

## The Purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church

is to glorify God by equipping individuals and families with the Word of God so that by God's grace they will grow in their service and worship of God, cultivate a genuinely loving fellowship, and influence the world for Jesus Christ.

## Sunday and Wednesday Worship Schedules:

### Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School  
Galatians

Biblical Economics

Inquirers' Class

### 10:30 am Morning Worship

Grace For the World

### 6:00 pm Evening Worship

The Gospel of Mark:  
The Suffering King Has  
Come to Save

### Wednesday

12/2

6:00 pm Adult Small Groups

Youth Group

Children's Catechism

12/9

No Wednesday Night  
Activities

### The Session

Caleb Cangelosi  
(Teaching Elder),  
Brad Bleasdale,  
Dennis Parker  
(Clerk of Session),  
Darryl Richards,  
Robert Row (Director  
of Family Ministries),  
Quinton Bain (Elder  
Emeritus)

### The Diaconate

Todd Burks,  
\*Chuck Craig,  
David Cunningham,  
\*\*Jamey Farris,  
Jason Morse (Treasurer),  
John Rust (Chairman),  
Michael Savage,  
Wes Stevens  
\*Deacon for November  
\*\*Deacon for December

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## New Adult Sunday School Classes, Beginning December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Church History I**, taught by Darryl Richards, will cover early church history. This class is a repeat of the one he taught last year, and is being offered again by popular demand, as well as in preparation for Church History II, which will be taught next fall.

**Galatians**, taught by Jamey Farris, Chuck Craig, and Andy Berg, will continue on for another semester. Using the NavPress Lifechange Bible study book, this discussion class is studying Paul's great epistle of Christian freedom. If you haven't been in this class during the Fall quarter, don't let that stop you from joining with them now.

**God is At Work: The Sovereignty of God and Your Life**, taught by Joey Stewart, will be examining practical implications of the truth of God's rule and reign over all creation and salvation. Here's his summary: "Our lives are filled with struggles...Jesus promised that they would be. Often times we find ourselves hurting in the darkness and wondering through tears, "Where is God in all of this? What in the world is He doing? Why is He doing it to me? Does He know how much I am hurting? Can he hear the cries of my soul? Is he even here?" God, in His word, answers such questions by pointing us to His sovereignty, His kingly rule over all things both great and small. He assures us that He is at work in our lives at all times, that He never forgets us, and that His purposes for us will never fail. You see, God is in complete control over all things; His rule extends to every corner of the earth and to every nook and cranny in your life. Such a notion can make us feel pretty nervous, threatened, and downright scared. But God's sovereignty is never exercised in a vacuum...in it we also see His profound goodness and love, His infinite grace and mercy, and His comforting presence and promises. Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am in the sanctuary as we together look to God's word to see how His sovereignty has EVERYTHING to do with our lives!"

## Session Report

Caleb Cangelosi

At the last Session meeting on November 16, 2009, your Session:

- Discussed Chapter 3 of *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*, by Jack Miller.
- Prayed for the members and visitors of our church.
- Approved the minutes of its stated and called meetings in September and October.
- Heard a Diaconate report from John Rust.
- Voted to wait until the beginning of 2010 to decide what to do with funds over and above budgeted expenses.
- Watched a video on church planting from Mission to North America, the PCA's national missions committee.
- Received with regret the resignation of Tommy Roberts as the chairman of the Missions Committee, effective 11/30/09.
- Approved the Missions Committee's recommendation to send Tom and Becky Pollack the \$1,000 budgeted for the Red Lake Mission trip (that did not happen this year).
- Approved the Missions Committee's recommendation to amend the giving restriction for El Roi Children's Home in Ethiopia, given the fact that one of the children we were specifically supporting has died. Our giving is now going to support other children at the home as Jeff Trowbridge, the director of the home, judges appropriate.
- Approved a motion to start Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., beginning in March.
- Approved a recommendation from the Family Ministries Committee to cancel Wednesday Night Children's Catechism for the Spring of 2010, and move the curriculum to Sunday School; and to encourage more Adult/Family Community Groups to meet throughout the week, along the lines of the existing Young and Happy Group.

## Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

It was a privilege to have our daughter Caroline baptized in the worship service this past Sunday morning, and a privilege to have Jeff Wilkins, our RUF Campus Minister, perform the baptism. We are so thankful to be a part of the family here at Grace, and were encouraged by the vow you took: "Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?" We will have the opportunity to take that vow again in the coming weeks, as we witness the baptisms of other covenant children. Don't forget that one tangible way you can fulfill this vow is to volunteer to work in the nursery and to help with Sunday School (whether as a teacher or as an assistant); also, be praying for the young children of our church, set a godly example for them, and encourage them to walk with the Lord as the opportunity arises. One of the great prayers for our covenant children is David's prayer in Psalm 144:12 – "Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants, and our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace." Let us pray that our children and grandchildren will be more holy, more godly, more knowledgeable of God and His Word, more loving, more humble, and more devoted to Jesus than we were at their age!

Several things of note are taking place this coming Lord's Day. First, immediately following the morning worship service we will have a church wide fellowship meal in the cafeteria. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers and a friend, and we'll have a feast together. We'll be eating together like this every fifth Sunday of the month (in 2010, January, May, August, and October). Second, this Sunday evening we are having a joint Sunday night worship service with our sister church First Presbyterian Church in Crossville. We will also be doing this on the upcoming fifth Sunday evenings. We will be alternating locations, and this Sunday they are coming down the mountain to worship with us. The pastor of First Presbyterian, Michael Quillen, will be preaching God's word. I am greatly looking forward to our time together with them, and I encourage you to come meet and worship with your brothers and sisters.

I have a list of several on-going announcements that I try to rotate through during the announcement time on

Sunday mornings, or have made periodically in these pages, and I thought it might be good to remind you of them all at once here. **1)** If your contact information ever changes, or if you have something about which you'd like the Session to be praying, please fill out the little tear-off in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. **2)** During the winter, please put your coats on the tables in the cafeteria rather than filling a chair with them. Also, please scoot in to the center of the aisle if you are able, so that latecomers can more easily find a seat. **3)** After the morning worship service, please help the deacons break down the outer sections of chairs. There are a limited number of chair-dollies, but you can help by undoing and stacking the chairs. Also, please pick up all loose paper and place it in the trash cans in the hallway. Helping the deacons in this way frees them "to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress" (BCO 9-2). **4)** Please help Ian Robson as he sets up the church on Friday evenings/Saturday mornings. You can contact him at 931-260-1847 or [ianrobson03@gmail.com](mailto:ianrobson03@gmail.com). The more people he has to call upon, the less often any one person has to help. **5)** If you're not getting the newsletter via email and would like to do so, please contact Linda Barnhart at 931-537-6400 or [churchsecretary@frontiernet.net](mailto:churchsecretary@frontiernet.net). **6)** If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please contact me or Helen Morse ([helen@jmorse.com](mailto:helen@jmorse.com)). **7)** I am always open to hymn/song suggestions, if there is something you would like us to sing during worship. **8)** Please continue giving to the building fund! You have given generously to the work of the church all this year, even in a down economy, and I give thanks to God for His work among us. Paul connects our giving to thanksgiving in II Corinthians 9:10-12, "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God." Pray that your officers will have wisdom and grace to be good stewards of God's money. And may the Lord fill our hearts with gratitude for His grace (Phil. 4:6; Col. 1:12; I Thess. 5:18; Heb. 12:28; Heb. 13:15).

Your Pastor, Caleb

## Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday December 16 6:00 pm**  
**Children's Christmas Program and Slide Show**
- **Friday December 18 Youth Progressive Dinner**
- **Sunday December 20 Service of Lessons & Carols**
- **Monday December 21 Church Caroling**

## Financial Update

As of 11/24/2009

General Fund Balance	\$49,959
Church Family Benevolence Fund Balance	\$3,604
Building Fund Balance	\$53,112
Emergency Fund	\$20,000

**George Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3, 1789**

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

**Shepherding Meal Schedule**

Date	Elder
12/6	Richards
12/13	Parker
12/20	Row
12/27	Bleasdale

**Nursery Volunteers and Greeters**

	11/29	12/6
SS Babies	J. Welch	L. Medley
AM Worship Babies and Toddlers	Gleasons'	K. Kincaid & R. Nyhof
PM Worship Babies	Row	Hadlock
Greeters	SA Savage/G. Roberts	R/A Wienke

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/29 Church Wide Fellowship Meal After MW  6:00 pm Joint EW Service with First Presbyterian Church of Crossville <b>Anniversary!</b> Vick	11/30  12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office  <b>Birthday!</b> <b>Megan Headrick</b>	12/1	12/2  6:00 pm Wed night Small Groups & Catechism (Last Meeting this Semester)  <b>Anniversary!</b> <b>Conally</b>	12/3  7:00 pm Young & Happy Men's Fellowship at Steele/Ferrell Compound	12/4	12/5
12/6  Lord's Supper  <b>Birthday!</b> <b>Thomas Levandowski</b>	12/7  12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office	12/8  7:15 pm Titus 2: Christmas Gifts Vicks Home <b>Birthday!</b> <b>Kelsey Cunningham</b>	12/9	12/10  6:00 pm Young & Happy Adult Fellowship at El Tapatio (Willow)	12/11	12/12  Noon - JOY Club Christmas Party at Stevens' <b>Anniversary!</b> <b>Henderson Kincaid Birthday!</b> <b>Jonathan Elmore Laura Medley</b>

## Thank You, Church Family

Robin Twitty

I have tried to write this “Thank you” note for many months now and always fall short of words. I can’t somehow come up with the words to let you know just how grateful we truly are for everything you have done for us. It is impossible to list everything that you have done. You’ve cooked meals, driven me to doctor appointments, driven me to Nashville for treatments, babysat our girls, sat with me when Nathan had to return to work, held my hand while I cried and cried and cried, etc. It would take too much space to list everything you have done for us. You’ve prayed for us. This I consider to be the most important thing. You’ve carried us to Jesus time and time again and asked Him to help us. And we have had many, many needs over the past 22 months. We have seen God answer those prayers. Sometime not in a way we would have preferred. However, He has always heard all of us and He has answered our prayers. Through all the days that things didn’t look so hopeful and during the days when things looked like I was healing, you loved us and loved us deeply. That’s the key. Through all of this, you have taught us what it is to love. You have shown us the love of Jesus in action. You have been His hands and His feet. And though loving us, you have taught us how to love others. You’ve taught Sara and Hannah “this is how you love” as they grow older. What a gift you have given my family. What a gift! I will be eternally grateful to you for teaching

us “this is what family does for each other and this is how to truly love someone”. Amazing love O how can it be... This life is so hard and there are days I honestly have the thought, I don’t want to keep doing this time and time again. I’m tired and it hurts. It’s scary and I hate the unknown. However, I have learned the Lord Jesus is bigger than any fear I have and He is sovereign. He has a perfect plan and this isn’t all about me. It’s about Him and how He can use this for His kingdom. Some days I know this and some days I have to be reminded of this. Thank you for always being there to remind me of His promises. For loving me in spite of my emotional breakdowns and loving me when I try to push you away because I’ve told myself the lie that I can do this on my own. You are precious people. You love the Lord Jesus deeply and that compels you to want to love others even when we make it hard for you to. Thank you! We love you and know you are our family. I just hope you can remember how much we appreciate everything you do. It makes a difference in our lives.

*Editor’s Note: Robin has been diagnosed with a disorder in which the body’s immune system attacks part of the nervous system. See the 2-13-09 edition of Grace Press (which can be found on our website) to learn more.*

The logo for Grace Presbyterian Church features the word "GRACE" in a large, bold, serif font with a cross symbol integrated into the letter "A". Below "GRACE" are the words "PRESBYTERIAN" and "CHURCH" in a smaller, all-caps, serif font, stacked vertically.

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