



So you think you can't dance?

Have you ever wanted to learn basic partner dancing? Do you go to wedding receptions and sit for everything except the chicken dance and electric slide? If so, please join Jeff and Mary Kerrigan for a series of swing dance lessons, culminating with a group outing to a dance with a live band.

- No experience, skill or special equipment required.
- 4 lessons on Friday nights - September 11,18,25 and October 2 from 6-7:30 pm.
- Dance put on by the Piedmont Swing Dance Society on Saturday, October 10th at the Vintage Theater in Winston-Salem. Martha and the Mood Swingers will perform.
- Cost is \$55 per couple, and includes four lessons, childcare during the lessons, and admission to the dance.
- Proceeds will be donated to the Grace Children's Ministries.
- To register, please email Mary at marydkerrigan@yahoo.com, 286-8445

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009

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

“The *Blest* Way to Be Attitudes”

Part 1: “You’re *Blest* When You’re At the End of Your Rope?”

Welcome to Grace! Today we begin a brand new sermon series entitled “The *Blest* Way to Be Attitudes: Living Life According to the Beatitudes of Jesus”. In this series we’ll be exploring eight “beatitudes” of Jesus which are found in Matthew 5, the beginning of Jesus’ famous “Sermon on the Mount”. As we explore each “beatitude”, which, by the way, means “supreme blessing or wonderful news”, we’ll discover a way Jesus calls us to live that will not only enable us to experience a life of God’s wholeness in our lives, but become vessels of God’s wholeness in the world.

Today we begin our series with a message called “You’re *Blest* When You’re At the End of Your Rope?”. In our time together we’ll explore the first beatitude, “Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for they shall see the Kingdom of God”. As counter-cultural as it seems, we’ll hopefully discover that moments when life falls apart can become moments in which we experience God’s presence and power in incredible ways, if, we have the right attitude! It’s great to see you at Grace today. We hope you have a wonderful experience as we worship God and experience the joy of being part of a community of faith!

Blessings,

Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23 2009

TWELFTH 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 *According to Thy Gracious Word* Willan

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

CHORAL INTROIT *God is Here* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered to celebrate the good news of God,
and to learn the way to life through Christ, our Lord.

Let us consider together the path Christ shows us,
that we might help create God's kingdom on earth.

*HYMN NO. 369 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for the unhealthy ways we have often lived our lives. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing to live in ways that bring peace and love to your world, we have often denied our better selves and failed to live to the full height of our humanity. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Holy Spirit, please empower us to follow in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, 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..**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(At this time, we welcome John and Angie Wells, with their children, Sophie and Phoebe, into the Grace Church fellowship. Let us be in prayer for the family at this time.)

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Young

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Tiffany Crenshaw

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-3

ANTHEM *I Will Sing with the Spirit* Rutter

SERMON "The *Blest* Way to Be Attitudes"
Part 1: "You're *Blest* When You're at the End of Your Rope?" Pastor Morris

*HYMN NO. 347 *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Be With You 'til We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

*POSTLUDE *March* Haydn

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: John Williams & Lynne Lewallen; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Tiffany Crenshaw; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Jarrod Clayton; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mary Beth Dixon & Susan James Frye; **HALL HELPERS:** OPEN; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Rob & Kristen Weldon; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Stacy Hiers; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Jason Smith & Spencer Smith; Narthex: Mary Van Dyke; **ACOLYTE:** Spencer Smith; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Bo Broughton; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mary Beth Dixon & Susan James Frye; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Ed Guyer/Tom Sibley; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Kristian Hiers; **USHERS:** Logan Hiers, Ethan Waldrop, Doug Swaim & Caleb Rio-Anderson; **11:00 am SOUND SYSTEM:** Patrick Fannes/Bruce Litaker; **LAWN SERVICE:** Jason Smith, Jim Phillips, Mike Trexler; **CLOSER:** Andrea Spencer

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Joe & Rebekah Matthews in memory of Luke Hough Matthews.

If you play a wind or string instrument, we'd like you to share your talents with us! A new musical ensemble is being formed on September 2nd - The Grace Church Chamber Ensemble - and will assist with music at the 11:00 service. This group is tentatively scheduled to practice on Wednesday nights (although that time is flexible) and will perform periodically during the 11:00 service. This will be a VERY low stress musical endeavor. All you need is your own instrument, a love of music, and a desire to make a beautiful sound. If you are interested, please see Danny Frye, Chancel Choir Music Director. You can also email him at dannyfrye@earthlink.net.

Please remember in your prayers: Jerry & Janice Scott, Carrie Check (sister of co-worker of Leslie Stainback), Lynn Roberts (breast cancer, friend of Diane Bray), 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
8/16/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 145, 10:15 am 62	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,178
11:00 am 135	08/09/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 6,247
Total: 342	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 324,999
Sunday School 118	Contributions Received YTD \$ 331,930
Small Groups 32	Difference \$ 6,931
Total: 150	

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH?

- **What is FUEL???**- FUEL is the name of Grace's youth group and it stands for **Faith Used in Everyday Life**. We meet on Sunday evenings for fellowship, study, and fun. We also have many opportunities throughout the year for youth to serve others, attend retreats, grow spiritually, and have a great time with other youth at Grace! If you are a rising 6th-12th grader, we'd love for you to join us! Contact Christina McCord for further details @ christina.mccord3@gmail.com or 282-0380.
- **FUEL Youth Kick-Off!!!**- All rising 6th through 12th graders make plans to join us for our FUEL Kick-off Sunday, August 30 from 5:00-7:00. We will meet at the Nussbaum's home (108 Kemp Road East) for some pool fun and dinner! INVITE A FRIEND and make plans to join us for this great event! RSVP to Christina McCord by Monday, 8/24 with the # attending. This is a YOUTH ONLY event.....PARENT MEETING will be held during FUEL dinner on 9/13.
- **FUEL Scavenger Hunt/Parent Meeting**- Our Photo Scavenger Hunt will take place on Sunday, September 13th from 4:30-6:00. There is a "twist" to this year's event and it benefits others in our community! Then, while the youth eat dinner from 6:00-6:30, **ALL YOUTH PARENTS are invited to a parent meeting** with Christina and the Youth Nurture Team. Please make plans to join us for this great evening!
- **ARISE!** Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 30th. Children will move up to their new class for Sunday school. We offer a class for 2's, Preschool age, Kindergarten/1st, 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th.
- **BLESSING THE BACKPACKS!** This will take place on Sunday, August 30th as well. Please have children bring their school backpack (all ages) for a special gift. We will take time to bless the children and teachers for the upcoming academic school year.
- **ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN THE 2'S AND PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**
We have between 6 to 12 active children each Sunday. Come play, make crafts and encourage children as they learn about God. Contact Kim Priddy if you are interested in helping or getting more information. kpriddy@grace-methodist.com or 272-2171 ext. 102.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Break Room
10:30 a.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m.	Qigong - Graceful Grounds

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 p.m.	AA - Graceful Grounds
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Wednesday, August 26

6:00 p.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	"10:15" Rehearsal
8:00 p.m.	Agents of Grace Rehearsal

Thursday, August 27

6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi - Graceful Grounds
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Saturday, August 28

9:00 a.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
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NEW T'AI CHI CLASS FOR BEGINNERS...Sifu Patrick Fannes will begin a new T'ai Chi class on September 17 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Graceful Grounds. The cost will be \$10.00 per class.

T'ai Chi is a traditional Chinese conditioning exercise that seeks to enhance balance, body awareness, and overall well being through the practice of therapeutic movements. T'ai Chi combines deep diaphragmatic breathing and relaxation with slow gentle movements. These gentle movements involve isometric and isotonic positioning of the hands, legs, waist and spine. These movements should be performed effortlessly with one movement following into the next. Mental concentration is required to achieve harmony between body and mind. To newcomers, T'ai Chi exercise appears to look like a graceful dance. Some practitioners have described this exercise as a moving meditation.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE FOR ADULTS?

- **AUGUST'S missions foods** are **CANNED GREEN BEANS AND CANNED FRUIT JUICES**. Please stop by the grocery and buy a few cans to drop in one of our bins on Sunday. Bins are provided in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks for remembering the hungry in our community!!
- **NEW TO GRACE? Why not attend *Discovering Grace*?** Why not come and find out more about us? We'd like to invite you to *Discovering Grace*. *Discovering Grace* is a membership inquiry and orientation class for those interested in joining Grace Church. The class gives participants a brief history of Methodism, an overview of our beliefs, reviews the many ministries of Grace, and discusses the requirements and expectations of membership. The class will be held Sunday afternoon, September 13th from 4:00 - 6 pm. The class will be led by Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike (mmoran@grace-methodist.com). Please let Pastor Mike know if you plan on attending, or you may call the church office at 272-2171.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR... Wonderful Wednesdays at Grace** Mark your calendars for Wednesday's in September and October for Wonderful Wednesdays at Grace. Starting September 9th Grace will offer a full suite of small group activities. Presently planned are "The Message at M"CoUl's" from 6-7pm, Grace Gangs for children preschool through 5th grade. Childcare will also be available for children of all ages until 7:15pm. Then following these program offerings, our chancel choir and 9am Agents of Grace and our 10:15 worship teams will rehearse. Other small group offerings for the fall are in the works so stay tuned.
- ***WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?...*EXCHANGE CLASS TO BEGIN NEW STUDY ON SEPTEMBER 13.** In this critically acclaimed, bestselling book, Philip Yancey explores the church's great distinctive—grace—at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, and if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?

Offering compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power, Yancey searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, What's So Amazing About Grace? © Zondervan

The Exchange Class meets on Sunday morning at 10:00 in the Yoga room on the 2nd floor of the Educational Building and always welcomes newcomers.