

graceFULLY-noted, continued

- GCC prayers of praise are lifted for the August decisions of 4 Christians to place their membership at GCC. Be sure to welcome the following:

Aug. 3rd
MYRA TEAGUE
1728 Foxtail Lane
Kingsport, TN 37660
(423) 502-4349

Aug. 24th
ERIC REPASS
[New Address TBA]
(423) 530-1408

Aug. 10th
CAROL ROBINETTE
1009 W. Sullivan St.
Kingsport, TN 37660
(423) 782-6178

Aug. 27th
MARY CARROLL
3220 Ashley Street
Kingsport, TN 37664
(239) 460-8061

[NOTE: Hard copy Church Directory updates / additions are available at the church]

- Thanks to JAMIE ABERNATHY for serving as our chief audiovisual PowerPoint tech on Sunday, August 17th. She kept everything going and flowing in good order for our morning service.
- Thanks to LILY WISE for the superb presentation of her recent mission experience in Honduras. It was full of inspiration and enlightenment for us all. Lily's enthusiasm and exuberance were contagious and GCC is so blessed to have supported her good work. Moreover, GCC is blessed beyond measure to have her as part of our family of faith and to serve so faithfully and skillfully in the ministry of music.
- Thanks to LUCY BUSH and SUZANNE JETER for faithfully shepherding our weeks-long collection of "Plush Animals" for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. We so much appreciate their diligence to organize, bag, display, and box all the "plushies" in good order. Special thanks to NICK BUSH, LAURA GRESH, and HENRY FUNKHOUSER for helping bag and transport the collection to the sanctuary. A big thanks is in order to a host of GCCers who generously donated 132 stuffed animals!
- GCC extends prayers of condolence to the FAMILY OF DARYL HYDER who passed away at his home in Kingsport on Sunday, August 24th. He was 95 years old. Daryl was the father / father-in-law of our own Martha and David Hall. He was a highly respected fixture of the Kingsport business community for decades, having owned and operated numerous successful businesses. Daryl and his late wife Pansy were founding members of Colonial Heights Christian Church and were instrumental in the CHCC family of faith throughout its history. In addition to daughter Martha, Daryl is survived by daughters Mary and Rebecca, son Daryl, Jr., 6 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, the CHCC family of faith, and a host of lifetime friends. May God fill the Hyder family with the peace and power of resurrection victory in Jesus.
- Thanks to PAULA KEITH, GAIL HAMMONDS, ROSE LANE, PATTY TURNER and GARY BEVERLY for helping expedite the August addition of the church newsletter. Yes, folding, stuffing, labeling, and stamping are ministries that bless dozens – even hundreds – through our newsletter. Much appreciation to the August team for getting the job done quickly.
- Thanks to a host of GCCers for lots of extra 'hands-on-help' in August to meet the needs of a growing church. To be specific, the transportation, visitation, food, and home / life assistance ministries at GCC have increased immensely in the last 2-3 years. Special thanks are extended to KATHY HAKES, ROSE LANE, JANICE COBB, KAREN JAYNES, PHYLLIS JACKSON, NYKI BRIGGS, SAM PIERSON, HENRY FUNKHOUSER, JANICE HILL, LOIS STARNES, GARY & KITTY BEVERLY, BOBBY & KAY COOK, TONY & KAYE TIPTON, and WAYNE & LISA DARNELL for their often daily outreach efforts.
- Thanks to SUZANNE & MIKE JETER for their ongoing weekly work at the church to organize and clean multiple areas where supplies and resources are stored. Those include the "stash room" and the 2nd floor landing w/rooms, as well as the kitchen. In addition, Mike and Suzanne have assembled and donated several cupboard / shelving units for storage and easy access. Thanks without end to the Jeters for helping us become more efficient via "the ministry of organization / systemization."
- Thanks to LARRY MOORE and GARY BEVERLY for repairing the light fixture in the vestibule area. GCC is blessed over and over to have Larry and Gary attending to our building and maintenance needs.
- Thanks to SCOTT TREADWAY for attending to repair needs at one of our properties as well as his recent renovations to the Oakdale House. His work is so very much appreciated.

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- As always, thanks and thanks again to the GCC VOLUNTEERS & STAFF for working hard to keep all the “nuts and bolts tightened”, “gears turning”, and “wheels moving” for an efficient and effective running church. Those include the following:

VOLUNTEERS

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

STAFF (Paid & Unpaid)

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

Dear Grace Christian Church,

Thank you for all your prayers. God answers our prayers. I love the Lord so much and thank Jesus for all He does & thank Him for each and every one of you. God blessed me the day I came to Grace Christian Church. You all are a blessing to me. Yes, I was sad I had to leave Kingsport. But I had to do what God wanted me to do. When you put God first, and do what He wants you to do blessings will come. Maybe not right away. But they will follow if you stay faithful. I try to put God first. I do fall at times - I'm a sinner every day. But God loves us so much. He gave us Jesus to forgive us. As long as we try our hardest to do what God wants us to do by following Him daily.

Do you know your Savior, Jesus? If not, please don't wait any longer. Time is short. Please come to Jesus now. Don't let another minute go by. Come to Jesus, give Him your life. This started out as a Thank-You note, but God brought me in another direction.

Thank you, Grace Christian Church!

Love,
Joy Odom

Dear Grace Christian Church,

Thank you for continually thinking of us & blessing us with cleaning supplies. Your thoughtfulness touches our hearts and we appreciate you all. Have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,
Your Johnson Elementary School Family

Dear Grace Christian Church,

Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers, prayers, phone calls, & cards. Everything you all have done was greatly appreciated.

Family of Shannon Elliott

Dear Members of Grace Christian Church,

Doug and I are so happy to be members of this congregation which has readily accepted us in its fold after the closure of First Christian Church where we were members for many years. Doug was “born” there, and I became a member in 1960.

Also, I wish to thank so many of you who have sent me cards wishing me good progress through my surgery and recovery from a cochlear implant in June. The progress has been lengthy with one more visit in October.

Again, many thanks!

In Christian love,

Charlotte Dade