

## 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  
Church History I

Galatians

God Is At Work:  
The Sovereignty of God in  
Your Life

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

12/16

6:00 pm Children's Christ-  
mas Program in the Multi-  
purpose Room

12/23

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,  
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## The Winds of Change

Robert Row, Director of Family Ministries

The winds of change have come as winter nudges its way into our area. With this change in weather I thought it would be a good opportunity to tell you about some changes here at Grace. After much prayer, thoughtful consideration, and insight from many parents we are making a change in our Wednesday night schedule. Believe me, this is a hard thing for me to change, but hopefully by the end of this note you will understand the reasons why the Session has decided to move in this new direction.

When we began our Wednesday Night Catechism 14 years ago we did it with much enthusiasm as a way to assist parents in catechizing their children while the parents participated in Home Bible Studies. As our church has grown the need for a variety of studies and community within the body of Christ has grown as well. Therefore, the Session desires to foster opportunities to strengthen our covenant community without eliminating the important foundation of children's catechism. Starting in January, we will move the catechism curriculum to the children's Sunday School hour. Not only will this material save us money, it will also provide a greater opportunity to reach more children with the catechism and to have a more deliberate approach in covering the curriculum (be looking for an article in January explaining the new curriculum design for children's Sunday school).

It is also our desire to equip entire families by providing opportunities for more study, service, and fellowship throughout the week. In doing so, however, we feel it is wiser not to create an additional night for your family to be apart on top of a Wednesday Night Catechism. So for the Spring semester of 2010 we will be canceling Wednesday Night Catechism and beginning Community Groups. Our hope is that these groups will grow in genuine fellowship with one another, provide great encouragement to each other, and also provide a means of looking beyond ourselves to find ways our church may serve our community, as individuals and as families.

Starting in January we will begin meeting in homes throughout the area. These Community Groups will take on many different forms and will occur on many different nights. Some will involve children participating and some will not. Some will meet on Wednesday nights and some will meet other nights. Some will do book studies, some will simply have encouraging fellowship, and still others will be looking for ways to serve our church and community. As we begin this new venture the groups will form organically with the following people taking the lead: Dennis Parker, Andy Berg, and Robert Row. If you desire to be a part of these Community Groups please contact one of these men. If you desire to lead a study in your home then let us know – the more options available the better. If you are concerned about childcare let me refer you to the Young and Happies! They have figured out a wonderful working system that is bringing great encouragement to their group and it involves the whole family including little, little ones! So whether your group involves your children in some way or wants to find childcare, either way its up to your group. One last note: Youth Group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at the school!

## Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

This past Sunday we looked at Paul's wonderful description of how the body of Christ grows up unto maturity by speaking the truth in love to one another and using the gifts that God has given each one of us to edify one another. One of the most fruitful studies you can do is to examine all the places where the Bible speaks of our responsibility to "one another." Here is a fairly comprehensive list:

- Love one another (John 13:34; 15:12, 17; Romans 13:8; etc.)
- Be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Romans 12:10)
- Give preference to one another in honor (Romans 12:10)
- Be of the same mind toward one another (Romans 12:16; 15:5)
- Let us not judge one another (Romans 14:13)
- Pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another (Romans 14:19)
- Accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God (Romans 15:7)
- Admonish one another (Romans 15:14)
- Greet one another (Romans 16:16; I Peter 5:14; I Corinthians 16:20; II Corinthians 13:12)
- Have the same care for one another (I Corinthians 12:25)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- If you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:15)
- Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:26)
- Show tolerance for one another in love (Ephesians 4:2)
- Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32)
- Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)
- Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ (Ephesians 5:21)
- Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices (Colossians 3:9)
- Bear with one another, and forgive each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you (Colossians 3:13)
- Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)
- Comfort one another with these words (I Thessalonians 4:18)
- Encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing (I Thessalonians 5:11)
- Live in peace with one another (I Thessalonians 5:13)
- See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people (I Thessalonians 5:15)
- Encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:12; 10:25)
- Stimulate one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
- Do not complain, brethren, against one another (James 5:9)
- Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Be hospitable to one another without complain (I Peter 4:19)

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Not this Lord's Day evening but the next we will have a Service of Lessons and Carols. Join us as we read the rich passages that foretell, tell, and explain our Savior's incarnation, as well as sing praise to Christ our King. I have been rereading Donald Macleod's *Humiliated and Exalted Lord* lately, and in that little book he reminds us that the majestic glory of the incarnation is used by the apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1-11 and II Corinthians 8:9 to drive home the most mundane of duties: "[These passages remind] us that theology does not exist in a vacuum. It exists in the interests of pastoralia. It exists in order to be applied to the day-to-day problems of the Christian church. Every doctrine has its application. All Scripture is profitable and all the doctrine is profitable. Similarly all the application must be based on doctrine. In both the Philippians example-passage and the Corinthian example-passage, Paul is dealing with what are surely comparative trivia, the problem of vainglory in a Christian congregation and the problem of failure of Christian liberality. As a pastor one meets these difficulties daily. They are standing problems. Yet Paul, as he wrestles with both of them, has recourse to the most massive theology. It's not only that you have the emphasis on the unity between theology and practice, but you have the emphasis on the applicability of the profoundest theology to the most mundane and the most common-place problems. Who would ever imagine that the response to the glory of the incarnation might be to give to the collection for the poor? Who might imagine that the application of the glories of New Testament Christology might be to stop our quarreling and our divisiveness in the Christian ekklesia? That is what Paul is doing here. He is telling them: 'You have these practical problems; the answer is theological; remember your theology and place your behavior in the light of that theology. Place your little problems in the light of the most massive theology.' We ourselves in our own Christian callings are to be conscious of this. We must never leave our doctrine hanging in the air, nor hesitate to enforce the most elementary Christian obligations with the most sublime doctrines." Wise words to remember whenever you meditate upon the incarnation. May God conform us to the image of His incarnate Son!

Your Pastor, Caleb

## Notes Regarding the Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 16th 6:00 pm**

**Children’s Christmas Program** Please bring snacks to share. In addition to the Children’s Program, we will also present the 2009 Year-in-Review Slideshow. This will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the School (where we used to meet for Morning Worship).

- Saturday, December 19, 8:00 am—3:00 pm**

**Painting at Algood School** The principal Tim Martin has asked us and the other Algood Adopters to help paint the back hallway and other areas of the school. He has asked that we bring disposable pans and rollers; the school is providing the paint. Painting will begin at 8:00 am and finish at 3:00 pm. Even if you can’t stay the whole time, please come and help as much as you can. Supervised children are welcome. This is a great opportunity to serve with your family.

- Wednesday, December 23, 4:30 pm**

**Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal** If you can cook food or help serve, we need you! Contact Matt Nyhof for details.

## Financial Update

Thank you for your faithful financial support of the church’s ministry this year. 2009 was a historic year because God enabled the church pay for its land. If you are considering an end-of-the-year gift, please remember that items must be postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered a 2009 donation.

	As of 12/1/2009	January 1—December 1, 2009	
General Fund Balance	\$42,934.87	Budgeted Expenses	\$229,221.34
Emergency Fund	\$20,009.53	Actual Income	\$237,051.94
Building Fund Balance	\$56,261.69	Actual Expenses	\$218,668.24
Benevolence Fund	\$3,604.21	Cash Flow	\$18,383.70

### Shepherding Meal Schedule

Date	Elder
12/13	Parker
12/20	Row
12/27	Bleasdale
1/3	Richards

### Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	12/13	12/20
SS Babies	A. Seitzinger	C. Stewart
AM Worship Babies and Toddlers	Winston Family	Cunningham Family
PM Worship Babies	R. Soyster	Vick
Greeters	C. Stewart/B. Williamson	H. Morse/J. Welch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/13	12/14 12 Noon Calvin’s Institutes Church Office 6:00 pm Session Meeting Church Office	12/15 <b>Birthday!</b> Phil Wilbourn	12/16 6:00 PM Children’s Christmas Program In Multipurpose Room at School	12/17 6:00 PM Young & Happy Ladies’ Fellowship Location TBA	12/18 6:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner & Christmas Party	12/19 8AM—3PM Painting at Algood School <b>Anniversary!</b> Earnst
12/20 Evening Worship: Lessons & Carols	12/21 12 Noon Calvin’s Institutes Church Office 6:00 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling <b>Birthday!</b> Michael Savage	12/22 <b>Birthday!</b> Robert Row	12/23 4:30 pm <b>Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal</b>	12/24	12/25 Christmas Day Church Offices Closed	12/26

## Thank You, Church Family

I would like to thank you all of you who have brought us gifts, cooked for us, and helped us during this new stage of our life. Thanks especially to those of you who were able to come to the shower for me and Sarah Dobbins. Unfortunately, in the craziness of having a new baby and having multiple sets of parents in and out of our house, my list of who gave me gifts at the shower was lost. I was able to write most of my thank you notes from the shower before I lost the list, but there are some people who have not received a thank you note from me. Please accept my sincere apology. I want to thank you for your great generosity, but I simply can not remember who was on that bottom third of my list. If I ever find it, you will get a thank you note! Please know that I am very thankful, even if you haven't received an acknowledgement of that fact. Thank you, thank you!

Humbly,  
Elizabeth Cangelosi

## Algood School Gift Project

The Algood Elementary School Library is hosting a Mistletoe Market next Wednesday and Thursday (December 16-17). This is for students who would not otherwise be able to purchase a gift for their family members. Teachers and staff are donating many items that our underprivileged students may choose from, at no cost to them, to give as gifts. They already have volunteers to assist with wrapping and gift tags. If you have unused gift items or wrapping supplies (gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper, tape, ribbon, etc.) that you would like to donate, please either drop them off at Algood Elementary School or drop them off at the church office.



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