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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

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

People Plan and God Laughs

I read a fiction novel this past week, an action packed murder mystery titled *Hold Tight*. In the book, the writer, Harlan Coben, has one of the main characters make this statement “men plan, and God laughs”. While I’m not certain that God laughs at us, I do know that we try to plan our lives as carefully as possible, don’t we? We make plans, doing what is best for us, our families and in keeping with the Christian principles in which we believe. But how do we know what we are doing or planning to do is in keeping with God’s will?

This Sunday, we’ll take a look at just that. We’ll consider the will of God and discuss some ways that we can determine if what we are doing is in keeping with the will of God and God’s plan for our lives.

Thanks for being with us in worship today!

Blessings,



Pastor Mike

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PS Please remember this summer to support Grace Church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service!

ORDER OF WORSHIP
WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

July 12, 2009

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AND PARISH NOTICES

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

PRELUDE *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* George Philipp Telemann

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make it known to the world all that God has done.

God remembers his covenant forever; God's word is true for all generations.

Let us praise God's name forever; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

That they might keep God's commands and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 66 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God you have called us to be your people; people who want to live as you would have us live. Sometimes what you will for our lives is often hard for us to determine, yet other times it seems to be crystal clear. Too often O God, even when we know your will for our lives we turn away and live by the desires of our own hearts and minds. Forgive us we pray. Redirect us and help us to begin again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is an Awesome God; a God who loves us and forgives us over and over again. In the name of Jesus we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal, page 71

*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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(At this time, Chet and Caroline present their daughter, Virginia Rose Carpenter, for the sacrament of baptism. Let us be in prayer for the family at this holy moment.)

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

**Virginia, Virginia, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
Virginia, Virginia, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.**

OFFERTORY *Salvation Is Come To Us* JS Bach

Salvation is come to us through His Grace and great goodness.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

*SCRIPTURE LESSONS Matthew 6:10, 26:42; Acts 21:12-14; Hebrews 10:36

SERMON *People Plan and God Laughs!* Pastor Mike

ANTHEM *Sing to the Lord!* Govenor

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal, page 17

*GIVING BREAD AND CUP

*(At the direction of the ushers, all are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.
As we receive, let us joyfully sing Hymns Nos. 618, 641 & 614)*

*HYMN NO. 144 *This is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE *Jubilate* Hermann Schroeder

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

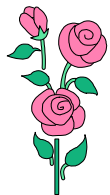
**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

9:00 a.m. - GREETERS/USHERS: Steve Brock & Jeff Kerrigan; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Debra Bingham; **HALL HELPERS:** Lito Lewallen; **NURSERY:** James & Debra Bingham; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Audrey Boyd; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Melissa Simak; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Carolyn McKinney & Page Griffin; Narthex: Sandy Crossley; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Scott Crenshaw; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** James & Debra Bingham; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Jim Price/Tom Sibley; **ACOLYTE:** Trey Hiers; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Kristian Hiers; **USHERS:** Logan Hiers, Ethan Waldrop, Doug Swaim, Caleb Rio-Anderson; **11:00 a.m. Sound System:** Sam Lewis; **CLOSER:** Charlene Johnston; **LAWN SERVICE:** Brad Dixon, Kevin Redding, Jeff Milroy

Please remember in your prayers: Matthew Cox (Dottie Cox's grandson), 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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in memory of Dot Harrell by her family.



The pink rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Anne Tomalas. Charlotte Anne was born on July 3. She weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz and is 19 3/4 inches long. The proud parents are new members, Gavin and Kendall Tomalas. Charlotte Anne's big brother is Logan. Congratulations, Tomalas family!

Our Presence	Our Generosity
7/05/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 54, 10:15 am 34	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$10,465
11:00 am 89	06/28/09 Contributions to Budget \$10,254
Total: 177	07/05/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 5,680
Sunday School 52	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 275,930
Small Groups 40	Contributions Received YTD \$ 279,421
Total: 92	Difference \$ 3,491

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE?

- **VBS** - Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of August 3 - 7 so mark your calendars. We will be learning about Peter and what his life can teach us about Jesus. Registration forms are available in the east entrance, in Graceful Grounds and on our web site, www.grace-methodist.com.
- **In JUNE** we collected and delivered 52 pounds of peanut butter to Greensboro Urban Ministry. **RICE** is this month's food. One pound bags or larger are preferred. Pick up a few bags and bring them to one of our bins next Sunday. Bins are located in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in the Graceful Grounds worship area. Thanks for feeding the hungry.
- **SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES** 39 boxes were picked up and 12 have been returned - THANK YOU.
The deadline to return your box is **this Sunday, July the 12th!**
Place filled boxes in the same area you picked up the empty box- - - - **DO NOT SEAL.**
Please remember to include the check for \$10.35 to cover shipping.
If you have questions or need more time, please call Emily or Sue Hudson at 375-7351.
Thanks for remembering our soldiers as they serve our country.
- **3rd Annual Summer Day Camp! The Great Escape: Noah's Ark July 13-17.** Have you heard the news? All of the animals have escaped from the Ark and we need YOUR help to find them all! You will practice hands-on learning as you become expert detectives. Once you receive your detective badge, you will track the animals to their individual habitats through music, movement, crafts and games and return them safely back to the Ark. Camp will start at 9 am and end at noon. We will also have "Lunch Bunch" from noon—1:00 pm. You can have your child stay and have lunch for \$5 extra per day. Please pack your child's lunch on the days they will be staying and we will provide the extra activities! We will offer a nursery for children ages newborn-2 years for an additional cost. Cost: \$75 per child. If you register by June 15th, pay only \$65. You may register or get additional information at info@preferredchildcare.com.
- **MURAL PROJECT**...Eva Thomas is in the process of painting a beautiful mural on the wall of the 2nd floor of our Educational Building for our children's department. *In anyone has acrylic paint in tubes or bottles that you can donate for the mural it will be much appreciated. We can also use tempera paint.* A box will be in the entrance to the fellowship hall Graceful Grounds area. If you haven't been upstairs to see this great work in progress, please take a few moments and check it out! It's just an elevator ride away.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 12

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
10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School (all children)
10:15 a.m.	Worship - Graceful Grounds "Unplugged" - Education building
10:30 a.m.	Women's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Montagnard Worship - Sanctuary - Graceful Grounds

Monday, June 13

9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Noah's Ark Camp
10:30 a.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m.	Qigong - Graceful Grounds

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Noah's Ark Camp
8:00 p.m.	AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, June 15

9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Noah's Ark Camp
6:00 p.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room
7:00 p.m.	Agents of Grace Rehearsal - Graceful Grounds

Thursday, June 16

9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Noah's Ark Camp
6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi - Graceful Grounds
7:00 p.m.	"10:15" Rehearsal

Friday, June 17

9:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Noah's Ark Camp
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Saturday, June 18

9:00 a.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room
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Special Meeting of the Church Council

A special meeting of the Church Council will be held on Monday July 20th at 7pm in the sanctuary to discuss needed building repairs and our plan of action. If you are on the council, please attend this meeting where the trustees will present their initial plan of action.