

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 13, 2009

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

The Blest Way to Be Attitudes

Part 4: “You’re Blest When You Hunger for the Right Thing”

Welcome to Grace! We have two things we want to share with you as we gather for worship this morning. First, we want to let you know that today we’ll be sharing the fourth sermon in our series “The *Blest* Way to Be Attitudes: Living Life According to the Beatitudes of Jesus.” Today’s message is entitled “You’re Blessed When you Hunger for the Right Thing”. In our time together we’ll be exploring the meaning and implications of Jesus’ fourth beatitude, which says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Second, we want to encourage you to put **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**, on your calendar. This Sunday is Worldwide Communion Sunday. On this date we celebrate the unity of God’s people all over the world. At Grace we will be celebrating our unity by having **ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Music for this service will be provided by the *Agents of Grace*, the *Ten-Fifteen* band and our chancel choir. Following our worship service, we will serve “BRUNCH” in Graceful Grounds. It’s going to be a fantastic day, so make plans to invite a friend and be here!

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2009

FIFTEENTH 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 *Agincourt Hymn* Dunstable

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

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all who hunger and thirst for God,
for now is the time to worship.

**We open our hearts to the Lord,
that we might be filled with righteousness and truth.**

*HYMN NO. 150 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Jesus taught us that the deepest hunger of our lives can only be filled by a relationship with You. We confess, however, that we have often tried to satisfy our hunger with other things. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, help us turn our hearts toward You. We pray this in the name of Jesus 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 *Prince Eugen's March* Anonymous

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

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Tiffany Crenshaw

*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 5:6

ANTHEM *The Kingdom* Thomas

SERMON "The *Blest Way to Be Attitudes*" Pastor Morris
Part 4: "You're Blessed When You Hunger for the Right Thing"

CLOSING HYMN NO. 451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

*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 *Christ the Redeemer* Birchwood

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: Von Steens; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen;
TIME WITH CHILDREN: Tiffany Crenshaw; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Melissa Guyer;
9:00 a.m. NURSERY: Bobby & Allison Greiner; **HALL HELPER:** Allison Greiner;
10:15 a.m. GREETER: Phyllis Matthews; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Stacy Hiers;
11:00 a.m. - GREETERS: East Entrance: Margery Sienkiewicz & Joan Szamier; Narthex: Charles & Martha McCloud; **ACOLYTE:** OPEN; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Kevin Spencer;
11:00 a.m. NURSERY: Bobby & Allison Greiner; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Scott Romine;
11 a.m. HEAD USHER: Bill Stone; **USHERS:** Carolena Dunlap, Evan Williams, Nicki Simak;
11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM: Sam Lewis; **LAWN SERVICE:** John Williams, Vic Nussbaum, Bruce Litaker; **CLOSER:** Stacy Hiers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by David French in memory of his parents, Beatrice Cobb French and Reuben R French, Sr.

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to Dottie Cox and family. Dottie's daughter, Michelle Cox, died on Saturday, September 5, at Cone Hospital. A celebration of life service will be held at Grace Church on Saturday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Please remember in your prayers: Lynn Reese, (Danny Frye's cousin whose son was killed in car wreck), Earl Rideout, Jil Osborne, (Mae Boles' niece), Jerry & Ginger Scott, Carrie Check (sister of co-worker of Leslie Stainback), 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
9/06/2009	
Worship 9:00 am 159, 10:15 am 50	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,179
11:00 am 82	08/30/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 6,311
Total: 291	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 350,677
Sunday School 121	Contributions Received YTD \$ 351,953
Small Groups 50	Difference \$ 1,276
Total: 171	



- **What is FUEL???** FUEL is the name of Grace's youth group and it stands for **F**aith **U**sed in **E**veryday **L**ife. 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 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!
- **YOUTH FX09 Fall Experience, November 13-15**- You can expect an amazing experience as our youth have a blast with other youth ministries from around the southeast. Besides the high-energy sessions with relevant messages through-out the weekend, you can participate in the hilarious "Extreme Competition" sports, play paintball, zipline, "BIG" Swing, and much more, You can also enjoy 7 Miles, the featured band during the worship services. Visit http://www.tsunamiministries.com/FX09/Flood_FX09.pdf for more details.
- **PAYMENT of \$125 (made to Grace UMC) is due by Sunday, October 4th.** There are only 20 youth openings for this trip so make sure to reserve your spot now!
- **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 kpiddy@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 13

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
11:00 a.m.	Teacher Training - 2nd floor Education building
1:00 p.m.	Montagnard Worship - Sanctuary
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	FUEL Scavenger Hunt & Supper
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	FUEL Parent meeting

Monday, September 14

10:30 a.m.	Circle #2 - Church Parlor
10:30 a.m.	Taiji Class - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m.	Taiji Class - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m.	Qigong - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m.	CPR Classes - Library (Cost \$25 for 3 certification credits)

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 p.m.	CPR Classes - Library (Cost \$25 for 3 certification credits)
7:00 p.m.	Circle #7 at Sugar Dunlap's
8:00 p.m.	AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, September 16

12:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Bible Study, 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.	Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal - Choir Room, sanctuary building

Thursday, September 17

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Fellowship - Panera Bread on W. Market St.
6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi for Advanced Students - Graceful Grounds
7:30 p.m.	Tai Chi for Beginners - Graceful Grounds

Friday, September 11

11:30 a.m.	Family Therapists - Library
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Saturday, September 12

9:00 a.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE FOR ADULTS?

- **CROP WALK**...It's time again! The 29th Annual Greater Greensboro CROP HUNGER WALK will take place on Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. It is a fairly easy walk and begins and ends at Newbridge Bank Park. As they say at Urban Ministry, this is more than just a walk. It is an annual awareness and education program started by Church World Services to learn more about ending food scarcity throughout the world. The money we collect benefits the less fortunate locally and globally. Please consider walking this year or making a donation to a walker. We are not only making a difference in the lives of others, but also getting a chance to know fellow church members better as we walk! We normally meet at the ball park and walk together. If you are interested in walking, please contact either Vic Nussbaum (328-7074) or vic.nussbaum@yahoo.com or Wendy Sibley (854-6540) or gsosibley@triad.rr.com to get your sponsor/donation packages and/or any other information you may need. Thanks so much for your willingness to help others during these very tough economic times.

- **In August, 289 pounds of groceries were collected** and delivered to Greensboro Urban Ministries. Thanks to our Vacation Bible School for their contribution and to all others who made August such a tremendous success!

Let's continue this momentum in **September** with contributions of **Macaroni and Cheese**, a rich addition to any meal and a comfort food for many. Pick up a few boxes and bring them to church next Sunday and place in one of our bins 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

- **LAST CALL FOR DISCOVERING GRACE**...If you are new to Grace and would like to find out more about us, Pastors Morris and Mike will be holding a *Discovering Grace* gathering this afternoon at 4 p.m. here at Grace Church. The class is designed to familiarize you with the history of Methodism, the mission and ministry of Grace Church, as well as the expectations and requirements of membership. Let one of the Pastors know if you plan on attending at mbrown@grace-methodist.com or mmoran@grace-methodist.com, 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.

Wonderful Wednesdays at Grace

Join us at Grace Church on **Wednesdays during the months of September and October**. We began on September the 9th and will 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. You can join these activities at any time.

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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Join us Sunday September 20th

As we gather for food, fun & fellowship for all ages.

Bur-Mill Park, Shelter #2

Activities Begin at 4:30 Dinner at 5:30



Please bring a side or dessert to share
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