

Grace Notes

Ruth Smith and her daughter, Roberta, want to thank those caring and thoughtful friends who either called, sent cards, or made contributions in her daughter, Ruth Bammes' name.

Dear Grace Church,

My mother and I thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers, plants and visits when mom's brother, Bobby Richardson, died. You helped hold us up through a difficult time. We were blessed and encouraged by your words and your deeds. Each call, card, visit and prayer helped to lift our spirits as we dealt with our loss. You are truly a wonderful church family.

Love,
Doris Owens & Judi Mitchell

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GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

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

The Blest Way to Be Attitudes
Part 5: "The Boomerang Beatitude"

Welcome to Grace! There is an old Roman legend about a slave, Androcles, who ran away from his master. In his flight, he took refuge in a cave. He did not know it but the cave was the den of a lion. When the lion returned Androcles was terrified, but instead of attacking him, the lion limped about moaning pathetically. He had a large thorn in his paw. Moved with pity, Androcles approached the lion and removed the thorn.

Later, soldiers captured Androcles and his angry master sentenced him to die in the arena—thrown to hungry lions. But when the awful moment came, the charging lion stopped in his tracks. And Androcles suddenly realized that it was the very lion he had befriended! Instead of eating Androcles, the lion bounded around him like a great puppy, and they embraced. While they did, the crowd began to cheer for Androcles' release!

What happened? Androcles had shown mercy to the lion in his time of need, and so the lion returned mercy in Androcles' time of need. Today, we're exploring the fifth beatitude of Jesus, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." In our time together, we'll explore the meaning mercy and why it's such an important attitude for us to nurture in our lives. We're thrilled to see you at Grace.

Blessings,



Pastor Morris

PS Don't forget our Annual Church-Wide Picnic at Bur-Mil Park, shelter #2. We will be having Stamey's BBQ. Please bring a side dish or dessert, some friends, chairs/blankets, and any outdoor games you would like to share. Festivities begin at 4:30 pm.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 20, 2009

SIXTEENTH 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 *St. Philip (Lord, In This Thy Mercy's Day)* Willan

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

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us offer our praise to the Lord,
And give thanks to our God.

**For the Lord is full of mercy,
A God of unending grace.**

*HYMN NO. 126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in the gift of your son Jesus, you offer your mercy to us. You then call us to be a people who offer mercy to others. We confess, however, that we have often failed to do this. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, help us become the people you have called us to be. 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 *Deal Thou With Me In Mercy, Lord* Walther

*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 Sara Corcoran

*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 5:7

ANTHEM *Come, Ye Sinners* White

SERMON "The *Blest Way to Be Attitudes*" Pastor Morris
Part 5: "You're Blest When You Become a Boomerang"

CLOSING HYMN NO. 354 *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

*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 *Trumpet Voluntary* 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. - GREETER: Karen Kernodle; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Sara Corcoran; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Kevin Redding; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Robynn & Greg Osborne; **HALL HELPER:** Lito Lewallen; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Stu & Michelle Gauffreau; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Luke Van Hine; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: David & Susan Stewart; Narthex: Pat Cross & Frances Thomas; **ACOLYTE:** Kaitlyn Brock; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Kim Newman; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Robynn & Greg Osborne; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Stone; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Angie Ferreira; **USHERS:** Nancy Purcell, Gerry McCall, Darrell Allred, Mike Marshall; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bill & Marjorie Stone; **LAWN SERVICE:** John Williams, Vic Nussbaum, Bruce Litaker

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Darrell and Marion Allred in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Please remember in your prayers: Jim Nussbaum (Vic Nussbaum's brother), Earl Rideout (Sugar Dunlap's brother-in-law), Jill 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



WORSHIP READINESS: All 1st through 5th graders and their families are invited to attend a workshop at **4:00 pm, Sunday, October 4th** to prepare students for attending worship. The workshop includes information about the order of worship, the worship space, prayer, the sacraments of baptism and communion through games and activities. Please contact Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com to sign up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...We are excited to present each 3rd grader with their own Bible on **Sunday, October 4th**. Please email Kim Priddy at kpriddy@grace-methodist.com with any questions.

Our Presence		Our Generosity	
9/13/2009			
Worship 9:00 am	159	Needed Weekly to meet Budget	\$ 9,320
10:15 am	45		
11:00 am	129	09/13/09 Contributions to Budget	\$ 5,620
Total:	333	Contributions Needed YTD	\$ 359,997
Sunday School	160	Contributions Received YTD	\$ 357,560
Small Groups	173	Difference	Short \$ 2,437
Total:	333		



- **“Can” Hunger Scavenger Hunt Update!** A BIG THANK YOU to all the youth who helped stop hunger last Sunday night with the “Can “ Hunger Scavenger Hunt. We had 7 teams of 4-5 youth who went door-to-door in different neighborhoods asking for food donations for Greensboro Urban Ministry and the Backpack Project. THANK YOU to Lyndal Butler and Jason McCord for dropping off the food today at GUM...we donated a total of 755 pounds of cans and other foods. We also filled a large box with mac n cheese and canned meats for the Backpack Project (providing children at Peeler Elementary with a weekend's worth of groceries in a backpack each week.) Also, THANK YOU to all the parents who came to the parent meeting!!!!

*“Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.”
1 John 3:18*

- **F.U.E.L. in September-** All youth are encouraged to come out with your families for the church-wide picnic on Sunday, September 20. We will meet at our regular times on September 27.
- **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!**
- **Internet Safety Workshop-** ALL YOUTH and PARENTS are invited to an Internet Safety Workshop on Sunday, October 11 @ 6pm in Graceful Grounds. Corporal Chad Williams of the Juvenile Services Squad of the Criminal Investigation Division will share an informative, relevant, and dynamic presentation that will benefit parents and youth alike. This is open to the community and we encourage you to invite friends, other parents, and any others who you feel could benefit from this topic. Internet Safety is so important and it starts with education so please make plans to attend. Please contact Christina McCord if you have further questions at 282-0380 or at christina.mccord3@gmail.com.

GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds - Education building
9:25 a.m. Children's Choir - 2nd-5th grades - Choir Room, sanctuary bldg.
9:40 a.m. Cherub Choir - K-1st grades - 2nd/3rd grade classroom-Ed Bldg.
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
4:30 - Until Annual Church-Wide Picnic, Bur-Mil Park, Shelter #2

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Team Meeting-Library
8:00 p.m. AA - Graceful Grounds

Wednesday, September 23

- 1:00 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
6:15 p.m. Grace Gangs (Children all ages through 5th grade)- Ed. Bldg.
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 24

- 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 25

- 6:00 p.m. Swing Dance Lessons - Graceful Grounds

Saturday, September 26

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.

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.

- **SEPTEMBER'S** missions food is Macaroni and Cheese. It's a great comfort food for many and a nice addition to a meal. Bring a few boxes next Sunday and drop them 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

- **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.
- **GRACE MEN'S GROUP**...The Grace Men's Group will meet each Thursday morning at Panera on Market Street for coffee, breakfast, and devotion. Our devotions will be based on the book "March Gladness" by Doug Griggs. The book draws parallels between NCAA final four basketball and the truths that are contained in the gospel. So come out each Thursday morning at 7 am and join us as we share together.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**...began on Wednesday, September 9th to rave reviews. Even if you missed the first weeks, we still want you to come. Each week offers something that is totally unique.

Food, Fun & Fellowship

At the Annual Church



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

Don't forget chairs or blankets & your favorite games or sports equipment