

Grace Notes

Dear Grace,

Thank you so much for the gift card. It will help me get ready and prepared for school. Thanks for your support over the years. Thanks!!!!

Love,

Emily Hudson

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Amy & Jason Knight with their children, Joshua, Jacob and Emma Grace to our Grace Church family. Amy came to us from First Baptist and Jason from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Their son, Joshua, is 8, Jacob is 6 and Emma Grace is 4 years old. Let's be sure and make them feel at home!

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

9:00, 10:15 & 11:00 A.M.

Slow Down, You're Movin' Too Fast!

The names Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel may not mean much to some of you, nor does the name of the music group "Tom and Jerry", but for those of us who grew up in the 70's, the duo known as "Simon and Garfunkel" were heard everywhere. Their music which was featured in the hit movie, *The Graduate*, made songs like *Mrs. Robinson* and *The Sound of Silence* immediate hits. One of their songs that seems to stick in my mind is the song they called *The 59th Street Bridge Song*. No lyrics in that song mention a bridge but the first line of the song is remembered by everyone. The first line starts like this: "Slow down, you move too fast!" How true that is.

We do move too fast, and have too much happening in our lives. My hope this summer is that each of you will "Slow Down" a little and take time to rest your bodies, refresh your minds, and restore your souls. So in our time together on this first Sunday of summer, we'll explore ways that Jesus did just that.

You can start enjoying your summer by joining us this afternoon at 3:30 in Graceful Grounds for our **Third Annual Church-Wide Ice Cream Social**. Come and enjoy some great ice cream, meet some new folks, and catch up with some old friends.

It's going to be a great day at Grace! We're glad you're here.

Blessings,



Pastor Mike

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 28, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

GATHERING AND PARISH NOTICES

(You are invited to sign the friendship registers located at the end of each pew.)

PRELUDE *Gigue for Fanfare Trumpet* Lovelace

(The light of Christ is brought into our midst.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this morning to worship God and to open our lives to God's goodness.

In honesty and openness, let us bow before the Lord.

For God has said, "those who truly seek me, shall surely find me."

So, let us worship God in spirit and in truth, and let us praise God's name forever.

*HYMN NO. 117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE
vs. 1-4

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to you today as the victims of a hurried world. We have too much to do and too little time to do it. We rush from one thing to another to do the things we must get done. But too many times, O God, we fail to do that which we ought to do and to do those things you have commanded us to do. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and we have often turned our backs toward you. Forgive us we pray, and help us to live our lives as you would have us live them. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Let us observe a moment of silence for personal confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful and just. God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Christ, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(You are invited to offer the peace of Christ to those with whom you worship.)

RESPONSE NO. 561 *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* ST. AGNES

**Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *St. Agnes (Jesus, United by Thy Grace)* Young

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS EFREUEN

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 6:30-31; Exodus 20:1, & 8-11; Matthew 11:28-29

ANTHEM *The Navy Hymn* arr. Scott

SERMON "Slow Down, You're Movin' Too Fast" Pastor Mike

*HYMN NO. 529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE *Echo Fanfare* G. Martin

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

9:00 a.m. - GREETERS: Rob & Kelly Warfield; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Lisa Litaker; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Lindsey & Ashley Porter; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Susan Howard; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Stacy Hiers; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Harry & Jane Long; Narthex: Kasey Stamey; **ACOLYTE:** Spencer Smith; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Lisa Fields; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Lindsey & Ashley Porter; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Ben Dunlap; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Kristian Hiers; **USHERS:** Nancy Purcell, Gerry McCall, Darrell Allred, Mike Marshall; **11:00 am SOUND SYSTEM:** Patrick Fannes; **CLOSER:** Stacy Hiers; **LAWN SERVICE:** Billy Smith, Bo Broughton & Mike Marshall

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Circle #2 in celebration of the return of Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike to Grace Church.

Summer choir for 11 am. The choir will be performing women's choir selections during July. Any interested women are invited to come sing with the choir! We will rehearse on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7 pm in the choir room located on the second floor of the sanctuary building. We will also rehearse each Sunday morning at 10:30 in July before the 11 am service.



The red rose on the altar last Sunday was in honor of the birth of Carter John Skeen on June 18. Carter John weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 19" long. The proud parents are Gavin & Salam Skeen. Carter John's big sister is Mattison. Let's keep the family in our prayers. Congratulations, Skeen family!!

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to Mae Boles. Mae's husband, Al, died on Monday, June 22. A service of celebration and resurrection was held at Grace Church on June 25. Let us be in prayer for Mae and the family.

Congratulations to Caleb Brown who was awarded his "Eagle Scout" merit badge on June 16. Caleb is a member of Troop 101. His Eagle Project was the construction of a prayer garden at Grace Church. This garden is located in the breeze way between the Sanctuary and Education buildings. Caleb would like to thank all those who donated funds to make this project happen. He would also like to extend a special thank you to Sam Lewis who was instrumental in the design and construction of the garden.

Please remember in your prayers: Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Chris Overfelt (Joel Darden's uncle), Maria Collen, Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), Mike Manchoff (Marla Darden's father), Elaine Kesler, David, Karen & Cameron Pruitt (David is in Afghanistan), Debbie Frye, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, Virgil Cranford (Treb Cranford's brother), Jim Waugh, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE?

- **ICE CREAM SOCIAL June 28 @ 3:30 pm** Make plans now to attend our annual *Church-Wide Ice Cream Social* this Sunday, June 28 at 3:30 pm in Graceful Grounds. This is a sure fire way to beat the heat, catch up with Grace friends from all three services, and meet our newest members! Let's continue to stay in touch as we get into the summer months of vacation. Bring a friend and join us as we celebrate our continued growth together as one big church family. *Air conditioning and Ice Cream will be free.* This is sure to be one "cool" event!!
- **It's the last Sunday for our June food - PEANUT BUTTER** Eighteen ounce jars are preferred. Peanut butter is a great source of protein, makes a great sandwich and travels well on warm summer days. Purchase a few jars and drop them in one of our bins this Sunday. Remember that a lot of school aged children rely on these donations during the summer. Bins are located in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks!
- **SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES** Through the month of June, we will once again prepare boxes of goodies for our soldiers overseas. Boxes are located in the Graceful Grounds and sanctuary entrances. Details are inside the empty boxes about items that can be sent.. A check to cover shipping for \$10.35 made payable to GUMC is requested. Return your filled box to the area that you picked it up. Deadline to return is July 12th. If you have any questions, please email Emily or Sue Hudson at emily199097@msn.com. Thanks for remembering our soldiers as they serve our country.
- **CHURCH CLOSERS NEEDED** Looking for an important way to serve Grace? We need your help! We rely on volunteers to secure the church buildings at the end of the services each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers for July through December. If you would be willing to close one Sunday, please contact Debra Bingham (292-4454 or debbatt@aol.com) for information. The process involves a small time commitment but is of great importance for the church!
- **FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29TH** Judi Mitchell, our secretary, will be on vacation. Carolyn McKinney has graciously agreed to man the phones and be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 - 1:00. Please schedule any church errands during that time. Judi will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 7th. **Amy Rio-Anderson will be handling pastoral needs. If you have an emergency, Amy can be reached at 315-2035 (home) or 402-5762 (cell).** Have a happy and safe fourth of July!!

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds - Education building
9:30 a.m. Faith Fellowship Class - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Assembly (all children), Jr. Church classroom
10:15 a.m. Worship - Graceful Grounds “Unplugged” - Education building
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal for Grace Men
11:00 a.m. Classic Worship - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Montagnard Worship - Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. Church-wide Ice Cream Social—Graceful Grounds

Monday, June 29

10:30 a.m. Taiji - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m. Taiji - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m. Qigong - Graceful Grounds

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 p.m. Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Agents of Grace Rehearsal

Thursday, July 2

6:30 p.m. Tai Chi - Graceful Grounds
7:00 p.m. “10:15” Rehearsal

Our Presence			Our Generosity	
6/21/2009				
Worship	9:00 am	142	Needed Weekly to meet Budget	\$ 8,060
	10:15 am	51	6/21/09 Contributions to Budget	\$ 2,410
	11:00 am	83	Contributions Needed YTD	\$ 259,692
Total:		276	Contributions Received YTD	\$ 263,487
Sunday School		103	Difference	\$ 3,795
Small Groups		64		
Total:		167		