

Circle #2 will meet Monday, September 14 at 10:30 am. the meeting will be in the Church Parlor and the guest speaker will be Ann Causey, a volunteer at the Blessed table Food Pantry and Thrift Shop. Housed at Bessemer UMC, this has been our Mission Project for the past 2 years. All women of Grace Church are invited to attend this meeting.

Clothing for the Blessed Table Thrift Shop Our church has really responded to this local Mission Project. Clothes and shoes, used but in good shape are needed throughout the year—especially children’s clothing for all ages. Your donations can be placed in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall and the Faith/Fellowship Class located in the Chapel in the sanctuary building. Thank you for your support!

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

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

The Blest Way to Be Attitudes
Part 3: “Meekness is Not Weakness”

Welcome to Grace! Today we continue our new sermon series, “The Blest Way to Be Attitudes: Living Life According to the Beatitudes of Jesus.” In this series, we’re exploring the meaning and relevance of the eight “beatitudes” of Jesus which we find in Matthew 5, the beginning of the “Sermon on the Mount”. In these beatitudes Jesus invites us to live our lives with attitudes what will lead to a deep sense of happiness, peace and well being.

Today our message is entitled “You’re Blest When You Realize Meekness Is Not Weakness”. In his third beatitude, Jesus says “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” In our culture, meekness is often thought to mean “weakness, submissiveness, being a doormat for others”. However, in our time together we’ll discover that this is not what Jesus meant at all. In fact, we’ll learn that sometimes, those who are the meekest among us make the biggest difference in the world.

We hope our experience in worship this morning will draw us closer to God and each other. We also hope it will prepare us to live as God’s people of light in the coming week!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2009

FOURTEENTH 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 Prelude on *Londonderry Air* arr. Rawsthorne

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

CHORAL INTROIT *When Morning Gilds the Sky* arr. Bird

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the Lord with songs of praise!
For our God is a God of unending mercy!

Let us worship the Lord with gladness!
For our God is a God of unconditional love!

*HYMN NO. 73 *O Worship the King* LYONS

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Forgive our sins and cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that as we worship this day, we might perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. 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.**

OFFERTORY *In Thee, Lord, Have I put My Trust* J. Christoph Bach

*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

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You have to say to us this day. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:5

SERMON "The *Blest* Way to Be Attitudes"
Part 3: "Meekness is Not Weakness" Pastor Morris

ANTHEM *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Moore

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Hymnal, page 17

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(As the ushers direct, all are welcome to come to the Lord's Table, receive the sacrament of God's grace and spend a few moments in prayer at the altar before returning to your seat. As we receive the elements you are invited to joyfully join the choir in singing hymns: 630, 617, and 614.)

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE NO. 672

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

*POSTLUDE Postlude on *Lasst uns Erfreuen* Young

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: Steve Brock & Jeff Kerrigan; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** OPEN; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Jeremy McKinney; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Jeff & Mary Kerrigan; **HALL HELPER:** Laine Tousey; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Phyllis Matthews; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** OPEN; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Evelyn Hutton & Mary Jenkins; Narthex: Buck & Betsy Gresham; **ACOLYTE:** OPEN; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Spencer Warren; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Jeff & Mary Kerrigan; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Mike Stainback; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Scott Romine; **USHERS:** Jim & Brook Price, Brian & Laine Tousey; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce & Lisa Litaker; **LAWN SERVICE:** Ed Guyer, Bob Strack, Kevin Corcoran; **CLOSER:** OPEN

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Jay Martin in honor of Anne Marie's 9th birthday on September 10th.

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to Bill Stone and family. Bill's brother-in-law, Tom Berry died on Sunday morning, August 30th. Let us be in prayer for Bill and the Berry family. Let us also express our sympathy to Ruth Smith. Ruth's daughter, Ruth Bammes, died on August 31 in Salt Lake City. Ruth Smith recently moved and her new address is 2433 Hardaway Hwy., Chattahoochee, FL. 32324. Let us be in prayer for the Ruth and the family.

Please remember in your prayers: Michelle Cox (Dottie Cox's daughter), Jil Osborne, (Mae Boles niece), Jerry & Ginger 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
8/30/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 164, 10:15 am 52	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,179
11:00 am 116	08/30/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 10,411
Total: 332	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 341,356
Sunday School 123	Contributions Received YTD \$ 345,642
Small Groups 54	Difference \$ 4,286
Total: 177	



- **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.
- **POOL PARTY success!**- Thank you to everyone who came out to kick-off another awesome year with Grace's Youth Ministry. We had 40 youth and leaders come out for a great evening of fun! A BIG THANK YOU to the Nussbaum's for so graciously allowing us to use their pool!
- **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!



K.I.D.S: Kids In Dynamic Service of Grace!

(current 4th & 5th graders) We will meet Sunday Sept 13 at College Park Baptist church for an outreach project and dinner from 5-6:30pm. Please contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com to sign up.

- **BACKPACK CLUB** - Our mission is to sponsor 4 children at Peeler Open Elementary with food for a weekend. Volunteer to assist with the packing, delivering, or retrieval of the backpacks. Pray for the ministry and those children and families that we sponsor. Look to sign up or information at the volunteer center.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 6

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, September 7

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 p.m.	AA - Graceful Grounds
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Wednesday, September 9

12:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Bible Study Kick-off Luncheon, Friends Home, Guilford
6:00 p.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room, 2nd floor, Education Building
6:00 p.m.	Message at M'Couls, 110 W. McGee Street
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room, sanctuary building
7:00 p.m.	"10:15" Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds
8:00 p.m.	Agents of Grace Rehearsal, Graceful Grounds
8:00 p.m.	Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal - Choir Room, sanctuary building

Thursday, September 10

4:00 p.m.	Brownies
6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi - Graceful Grounds

Friday, September 11

5:00 p.m.	Brownies Lock-In
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Saturday, September 12

9:00 a.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
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Our Volunteer Centers are open! There will be tables set up before and after each service. Someone will be stationed at each table to hand out "Gifts and Talents Surveys" and to answer questions about the service opportunities available through Grace Church. The "Top Five Most Urgent Needs" will be posted at each location. Please stop by and consider how God is calling you to serve.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE FOR ADULTS?

- September's missions food is boxed Macaroni and Cheese. Macaroni and cheese is a great comfort food and a nice addition to most any meal. Pick up a few boxes and bring them to church next Sunday and place in one of our bins. Bins are located in the East entrance of the sanctuary building and in the Graceful Grounds worship center. Thanks for feeding the hungry in Greensboro.

Coming up: October Dried Beans

November: Canned Greens

- 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.
- 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.

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.

Wonderful Wednesdays at Grace Starting September 9th

Join us at Grace Church on Wednesdays during the months of September and October. We will begin on September the 9th and meet each Wednesday except for October the 7th, for a full suite of small group opportunities for study, fun, and fellowship. This year we have something for the youngest among us to the oldest. Take a look at what we have to offer and get connected with the group that interests you the most.

Senior Adult Bible Study...This Group will meet each Wednesday afternoon at 1pm at Friends Home Guilford. All seniors are invited to attend. We especially want to invite our seniors who reside at Friends Home-Guilford, Friends Home-West, River Landing, and Well Spring; as well as our seniors living throughout the Greensboro area. Each week Pastor Morris or Pastor Mike will lead a study and discussion based on the sermon topic from the previous Sunday. We will study the scripture, give you a summary of what our thoughts were in the sermons, and then engage in lively discussion about the topic of the week. If you have access to a computer and would like to prepare in advance you can listen to our sermons online at the Grace Church website. There will be a kick-off luncheon at Friends Home Guilford on the first meeting date, September 9th, at noon. The cost for the lunch will be \$9.00 and is payable that day. Contact Diana Clark at 292-2240 to make your reservation.

The Message at M'Couls...The Message at M'Couls will meet each Wednesday at 6pm from September 9th through October 28th (except for October 7th) at 6pm at M'Couls Pub at 110 W. McGee Street in downtown Greensboro. Come and join us for a bite to eat and your favorite beverage as we discuss and study our sermon theme for the week. These sessions are a great way to get to know others from Grace church in a warm comfortable friendly environment. Childcare will be provided at the church for the children of all participants from 5:45 until 7:15pm

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Chancel Choir, Agents of Grace, and 10:15 Worship Team Rehearsals...

Following our Wednesday night growth groups are the regularly scheduled rehearsals of our Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m., led by our director Danny Frye; and our contemporary worship teams, led by Marshall Johnson, "*Ten-Fifteen*" at 7:00 p.m. and *Agents of Grace* at 8:00 p.m., both in Graceful Grounds. Make your Wednesday complete by participating in one of these groups too!

SEE YOU AT GRACE THIS FALL FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

BUR-MIL PARK - 4:30 PM UNTIL

FOOD AT 5:30 PM ...GAMES, FRIENDS, FUN!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT OR SIDE DISH.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK!

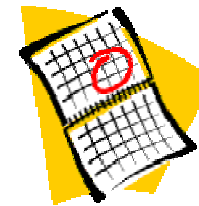
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