

seasonal necessity. Shut windows in a church or a Christian life, however, are a tragedy because everyone misses the music, inside and out. For every season, let us be found with hearts open to the wind of God's Spirit. Can you feel the breeze? Can you hear the chimes?

What's that Sound?

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ELDERS AND DEACONS...

Elders Meeting

June 14th

Tuesday—6 pm

Board Meeting

June 14th

Tuesday—6:30 pm

[Both Meetings at the American Way Campus]

LADIES CIRCLES....

Adelphai Circle

June 9th

Thursday—6 pm

Dorcas Circle

June 14th

Tuesday, 10 am

Lunch Afterward

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

“BUTTERBEAN AUCTION”

June 21st

Tuesday—1 p.m.



Everyone invited!

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Grace Cadets

Sundays & Wednesdays

6 pm



June Theme—”Under Construction: Building on God’s Love”

Elizabeth Winegar, Children’s Director [(423) 530-0601 or winegarelizabeth@gmail.com]



Teens & Tweens

“Craft & Cookies”

June 5th

Sunday—2-4 pm

Invite A Friend!

Tune into June....

“Pentecost Sunday”

June 5th
Sunday—11 am

Sermon— “Worth the Wait” (Acts 1:1-8 / Acts 2:1-4 / Is. 40:31)

Father’s Day

June 19th
Sunday—11 am

Sermon— “In the Father’s Care” (Matthew 6:25-34)

5th Wednesday Fellowship Meal

June 29th
Wednesday—6 pm

Italian Theme
[Everyone Invited]

Looking Ahead to July...



INDEPENDENCE DAY (observed)

July 3rd
Sunday—11 am

Sermon— “America’s Coming Semiquincentennial”
(Prov. 14:34; 29:2 / Mt. 24:12)

1-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24th
Sunday—2-4 pm

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: GOD AT WORK

[VBS Planning Meeting will be Sunday, June 12th after church.]



GEMS OF WISDOM FROM OUR FOREBEARS

“You must abandon all thoughts that by your own efforts at law-keeping you can please God. In your own strength you will surely fail. However, to deliver you from a vain and hopeless struggle for holiness, God has united you with Christ and given His Holy Spirit to indwell you”.

[by Richard W. Deltaan, 1923-2002; from The World on Trial, 1970, p. 77]

MISSIONS UPDATE

The mission emphasis for May was “Hope Haven”. This will be extended through June. Jennifer Starnes has featured Hope Haven on the fellowship hall missions board. Most needed items are laundry, detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, paper towels, and shampoo. A donation container for these items is located in the fellowship hall.

“After-Church Lunches” continue to be hosted for Hope Haven residents on the last Sunday of each month.

In addition to the aforementioned, two other donation containers remain in the fellowship hall for individual snack items and bars of soap. The snack items are delivered monthly to Ballad-HV Hospital for the “Hospitality Snack Cart”. The bars of soap are being stored for the Sullivan County Jail Ministry until Christmas.

GCC continues to support 5 missions on a monthly basis and 8 on a rotating basis. Of course, all of our missions are regularly supported by prayer.

MISSIONS QUOTE

“The missional mandate that is normative for the church in all times and in all places is,
‘You shall be My witnesses’.”

[by Darrell L. Guder et al—from Missional Church, 1998, p. 268]

Cards and Letters...

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The flowers that were sent were lovely. Thanks to Mom’s “Oakwood” friends for all the visits and cards throughout the years.

*The family of Zelma Morrell Mitchell
Janet & Harold*

I just want to thank the church for help with my gutter. I am really blessed. I love my church and everyone in it.

*God bless everyone,
Kathy McCoy*

graceFULLY-noted

- Thanks to our worship leaders for the month of May. LISA DARNELL (May 1), PATTY TURNER (May 8), JENNIFER STARNES (May 22), and JIM DENNISON (May 29) provided the important leadership needed to commence our services focused, fastened, and fixed on the faith we mutually share.
- Thanks to the GCC PRAISE TEAM for engaging the ministry of music so faithfully to enrich our worship and praise life each Sunday morning. May special music included “The New 23rd” (May 1), “A Christian Home” (May 8), “Let It Be Said of Us” (May 15), “I Will Rise” (May 22), and “Land of the Free” (May 29). As always we are grateful for the Praise Team Leaders who select, prepare, and organize music each week for Sunday evening practices. Those are VICKI CLEVINGER, LILY WISE—PIANIST, KAY COOK, and PATTY TURNER.
- Thanks to EDWARD THOMPSON and MARCIA PHILLIPPE for sharing special music in our morning service of May 15th to celebrate Mother’s Day. Edward sang a solo version of “Miracles” and Marcia sang a solo acapella version of “In The Garden”. Many thanks to these soloists for providing that extra ‘musical touch’ to make Mother’s Day special.
- Thanks to ELIZABETH WINEGAR for sharing a wonderful tribute for Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 15th. Elizabeth’s words provided that “just right” perspective to capture the day’s theme.
- Thanks to ALYSSA FLORES and EDWARD THOMPSON for enthusiastically distributing beautiful flowers to all ladies of the church for Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 15th.
- GCC prayers of grateful praise are lifted for two recent baptisms in our midst. JAMES LEE was baptized into Christ on Sunday, May 1st and ALYSSA FLORES was baptized into Christ on Sunday, May 8th by her father, Brent Flores. Special thanks to JEFF ARRINGTON and SHIRLEY CLEVINGER for assisting with the baptisms.
- GCC prayer of condolence are extended for the FAMILY OF ZELMA MITCHELL. Zelma passed away at Ballad-Holston Valley Medical Center on Sunday, May 8th. At 98 years old, she was our most senior living member. Zelma and her family, including late husband Lawrence “Mitch” Mitchell, daughter Janet Gillenwater, and son John Mitchell are ‘writ large’ in the history and heritage of Grace Christian Church (formerly Oakwood Forest Christian Church). Their tireless service to and participation in the church during its formative years are instrumental in the strong community of faith we have inherited. Zelma was involved in every aspect of the church. She especially loved singing in the sanctuary choir. Her years of devoted 24/7 caregiving of “Mitch” are a legacy of love par excellent. Zelma’s long life included an amazing career tenure of 60 years in the banking industry. GCC joins Janet, John, grandson Mitchell, 3 step-grandchildren, 6 step-great-grandchildren, 4 step-great-great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and extended family members in praising God for Zelma’s exemplary life and eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord.
- GCC prayers of condolence are extended for the FAMILY OF JACK BOLDEN (Phyllis Arrington’s Brother). Jack passed away at his home in Dunbar, VA on Wednesday, May 25th. He was 68. Jack was an accomplished contractor whose skills covered a broad range of the contracting business. He was established in Mobile, AL for years rebuilding, repairing, and upgrading residential and commercial property following Hurricane Katrina. His Christian faith won the victory following a 5-month battle with cancer. GCC joins his wife Mary Ann, stepson John, and sisters Audrey and Phyllis to walk with them in this season of life. Blessings of peace and comfort to all of Jack’s family and friends.
- Thanks to the ADELPHAI CIRCLE for sponsoring the “Spring Ladies Tea” on Saturday, May 7th. The fellowship hall decorations were absolutely beautiful and expressive of this year’s theme— “My Cup Runneth Over”. Thirty-five ladies joined in the occasion which was “running over” with lots of fun and laughter. Much appreciation to DR. ANGELA PATTESON who beautifully shared on the day’s theme as per Psalm 23. In the hat competition, congratulations to MARY BETH THOMPSON for sporting the “prettiest hat” and to KAYE TIP-TON for creating the “most unique hat”!
- Thanks to LARRY MOORE for supervising HVAC work at the American Way Campus and for electrical maintenance and repair work on the baptistry heater and at the Oakdale rental property. Also thanks to GARY BEVERLY for cleaning and filling the baptistry and trimming shrubbery. Much appreciation to Larry and Gary for their servants’ hearts.

graceFULLY-noted—continued

- GCC con-GRAD-ulations are extended long and loud for the 2022 graduates in our church family. Graduates were honored on Sunday, May 22nd in a special tribute by Vicki Clevinger. Gift Bibles were presented to each graduate that included the following: **HIGH SCHOOL:** GARY “MICHAEL” BEVERLY III from Tri-Cities Christian Academy (Grandson of Gary & Kitty Beverly), LOGAN BRYSON from Westridge High School, SHELBE CAIN from North Greene High School (Granddaughter of Marcia Phillippe and Great-Granddaughter of Ruth Adkins), KAYDEN MCCLELLAN from Westridge High School (Granddaughter of Rhonda McClellan and Great-Granddaughter of Kathy McCoy), BRIAN “GANT” PATTESON, JR. from Science Hill High School (Grandson of Gary & Kitty Beverly), LILY Q. WISE from Tri-Cities Christian Academy (church pianist); **COLLEGE:** EMILY FLORES from ETSU with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, Maga Cum Laude (Daughter of Jeff & Phyllis Arrington), BEN LAUBE from ETSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Finance (Grandson of Ethel Busick), ABIGAIL THOUIN from ETSU with a Bachelor of Arts in History (Granddaughter of Phyllis Jackson); **GRADUATE SCHOOL:** AMANDA WILBURN RIGELL has earned her PHD from University of Tennessee, Knoxville and received the Cheek Medal of Excellence for a Graduate Student. (Daughter of Bill & Denise Wilburn and Granddaughter of Carolyn Phillips)
- Thanks to KAREN JAYNES and JANICE COBB for graciously hosting the “After-Church Lunch” for Hope Haven residents on Sunday, May 29th. Their Christian hospitality extended with assistance from PATTY TURNER, BOBBY COOK KAY COOK, HENRY FUNKHOUSER, JIM DENNISON, and MCKINLEY CALDWELL is a powerful witness and testimony of Kingdom love and service.
- Thanks to BOBBY COOK for his ongoing generosity to provide transportation for the Hope Haven residents multiple times a week. His service is truly a blessing to those in need.
- Thanks to WAYNE DARNELL and TONY TIPTON for their ongoing work to keep both campuses of GCC mowed, trimmed, and manicured. The landscape makeover around the church sign looks fantabulous! Be sure to express appreciation to Wayne and Tony for all they do throughout the hot days of summer.
- Thanks to TONY and KAYE TIPTON for filling our church planters with colorful spring flowers. It makes entering and exiting the church like a stroll through beautiful gardens.
- Thanks to JOIE KERNS for his weekly efforts to detail our walkways and entry areas. He keeps our thoroughfares neat, clean, and tidy.
- Thanks to ETHEL BUSICK for her outreach ministry to keep us interconnected. Her efforts are a vital part of our strong community of faith.
- Thanks to KITTY BEVERLY, JAMIE ABERNATHY, VICKI CLEVINGER, and BRIAN BROOKS for faithfully keeping GCC technology needs addressed. Kitty creates and operates our weekly PowerPoint projection; Jamie provides audio assistance; Vicki supplies ‘photo support’ and Brian serves as our Webmaster. Be sure to express appreciation to our ‘Tech Team Quartet’.
- Thanks to all the S.A.L.T. Bible Study participants for bringing food, dessert, and snack items to share each week for our fellowship time preceding Bible study. It is a wonderful ‘extra’ for our mid-week gatherings.
- Thanks to KAY COOK, PATTY TURNER, ROBERT THOMPSON, and JEFF ARRINGTON for their logistical support of our on-going local missions efforts. Also much appreciation to so many CONTRIBUTORS who constantly donate snack items for the Ballad– HV “Hospitality Snack Cart”, Lysol / Clorox wipes for the AJS “Wipes Supply”, and bars of soap for the Sullivan County Jail Ministry.
- Thanks to JENNIFER STARNES for supporting the GCC missions program with information and education via the fellowship hall missions board. Much appreciation to Jennifer for keeping us missions-minded.
- Thanks to all the SOMEONES who did something at sometime to keep GCC working wonderfully well. Your service to the Lord’s Church is a blessed ‘praise-offering’.

thank you