



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** for July and August to teach Sunday school for the K-2nd and 3rd-5th graders. It is a wonderful experience to explore the bible with the children. Please contact Kim Priddy at [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) or 587-5978 if you can volunteer.

# GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

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

*What's So Amazing About Grace?*

CLOSERS NEEDED FOR 11 AM SERVICE Please consider this volunteer opportunity. We need closers for the 11 am service each Sunday. It doesn't take that long, is a huge help and a very important part of keeping our church safe and secure. It's just a matter of checking to make sure all doors are locked, windows closed and lights off. It's a great money saver and not a time consuming process at all. I know we have folks willing and able to take care of this important service to the church. Please respond to Debra Bingham (292-4454 or [debbatt@aol.com](mailto:debbatt@aol.com)) for information and get signed up this week. Thanks in advance for your consideration!!

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*Get connected!*

The hymn "Amazing grace" has long been a favorite one of mine and has been a favorite of most of us here at Grace Church. The words originally written in England in 1772 have grown in popularity and have become one of the best known musical works in the world. The hymn has been sung by celebrities such as the famed gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson, country singer Tammy Wynette, by Whitney Houston, by Judi Collins and by the king of rock-n-roll, Elvis Presley.

The song was created by John Newton. Newton, whose father was a commander of a merchant ship, learned to sail at the age of eleven and at the age of nineteen entered the British navy. Finding conditions on a naval ship deplorable, Newton deserted but was caught, punished and demoted. Later John became the captain of his own ship and used his skills to work in the slave trade. It was on a homeward voyage, when attempting to steer his ship through a violent storm, that he experienced what he would later refer to as his "great deliverance".

That great deliverance, he claims, was the grace of God. Newton claims that God answered his prayer to save him and his crew and for the rest of his life Newton marked that date as the date of his conversion; the date when he experienced God's Amazing Grace.

Today in worship we are going to consider the story of Newton, and explore the depths and the wonders of God's Amazing Grace. We're glad you're worshipping at Grace today!

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 26, 2009

EIGHTH 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 *Baroque Trumpet* Young

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

**Before the world, we sing your praise.**

We bow down toward your holy temple.

**And we give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

\*HYMN NO. 88 *Maker, in Whom We Live* DIADEMATA

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, as we come before you this day, we do so with humble and contrite hearts, knowing that we have not done your will. We have sinned against you and against our neighbors. We know too, that all we have is a gift from you and yet we have taken it for granted and have claimed what is yours as our own. By your grace forgive us, restore us, and help us strive to do your will.**

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

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The grace of God is from everlasting to everlasting. God forgives our sins and loves us in spite of our shortcomings.

**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.**

### 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 *Offertoire* Böellmann

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

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Sugar Dunlap

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 4:16; Galatians 2:21; John 1:16 & Ephesians 2:8

ANTHEM *O Lord Most Holy* Franck/arr. Treharne

SERMON "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Pastor Mike

\*HYMN NO. 378 *Amazing Grace* AMAZING GRACE

### \*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

\*POSTLUDE *Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise* Pachelbel

## 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:** Bruce & Jill Oakley; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Sugar Dunlap; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** John Williams; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mandy & Lee Patterson; **HALL HELPERS:** OPEN; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Ginger Scott; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Luke Van Hine; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Jim & Bobbie Phelps; Narthex: Mary Jenkins; **ACOLYTE:** Jackson Phillips; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Lori Redding; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Kara & Stephen Cox; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Scott Romine; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Scott Romine; **USHERS:** Jim & Brook Price, Brian & Laine Tousey; **11:00 am SOUND SYSTEM:** Bill & Marjorie Stone; **LAWN SERVICE:** Mark McKinney, Scott Romine, Steve Brock; **CLOSER:** Ron Hough

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by the Brock's in celebration of Steve and Jen's wedding anniversary

### Grace Notes

Dear Grace Church,

*I wanted to thank you for the mothers' day gift. I feel truly blessed to have been welcomed into the Grace family. It is truly a privilege that I get to work with your children. Not many people can say that they love going to work, but I look forward to Sunday with your children every week.*

Love,  
Ms. Sarah

**Please remember in your prayers:** Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), 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, Jim Waugh, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

Our Presence	Our Generosity
<b>7/19/2009</b>	
Worship 9:00 am 109, 10:15 am 47	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,179
11:00 am 105	07/19/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 5,566
Total: 261	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 292,288
Sunday School 99	Contributions Received YTD \$ 292,473
Small Groups 50	Difference \$ 185
Total: 149	

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE?

- **ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 3rd-5th GRADERS** Let's get out of the church and serve! Friday, July 31, 2009, Greensboro Urban Ministry. We will leave from College Park Baptist Church at 1:45 pm and return at 5 pm. Sign up by contacting Kim Priddy at 272-2171, ext. 102 or kpriddy@grace-methodist.com.
- **LET US HELP YOU FIND A JOB** Tiffany Crenshaw, one of our Grace Church members, and owner of *Intellect Resources*, a job recruiting firm, has graciously offered to hold a series of job search workshops here at Grace. The workshops will focus on: **Managing Your Career, Resume Writing, and Interview Tips and Pointers**. The sessions will be held on August 5th, 12th and 19th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Contact Pastor Mike or the church office to register. If you have questions, Tiffany can be reached at tcrenshaw@intellectresources.com.
- **RICE is this month's food.** One pound bags or larger are preferred. Purchase a few bags and drop them in one of our bins this Sunday. Bins are located in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks for feeding the hungry!!
- **SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES** Thanks to all who filled and returned a box for our soldiers. We should be able to announce the totals next week. Thanks for supporting our soldiers.
- **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!
- **GOSPEL LIGHT VBS—SON ROCK KIDS CAMP**...Where kids build their lives on the rock: Jesus! Bible Stories, Crafts, Skits, Games, Songs. August 3 - 7, ages 3 yrs. - 5th grade. Don't miss out on this fun week at Grace! REGISTER!

# GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, July 26

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 Women
11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Montagnard Worship - Sanctuary

## Monday, July 27

10:30 a.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m.	Qigong - Graceful Grounds
7:00 p.m.	Finance Team - Library

## Tuesday, July 28

8:00 p.m.	AA - Graceful Grounds
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## Wednesday, July 29

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

## Thursday, July 30

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

## Saturday, August 1

9:00 a.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
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Please make sure you schedule your church events (in the church or away) in the calendar located on top of the mail slots in the hallway directly outside the church office. This is the only way your event will get listed in the weekly calendar in the bulletin. It's also the only way to prevent double booking of a room. If you are the leader of a group or planned activity, please appoint someone on your team to list your event in the calendar or contact Judi in the church office well in advance and she will list in the calendar. Phone # 272-2171, ext. 100, [jmitchell@grace-methodist.com](mailto:jmitchell@grace-methodist.com). Also, if you have an ongoing event and tell me that, it will be listed until I hear otherwise. We're a busy place, let's make sure we let folks know what's going on!



**FUEL - "Faith Used In Everyday Life"**

- FUEL— MARK YOUR CALENDARS...FUEL KICKOFF, Sunday, August 30th. All rising 6th graders are invited to join in the fun at our kick-off on Sunday, August 30th. Keep tuned for more info!
- YOUTH Sunday School teachers needed- We are in need of volunteers to teach our middle and high school Sunday School classes. The curriculum is provided and volunteers rotate teaching (1 Sunday per month.) Please prayerfully consider serving at Grace with our youth! Contact Christina McCord by August 2nd if you are interested @ 282-0380 or [christina.mccord3@gmail.com](mailto:christina.mccord3@gmail.com).
- ALL RISING 6th Graders and New Youth to Grace- With the growth at Grace, it is difficult to keep up with all the amazing youth! If you are a RISING 6th GRADER or A NEW YOUTH TO GRACE, please let Christina know so you can be added to our contact list and join in the fun! 282-0380 or [christina.mccord3@gmail.com](mailto:christina.mccord3@gmail.com).



**FUEL KICKOFF—AUGUST, 2008**