

**The Purpose of Grace  
Presbyterian Church**  
is to glorify God by gathering  
and growing His people in  
accordance with His word.

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## Sunday Worship Schedule:

4/4 Easter Sunday  
6:00 am  
Sunrise Service  
Breakfast at the  
Meeting House

No Sunday School

4/11

9:15 am Sunday School  
Inquirers' Class

Romans

Family Life

10:30 am Morning Worship  
Colossians: Our Sufficient,  
Glorious Christ

6:00 pm Evening Worship  
The Gospel of Mark:  
The Suffering King Has  
Come to Save

## Wednesday Schedule:

6:00 pm  
Youth Group  
Algood School

## 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 April

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## The Resurrection of Christ

"Jesus' resurrection, which was a divine act involving all three Persons of the Godhead (John 10:17-18; Acts 13:30-35; Rom. 1:4), was not just a resuscitation of the ruined physical frame that was taken down from the cross for burial. It was, rather, a transformation of Jesus' humanity that enabled him to appear, vanish, and move unseen from one location to another (Luke 24:31, 36). It was the creative renewing of his original body, the body that is now fully glorified and deathless (Phil. 3:21; Heb. 7:16, 24). The Son of God in heaven still lives in and through that body, and will do so forever. In I Corinthians 15:50-54, Paul envisages that Christians who are alive on earth at the moment of Christ's return will undergo a similar transformation, though in II Corinthians 5:1-5 he shows himself aware that Christians who die before the Second Coming will be 'clothed' with their new body (the 'eternal house in heaven') as a distinct event, at or after the time of the old body's return to dust (Gen. 3:19).

"Christianity rests on the certainty of Jesus' resurrection as a space-time occurrence in history. All four Gospels highlight it, focusing on the empty tomb and resurrection appearances, and Acts insists on it (Acts 1:3; 2:24-35; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30-32; 13:33-37). Paul regarded the Resurrection as indisputable proof that the message about Jesus as Judge and Savior is true (Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:1-11, 20).

"Jesus' resurrection demonstrated his victory over death (Acts 2:24; I Cor. 15:54-57), vindicated him as righteous (John 16:10), and indicated his divine identity (Rom. 1:4). It led on to his ascension and enthronement (Acts 1:9-11; 2:34; Phil. 2:9-11; cf. Isa. 53: 10-12) and his present heavenly reign. It guarantees the believer's present forgiveness and justification (Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:17) and is the basis of resurrection life in Christ for the believer here and now (John 11:25-26; Rom. 6; Eph. 1:18-2:10; Col. 2:9-15; 3:1-4)." (from J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*)

## Women's Retreat

Renee Craig

In the hustle and bustle of my busy life, I was able to slow down for a bit and spend a few precious hours with my sisters in Christ. The WIC leadership organized an amazing retreat for the ladies of Grace this past month at the Thomas House in Red Boiling Springs. I cannot express in words how God brings us exactly where we need to be at just the time we need it! When we arrived Friday night we were greeted by a wonderful staff, comfortable rooms and great food, but even this was not the best part. The best part was the wonderful time spent in prayer and study with my friends and family. Connie Stewart brought a wonderful message of God's love, titled *The Beauty of Brokenness*. Connie showed us through scripture how even through the darkest periods of our lives, God is right there with us, sustaining us and showing his love to us. I know in my own personal life, I have struggled with this, so for me and many others that I talked to, this study was just what we all needed. Connie told us that "God peels our tight gripped hands from self-dependency in order to make us depend on him." Can anything else be said? Thanks so much to the Session for seeing to it that the women of Grace are given these wonderful opportunities through WIC to spend time with our fellow sisters in the precious word of God. Thanks also to Connie, who showed us through scripture that we are never alone. When you are ever in doubt, read Philippians 1:6 which says "He began the good work in you, and will be faithful to complete it."



36 ladies were able to attend the Women's Retreat held March 5-6. Rachel, Connie, Kathy, Katie, and Kandice led us through some beautiful hymns.

## Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

Two weekends ago, our family travelled down to Columbia, MS, for our former church's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It was a joyful time of seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Several of the former pastors were in attendance, and it was wonderful to meet men who had labored among the same flock I had labored, only four decades earlier! As I reflected on God's grace to sustain that little flock for 100 years, my thoughts were led to consider our own little flock here in Cookeville – where will we be, what will we look like in 2092? To ask the question is to realize that the vast majority of us will not be alive in 2092, assuming the Lord continues to tarry. And yet we are called to labor for “the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD” (Psalm 102:18). We must pray and plan and serve with an eye to those who are yet to be born and yet to be converted. We must not only think about the here and now, but the here and then. Are we preparing our sons to lead their families well, to do justice and love mercy and walk humbly with God, and to serve the church? Are we preparing our daughters to be known for hospitality and prayer and good works? Are we building solidly upon the foundation of Jesus Christ?

The saying that Jesus applies to His disciples applies to us as well: “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor” (John 4:38). We are not only reaping that for which others have labored, but also laboring so that others can reap in decades to come. If our church is still in existence, and has not been ripped asunder by sin and folly, it will only be due to the grace of God. And if it is a thriving church, filled with life, filled with peace, filled with holiness, filled with wisdom, filled with families, filled with children, filled with missionary zeal, filled with a passion for God's glory, filled with a hunger for His word – again, it will only be due to the grace of God. As I read church history, it appears to me that the church of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, or the 18<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century, was godlier and knew God and His word better than we do. I pray and hope that the same will not be said by my children about our generation, or by the saints of Grace Presbyterian Church in 100 years. I fervently pray that they will know God better than we do, that they will be more committed to His truth than we are, that they will be more kingdom-minded than we are. And I pray that as we journey on to the Celestial City even now, we will continue to grow and mature all our days. I think it was James Boice who de-

clared, “We overestimate what can be done in five years, and underestimate what can be done in twenty years.” If that is true, what can be done in 100 years? May the Lord enable us to accomplish His will and be laborers for His kingdom here in the Upper Cumberland.

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This Sunday is Easter Sunday, and we will be having a Sunrise Service on the church property at 6:00 a.m., followed by breakfast in the Meeting House. Todd Burks is heading up the cooking, so contact him if you'd like to help. If the gravel parking lot is filled, REI has generously allowed us to use their parking lot. Please don't park on the grass! We won't have Sunday School, but we will have our normal Sunday morning and evening worship services. I'll be preaching on Colossians 1:15-23 in the morning, and Mark 7:14-23 in the evening. It's been a couple weeks since I've been in the pulpit in the morning, so I'm looking forward to bringing God's word to you this Lord's Day!

While I write this, Robert is studying and preparing to finish his written ordination exams by Tuesday and to take his oral exams on Thursday night (so by the time you read this, he'll be finished with that part of the oral exams). If the examining committee approves him, he will go to the floor of Presbytery on April 13<sup>th</sup> to be examined orally before all the elders of presbytery. Keep him in your prayers!

As I mentioned Sunday morning, the Session has asked Cathy Wilkins and Connie Stewart to be co-coordinators of worship music. They have graciously volunteered to serve our church in this way, so if you get a chance, please tell them thanks. Also, the Session's Strategic Planning Committee is in the middle of brainstorming and prioritizing goals for our church to pursue, and wants to hear from you – if anything has been on your mind that you'd like to see our church doing, please email your goal suggestion to me at [calebcangelosi@gmail.com](mailto:calebcangelosi@gmail.com). Try to provide as much information as necessary about your goal/idea. What person or group do you think could best execute this idea? Tell us things such as how often the idea should happen; once a year, every Sunday, monthly, etc. This information will assist the church in planning when and how often the project can take place. If your idea/goal is implemented, what is the best way to determine if it has been completed correctly and effectively? The Strategic Planning Committee will evaluate the information provided to insure that the goal is specific, measurable, challenging, achievable, compatible, and timed. A member of the committee will notify you regarding the status of your idea.

Your Pastor, Caleb

## Community Groups

### **Community Group #1:**

**Title:** “WHEN I DON'T DESIRE GOD” —

**Time:** Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Leader:** Steve Sperry [stevels2@twlakes.net](mailto:stevels2@twlakes.net)

### **Community Group #2:**

**Title:** “THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT”

**Time:** Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Leader:** Andy Berg [acberg@ymail.com](mailto:acberg@ymail.com)

### **Community Group #3:**

**Title:** “TRANSFORMING GRACE”

**Time:** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Leader:** Dennis Parker [parkit@blomand.net](mailto:parkit@blomand.net)

### **Community Group #4:**

**Title:** “BACK TO BASICS – Rediscovering the Richness of the Reformed Faith”

**Time:** Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.

**Leader:** Robert Row [robert.row.grace@gmail.com](mailto:robert.row.grace@gmail.com)

## Notes Regarding the Upcoming Events

- Saturday, April 3 AND April 10 12:00 noon** **Roberts Switch Activity Center**  
 Ladies, join us for the 4th annual Wildflower Walk. Wear your comfortable hiking shoes...we will be walking down into a holler and the terrain is a little rough, but the flowers promise to be beautiful! Call Gracie for more info: (931) 858-6399.
- Easter Sunday, April 4 6:00am** **Church Property; Meeting House**  
 Early birds, join us for an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am at the Church property. If the gravel parking lot behind the Meeting House is full, please park in REI's parking lot. Bring camp chairs for you and your family. Breakfast will follow the service...Please contact Todd Burks to coordinate what to bring. There will be no Sunday School classes, but Morning and Evening Worship Services will be held at the usual times (10:30 am and 6:00 pm).
- Youth Group Fund Raiser**  
 Youth Group Slave Auction - Several of the young men and women in Youth Group are looking for ways to earn money for the upcoming RYM Trip. If you have any work that needs to be done around the house that you are looking to hire out contact Robert or Brent McClearn and we can match a few of them up for the task or tasks that meet your needs.
- Tuesday, April 27 7:30 pm** **Kandice Vick's Home**  
 Susan Sperry and Kandice Vick are organizing a Ladies Book Club that will meet every eight weeks. On April 27th we will meet to discuss the book Beyond Stateliest Marble: The Passionate Femininity of Anne Bradstreet written by Douglas Wilson. Ladies, we encourage you to read this book and come join us for some good dialogue. If you have any questions about future books or meeting dates, please contact Kandice (931) 319-7958 or Susan (931) 823-5954.

### Shepherding Meal Schedule

Date	Elder
4/4	No meal
4/11	Parker
4/18	Row
4/25	Bleasdale

### Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	4/4	4/11
SS Babies	No Sunday School	Christian
AM Worship Babies and Toddlers	Rusts/Pruitt	Winstons
PM Worship Babies	Twittys	Craigs
Greeters	Wilkins	Wilbourn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/4 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 6:00 am Sunrise Service and breakfast No Sunday School 10:30 am Morning Worship  6:00 pm Evening Worship <b>Anniversary!</b> Savage	4/5 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Meeting House  6:00 pm Diaconate Meeting	4/6 10-11:30 am Women's Bible Study Meeting House	4/7	4/8  6:00 pm Young & Happy Fellowship El Tap  <b>Birthday!</b> Judy Hadlock	4/9	4/10
4/11	4/12 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Meeting House  6:00 pm Session Meeting	4/13 10-11:30 am Women's Bible Study Meeting House	4/14	4/15  Young & Happy Ladies Fellowship	4/16  <b>Birthday!</b> Mitch Nyhof	4/17

## Meet the Deacon: Jamey Farris

Hello everyone, my name is Jamey Farris. My wife Apryl and I moved to Cookeville 19 years ago. I was raised in Memphis, and I met Apryl at the church where I had been going since I was a baby. We have two children, Ashtyn, who is just about to be 16 and Greyson, who just turned 11. I am a "wannabe" cow producer and farmer. I like to hike, play basketball and watch my kids in their activities. Apryl and I have our own business. We sell janitorial and maintenance supplies.

When we moved to Cookeville, Apryl and I had just been married for three months. Todd Burks mentioned in his article that his wife Cheryl cried for a few days with the news they would move to this area...well, Apryl cried for 2 years. We joined a local church. We joined, because that is where people said we should go. Apryl nor I ever really felt like we belonged to this church; we were just going to be going. A couple that we had met invited us to attend a group that was meeting in a conference room at the Holiday Inn. This was Grace before it was Grace. The RUF minister, from Vanderbilt, was preaching on Sunday mornings and Apryl and I both really liked him. So, here we are today. I grew up Baptist but had been exposed to both reformed Presbyterian and Baptist theology. I never, ever thought I would be Presbyterian. I became a deacon about 4 years ago. I have served as Treasurer of the church and I am currently chairman of the Finance Committee.

There are two main areas I would ask for prayer in my life. The first is that I would always keep Christ first and know that He is in control. I struggle with always wanting to "help" things along. I have to remind myself daily that God is in control. The second is wisdom. God has seen fit for me to be very involved in the finances of the church. This is a huge responsibility that I take very seriously. We are limited on the amount of money we have coming in and having to be involved on how best to spend that limited amount of money can be very difficult.

I would love to see more people get involved and take an active role in the church. It would be great to see more people use the talents that God has given them for the advancement of the church.

As I think about and see what God has done, from a rented conference room to a church striving to build a building, I am thankful that He has made me a part of Grace Presbyterian Church.



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