesus. As Scripture exhorts....

“Long for the spiritual milk (and meat) of the Word,
that by it you may grow up into salvation” (I Peter 2:2).



GRACE CADETS NEWS

October has arrived, and there is a lot happening with the Grace Cadets! We are excited about the upcoming **Hullabaloo!** We're looking forward to a fun time together filled with laughter, fellowship, and plenty of fall excitement. Events like this are a great reminder that growing in faith also means growing together as a community and creating memories that our kids can carry with them.

We've continued our journey through Scripture by looking at the early years of Jesus' life and the people and stories that helped shape the history surrounding His arrival. Along the way, we've been making connections to the lives of **Jacob, Joseph, and Moses**, discovering how God can work through generations, through unexpected circumstances, and even through imperfect people to accomplish His purposes. It has been exciting to see our kids make connections between these stories and recognize that God's plan is often much bigger than what we can see in the moment.

And believe it or not, we're already looking ahead to Christmas! Plans are underway for this year's Christmas Program and the kids are already excited about what they have been coming up with. One of the things I love most about our children and youth ministry is watching our kids take ownership of what they are learning and finding ways to share it with others. I can't wait for everyone to see what they have been working on!

As we move through the fall and toward the holiday season, thank you for continuing to support, encourage, and pray for the Grace Cadets. Every activity, lesson, conversation, and gathering is another opportunity to help our young people grow in faith and discover their place in God's story. There is still so much ahead, and I'm excited to see where God leads us next!

-Adam- 423-607-0715 or abmccloud@gmail.com

MISSIONS UPDATE

The regular missions program at GCC continues with a supported portfolio of 14 missions. Five are supported monthly and 9 on a rotating basis. A full list of these 14 is published weekly on the announcements/prayer list insert included in the Sunday bulletin. In addition to the aforementioned, 3 local missions are regularly supported via donated items. The status of those for June is as follows:

- Kay Cook reported delivery of 503 individual snack items to the Ballad-HV "Hospitality Snack Cart";
- Jeff Arrington reported that our current soap inventory stands at 1023 bars as we continue pressing onward toward our goal of 1200+ bars. The bars of soap are due to be delivered to the Sullivan County Jail Ministry the first part of December. They will be included in "Hope Bags" distributed to inmates and jail employees during the Christmas season.
- Robert Thompson reported that Clorox/Lysol wipes will be held in inventory until the next delivery to Andrew Johnson School.

As we come to the last quarter of 2026, the next inclusions on our missions calendar are 5-fold:

- The "Walk-Thru/Drive-Tru Hullabaloo" event has a missions component via community outreach. The treat bags will include a letter as well as some items that are specifically faith-based. The "Hullabaloo" will be on Saturday, October 31st beginning at 6 pm.
- The "Warm Tree" will once again be placed in the fellowship hall in November. Gloves, scarves, socks, etc. may be placed on the tree. At the end of the Christmas Season, collected items will be donated to a mission (to be announced) for distribution.
- GCC will once again participate in the Samaritan's Purse "Christmas Child Shoebox" mission. More information will be published soon.
- On January 17th, ladies from "Recovering Soldiers Ministry" in Elizabethton will lead, report, and share for our Sunday evening service at 6 pm.
- In conjunction with "Sanctity of Life Sunday" on January 24th, GCC will once again participate in the Agape Women's Services "Baby Bottle Fundraiser / Baby Clothes and Blankets Collection". More details will be forthcoming at the beginning of the new year.

In the remaining 3 months of 2026, GCC's missions program continues as a primary emphasis. Thanks for supporting the same with interest, enthusiasm, and hands-on participation. Special thanks to Jennifer Starnes for graciously attending to our home missions outreach and to our missions board in the fellowship hall.

MISSIONS QUOTE

"If a man [ie., God] would actually give his own son [ie., Jesus] to his enemies [ie., sinners], that man could be trusted."
(Those were the words of Indonesian Missionary Ron Richardson to the Savi people of New Guinea)

Coming Up in OCTOBER....

FALL PREACHING MISSION

October 18-21
6 pm each evening

PREACHING MISSION SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Special Music</u>
Oct. 18 (Sun.)	Indian Springs Chr.	Aaron Tyree	Morrison City Chr.
Oct. 19 (Mon.)	Belvue Chr.	Bob Underwood	Grace Chr.
Oct. 20 (Tues.)	Morrison City Chr.	Ed Clevinger	Indian Springs Chr.
Oct. 21 (Wed.)	*Grace Chr.	Mike Beverly	Belvue Chr.

PREACHING MISSION SERMONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
Oct. 18 (Sun.)	“Be Still and Know: The Sound of Silence” (Psalm 46:10)	Aaron Tyree
Oct. 19 (Mon.)	“Be Still and Listen: Turn Up The Quiet” (I Kings 19:9-15)	Bob Underwood
Oct. 20 (Tues.)	“Be Still and Chill: R-n-R with Jesus” (Mark 6:30-32)	Ed Clevinger
Oct. 21 (Wed.)	“Be Still and Learn: Sit and Listen (Luke 10:38-42)	Mike Beverly

*NOTE: GCC will host a reception of finger foods and light refreshments following the service.

**Walk-Thru / Drive-Thru
“HULLABALOO”**

October 31st
Saturday
6 – 8 pm



NOTE: Volunteers are needed to prepare treat bags on Thursday October 30th at 1 pm and to staff the “Hullabaloo” event on Saturday, October 31st beginning at 5:30 pm.
*Candy to go in the treat bags is now being collected. For more information about helping with or donating to the “Hullabaloo” you may contact Lucy Bush or Suzanne Jeter.

CARDS & LETTERS

*Dear Grace Christian Church,
Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts.
God has blessed me!
Laura Gresh*

Grace Christian Church,
You didn't have to, but we are so glad
you did. The snacks you provided to the Holston
Valley family surgery waiting area were truly
appreciated.

“Tiny acts of kindness equal massive
impacts.”

Thank you,
Kingsport Market Volunteer Services





"The crinch crunch of leaves on the walk means..."

....IT'S NOVEMBER! [Lia Leendertz, 2024]



**SENIOR CHRISTIANS / VETERANS
APPRECIATION
CATERED-LUNCH**

November 8th
Sunday
[After AM Service]

Everyone Invited!

VETERANS DAY – obs.

November 8th
Sunday

Morning Service Tribute
11 am
Evening Service Tribute
6 pm
w/ Terry Ford

Installment # 4
Of
THE E. PATRICK HULL
“New Testament Prayer Series”

“Paul’s Prayer For The Ephesians”
Ephesians 3:14-21)

November 15th
Sunday – 6 pm

**THANKS-LIVING
SERVICE**
w/ Rosa Tinsley

November 22nd
Sunday – 6 pm



CONDOLENCES FOR SEPTEMBER

The GCC family of faith extends prayers of condolence and comfort on behalf of the following families.

- The Family of Rick Gray (1960-2026)
[Paula’s Keith’s partner of 22 years]
- The Family of Zeta Bellamy (1936-2026)
[Mike Jeter’s aunt]

May “victory in Jesus” sustain these families in the times ahead.

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- Thanks to our September worship leaders who helped direct our hearts and minds into worship on Sunday mornings. Those were CASEY CAIN (Sept. 6), PATTY TURNER (Sept. 13), GARY BEVERLY (Sept. 20), and NICK BUSH (Sept. 27).
- Thanks to the GCC PRAISE TEAM for preparing and sharing praise and worship music in the month of September that stirred and soothed the soul. Special music included “I Am a Seeker” (Sept. 6), “Psalm of the Shepherd” (Sept. 13), “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (Sept. 20), and “Too Much to Gain to Lose” (Sept. 27). As always, much appreciation to VICKI CLEVINGER for leading the Praise Team and congregational music and to CINDY HARDEE for filling the sanctuary of our church and the sanctuaries of our hearts with sweet refrains of masterfully performed piano music.
- GCC prayers of praise are lifted for the September 13th decisions of TERRY & JACKIE FORD to place their membership at Grace Christian. Please add to your church directory the following information:
Terry & Jackie Ford
15695 Horton Hwy.
Chuckey, TN 37641
Terry (423) 470-6318
Jackie (423) 388-1919
- GCC prayers of praise are lifted for the September 20th decision of STEVE LAWSON to place his membership at Grace Christian. Please add to your church directory the following information:
Steve Lawson
1700 Ridgeway Dr.
Kingsport, TN 37664

- GCC prayers of praise are lifted for the decision of BEA RHOTON to place her membership at Grace Christian Church. Bea is currently undergoing physical rehab so her decision was received (in absentia) on Sunday, September 27th.
- Thanks to WAYNE DARNELL and TONY TIPTON for frying up (after a summer-long season of catching) heapin' helpin's of fish at our Saturday, September 26th "Fall Fish Fry". A full fellowship hall and plenty of food/dessert items made for a wonderful family of faith event. Special thanks to one and all for bringing all the 'sides' to share and for pitching in to set up and clean up in good order.
- Thanks to SCOTT TREADWAY for pressure-washing the church-owned houses and the walkways at our East Sevier building. It was a kind of "wow moment" to arrive at church seeing years of darkened concrete suddenly restored to its freshly poured look. Much appreciation to Scott for graciously attending to this much needed restoration.
- Thanks to TONY TIPTON and WAYNE DARNELL for cutting and removing the overgrown bushes at Oakdale House #2. The opened-up look is a great improvement. Be sure to express appreciation to Tony and Wayne for their hard work and for saving the church hundreds of dollars in labor.
- Thanks to LARRY MOORE, GARY BEVERLY, WAYNE DARNELL, and TONY TIPTON for overseeing multiple contractor jobs at the church during September. Those include tree-pruning, baptistry heater wiring, and HVAC upgrades. Their attention to scheduling, design, and nuts & bolts details is a huge contribution that benefits and blesses us all.
- Thanks to PAULA KEITH, ROSE LANE, PATTY TURNER, and LUCY BUSH for serving as our 'newsletter assembly team' in September. All the folding, stuffing, labeling, and stamping got it done efficiently, effectively, and expeditiously.
- Thanks to a host of GCCers for bringing lots of delicious food, dessert, and drink items to share at our "Potluck" Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, September 30th. The GCC family of faith gathered around the tables was a perfect way to end the month. Much appreciation to one and all for working together to set up, clean up, and (re) set up everything quickly.
- Thanks to SUZANNE JETER and LUCY BUSH working throughout the month to sort and store all the donated Hullabaloo items for the upcoming treat-bag prep on October 30th. Much appreciation for their shepherding of the 'pre-prep prep' part of the process.
- Thanks to PAULA KEITH and KAYE TIPTON for keeping our exterior and interior florals beautifully arranged and displayed. It is a wonderful praise-offering for our edification and God's glory.
- A big GCC congratulations to EDWARD THOMPSON for winning first place in 'board-breaking' and second place in 'speed-kicking' at Taylor Martial Arts. In addition, Edward recovered a fumble for RNR in a recent football game at J. Fred Johnson Stadium. And just think, all of that just in September. Way to go Edward! Keep on keepin' on! You make us proud.
- Thanks to WAYNE DARNELL, TONY TIPTON, and JOIE KERNS for keeping the GCC grounds mowed, trimmed, and cleaned throughout the summer. Their work is truly a God-send for us all.
- Thanks to PARKER GOLDEN for his weekly service to keep GCC 'audio-teched'. Be sure to personally thank Parker for his commitment to keep us sounding great,
- Thanks to RED CLEVINGER for donating a door for our utility service room behind the sanctuary. Thanks also to GARY BEVERLY for installing the door. Much appreciation to Red and Gary for attending to this upgrade.
- Thanks to so many in the GCC family of faith who are helping serve the multitude of needs in our midst. Food preparation, food delivery, transportation, visitation, and personal/domestic assistance are all being provided every week. Gratitude for so much loving inreach and outreach is hard to express in a few words. There are so many involved in so many capacities that individual thanks is almost impossible. A special word of appreciation is extended to ETHEL BUSICK, LOIS STARNES, HENRY FUNKHOUSER, and ROSE LANE for serving daily to shepherd lots of the volunteer work. Extra thanks to LOIS STARNES, HENRY FUNKHOUSER and ROSE LANE for their dedicated assistance in attending to daily needs and to BRENT FLORES and WAYNE DARNELL for transportation to out-of-town appointments. Of course, 'volunteerism' is a churchwide dynamic at GCC and it is motivated by love for the Lord, and His people. Thanks be to God for inspiring hearts and spirits to His service.
- Of course, always we are grateful for the GCC STAFF (paid and unpaid) and VOLUNTEERS who are engaged in year-round services that include weekly / daily responsibilities that meet the needs of one and all. Those include the following:

VOLUNTEERS

- Lisa Darnell [Adelphai Circle Leadership / Butterbean Auction]
- Vicki Clevinger [Praise Team Director / Worship Leader / Adelphai Circle Leadership]
- Lois Starnes [Dorcas Circle Leadership]
- Janice Hill [Dorcas Circle Leadership]
- Henry Funkhouser [Adult Sunday School]
- Nick Bush [Adult Sunday School]
- Wayne Darnell, Tony Tipton, Joie Kerns [House & Grounds Exterior]
- Larry Moore & Gary Beverly [House & Grounds Interior and General Maintenance]
- Kaye Tipton and Paula Keith [Interior / Exterior Flowers]
- Jennifer Starnes [Missions / Missions Board]
- Brian & LeeAnn Brooks, [Tech Team Support]
- Brian Brooks [Webmaster]
- Parker Golden [Audio Tech]
- Kay Cook, Robert Thompson, Jeff Arrington [Local Missions item inventory and delivery]

STAFF (Paid & Unpaid)

- Kitty Beverly [Secretary, Administration, Multi-media Arts]
- Rebecca Phillips [Bookkeeping]
- Adam McCloud [Children's / Youth Ministry]
- Ethel Busick [Outreach / Inreach Assistance]
- Vicki Clevinger [Music Ministry Leadership]
- Cindy Hardee [Pianist / Organist]