

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

The Perplexity and
Passion of Faith:
Habakkuk's Prophecy

6:00 pm Evening Worship

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

Wednesday

6:00 pm Adult Small Groups
Youth Group
Children's Catechism

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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**Deacon for October

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Nursery Policy

Mark 9:37 says "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." What a blessing it is to care for our little children! And I know from experience what a blessing it is to know that my children are being well cared for, so that I can then give my full attention to listening to the preaching of God's word. As the new nursery coordinator for Grace, I'd like to thank each of you who have served our littlest ones in the nursery. If you are physically able, but haven't been put on the nursery schedule yet, please contact Linda Barnhart at the church office (537-6400), or at churchsecretary@frontiernet.net, so she can add you to the schedule.

Now, in the spirit of I Corinthians 14:40, which says that "everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way", I'll leave you to look over the revised nursery policy. If you have any ideas or concerns about the nursery, I'd be happy to hear them. You can reach me at phillipkincaid@frontiernet.net, or at 520-7584. Thanks again!

Nursery Policy

Safety/Security:

The safety and security of our children is our priority. Parents are required to personally take their children to the nursery. No one else should be allowed to admit or pick up the child.

In order to insure the safety and security of our children in our new space, parents will be asked to keep their cell phone on vibrate so they may be "paged" if an important need arises. (Parents please be sure to give your number to the nursery worker when you bring your children in the nursery).

Parents become fully responsible for their child's safety, security, and behavior when not in the nursery. Parents must never assume that their child is being looked after by another parent, older child, or youth either in the building or on the playground. If the parent chooses to place their child in the care of another adult or youth, they should make all expectations clear to that individual and not rely on the nursery worker to do that.

Nursery Schedule:

If you are the scheduled nursery worker, please arrive no later than 9:05 for Sunday School, 10:15 (or as soon as possible) for Morning Worship, and 5:50 for Evening Worship. This will allow children to get settled in before the service starts, and parents to get to their seats on time. Parents, please be prompt in returning to pick up your children once the service is over.

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Karen Kincaid, Nursery Coordinator

If parents plan to take their children into the service, but then take them back to the nursery at a later time, please inform the nursery workers of your intentions. If there are no children present by 9:35 during Sunday School, or by 6:20 during Evening Worship, the nursery workers may leave the nursery and return to the service, as long as no children will be returning to the nursery. Nursery workers will stay the entire time during Morning Worship.

While we strive to have two workers present, we do not have enough volunteers to make that a firm policy. However, there will always be two workers present if one is under 18 years old. If one is a man, a woman will also be present. You are responsible for finding your own replacement if unable to meet your scheduled obligation. Please no illegal substitutions such as two teenage girls to take your spot. Remember there must be at least one worker 18+ years old.

Practical needs

Parents need to bring a clearly labeled and fully stocked bag each time their child is brought to the nursery. We do not have access to diapers, wipes, sippy cups, extra clothing, etc. in our new facility.

Stewardship of Algood School Property:

As faithful stewards of Algood School property and as ambassadors of Christ in our community, Parents of all children, are fully responsible to make sure that their children are both properly instructed in and obedient to the following rules. They should also be aware that other adults will be seeking to assist the parents in this by admonishing rule-breakers and praising rule-keepers.

- No leaving the building unless given specific permission and accompanied by an adult.
- No wandering in undesignated areas (halls, class rooms, etc.)
- No running in the hallways, rooms, or cafeterias.
- No climbing on tables, stools, chairs, shelves, bleachers, etc.
- No food or drinks allowed unless supervised in a specific area by the nursery workers.
- All children in the nursery must be accompanied to and from the bathroom, water fountain, play ground or any other area of the building by a nursery worker.
- No screaming or yelling in the building.
- Playground and parking lot safety are very important.
- No child should be in the gym or the play ground unless they are supervised.

Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

This weekend I am beginning a year-long, once-a-month program known as Leadership Putnam (LP). One of the stated purposes of LP is “to provide leaders with a practical and sophisticated understanding of major problems and opportunities facing the Putnam County area.” Gaining this insight is the primary reason I’ve been interested in participating in LP since I first moved to Cookeville.

In Jeremiah 29:5-7, God tells the exiles in Babylon, “*Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease. Seek the welfare [shalom] of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.*” Peter tells us in 1 Peter 1:1 that all Christians are “resident aliens,” exiles scattered throughout the world. We have a dual citizenship (see Philippians 3:20), and are not of this world but are *in* this world and are sent *into* this world by Jesus Christ Himself (John 17:11, 14-18). Taking all these passages together (along with many, many others), the Bible teaches God’s people that we have a responsibility to the world around us. Until Christ returns, we are to seek the welfare of the places and peoples among whom we live. The word “welfare” is the Hebrew word “shalom,” which in its broadest sense refers to peace, prosperity, completeness, soundness, wholeness, health, safety, general well-being, and the like.

We are not merely to wait for Jesus to return, for our exile to be over; nor are we to congregate only with one another in holy huddles. Rather, we are to be salt and light in a dark and drab world, letting our lights shine before men in such a way that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:13-16). We are to, “*while we have opportunity...do good to all people...*” (Galatians 6:10). As we saw in Titus, we are “*to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men*” (Titus 3:1-2). We are to live full and godly lives among unbelievers, building houses and planting gardens, marrying and multiplying, seeking the good of the various cities into which God sends us. We are to pray for our communities. We are to put down roots, become a vital and vibrant part of our community, love our neighbors well, serve the outcasts and

“untouchables” of the city, as well as the well-to-do and highly respected, (cf. Daniel and Esther), and be a blessing to our fellow citizens, making it our ambition “*to lead a quiet life and attend to our own business and work with our hands...so that we will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need*” (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12). Christians should strive to be the most generous, most committed, most faithful, most supportive, most visionary, most creative, most encouraging, and most obedient members of any community. Of course, because of God’s image in every human and His common grace, unbelievers may outdo us in all these categories; but it shouldn’t be because we lack knowledge of or concern for our duty.

So going back to Leadership Putnam, I’m looking forward to learning this year of ways that I personally, and perhaps even we as a congregation, can better seek the welfare of Putnam County. What are the major problems and opportunities facing our county at this time? Might I be able to help alleviate them? How can I be an instrument of *shalom* here? Think about yourself – why has God called you where He has called you? Why do you live in Putnam County, or Overton County, or White County, or Van Buren County, or DeKalb County? Here’s the answer: in order that you might be an agent of welfare/*shalom* and transformation there, bringing the blessing of King Jesus’ kingdom to the nations, bringing the knowledge of His glory and grace to everyone you encounter.

Our church is somewhat unique in that we draw from the entire Upper Cumberland, and so seeking the welfare of Cookeville, or Algood, or Algood School, might not need to be your most important priority. One of these days my dream is to see PCA churches in all the counties surrounding Putnam; but until then we will continue to gather together on the Lord’s Day, scatter back into the places the Lord has exiled us, and work together to seek the welfare of our communities. We do this not only because in their welfare we will have welfare, but also because we love our neighbors, and desire them to find their greatest joy by knowing and delighting in the glory of God in Jesus Christ. We are workers for the glory of God, and for the joy of the nations. May the Lord give us a vision for His glory to fill the Upper Cumberland as the waters fill the sea, and may He give us very concrete ways to seek the welfare of our communities.

Your Pastor, Caleb

2009 Fall Break Meal Kits

John Rust, Deacon

When: Bring your meal kit supplies to Church until October 4th or to the church offices by Wednesday October 7th

Why: Last year the combined Algood Elementary campus (K-8) had 928 children with an estimated 290 of those students termed “economically disadvantaged”. Some of the economically disadvantaged families have a difficult time feeding their children during breaks. Grace Presbyterian Church has an opportunity to show the love of Christ through donating non-perishable food items to these families.

How: Pick up a few or many of the items listed in the Shopping List, drop them off at church on Sunday or at the church offices. The items will be placed in bags and given to the Algood Elementary and Algood Middle School for disbursement to children in need.

All foods need to be non-perishable and conveniently packaged as they will be placed in small recyclable totes to be sent home with individual children. Feel free to include microwaveable meals such as ravioli, Dinty Moore – type soups or macaroni and cheese. Call or contact John Rust with questions: jrust@blomand.net or 931-260-6353

Shopping List

Fruit Snacks	Juice Boxes
Cereal Bars	Drink Pouches
Microwaveable mini-meals	Individual size cereal boxes
Individual Fruit Cups	Pudding Cups
Cheese Cracker Packs	Individual Applesauces
Bottled water	“Stick Pack” drink mix
Nuts	Granola snack mix
Bagged Snack mixes	Meat sticks
Beef Jerky	Pop Tarts
Recyclable totes	Peanut Butter Packs

Youth Outreach Event

On September 30 all parents of youth (7th to 12th grade) will be needed for an outreach event. We will be going out door to door in the surrounding neighborhoods giving out items such as bread, cleaning supplies, etc. along with a card introducing our church and inviting them to join us. Because of the nature of this outreach it is vital that parents accompany your youth. We hope you can join us!

Shepherding Meal Schedule

Date	Elder	Location
9/20	Row	Algood School
9/27	Bleasdale	Algood School
10/4	Richards	Algood School
10/11	Parker	Algood School

Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	9/20	9/27
SS Babies	Apryl Farris	Bailey Lee
AM Worship Babies	R. Craig/T. Christian	Gleason
AM Worship Toddlers	Farris	L. Medley/L. Cummins
PM Worship Babies	Twitty	Row
Greeters	H. Morse/D. Enochs	Seitzinger

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/20 Birthday! Bryan Wachsmuth	9/21 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office 6:00 PM Session Meeting	9/22 7:30 PM Titus 2 Tuesday Vick's Home Bread Baking for Beginners Birthday! Ivan Jones Kelly Farris	9/23 4:30 PM Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal Birthday! Susan Sperry Terry King Anniversary! Hawk	9/24 6:00 PM Young & Happy Family Fellowship 6:30 PM Algood Middle School Football Game	9/25 Birthday! Abbie Ferrell Joey Stewart Woody Welch	9/26
9/27	9/28 12 Noon Calvin's Institutes Church Office 6:00 PM Bldg. Committee Anniversary! Lee	9/29	9/30 Birthday! Cheryl Burks	10/1 7:00 PM Young & Happy Men's Fellowship- Steeles' Home Birthday! Jen Lee	10/2 Birthday! David Powelson	10/3 Anniversary! Edenfield

Titus 2 Tuesdays

Kandice Vick

As some of you know, the ladies of Grace Pres have been meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month at my home to discuss various topics. So far we have talked about cooking/freezing meals, mentoring and discipleship, homemade cleaning products, and our last one was on raising boys. For those of you who were not able to come, I'd like to take a minute to share some of my notes with you from that night. Mary Richards and Kay Mitchell graciously and very humbly agreed to answer questions and offer their wisdom to us younger moms on raising boys. I was very encouraged and "spurred on" by what they had to say.

The verses that we read were from 2 Timothy 3:16-17: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* Also 2 Peter 1:3: *"...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue..."* Mary reminded us that contrary to what anyone may say, our children DO come with an instruction manual- God's Word- and that He tells us what we need to know in raising our children. Mary challenged us to

instill in our children a love for the Word of God, to go to the Word with them and for them in everything. As we "walk by the way" talk about the beauty of the Lord. For example, *when you see a squirrel burying a nut, there's great opportunity to talk about how God made that squirrel to do that and that he is doing his job, just like our children need to do their jobs and work unto the Lord*, Karen Kincaid pointed out. Kay reminded us of the verse in Proverbs 22:6 *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."* Verses like that are encouraging. It is hard work and we cannot do it of ourselves but it will not be in vain. Kay brought a huge basket of books that we passed around. Her boys have loved reading them. Some of the authors were: Cameron Townsend, Janet and Geoff Benge, G. A. Henty, Horatio Alger Jr, and R.M. Ballantyne. Kay also gave some really helpful examples of how her family does laundry and meals.

I could go on and on but there isn't enough room. I hope you will consider coming next month or as you can work it around your schedule. If there is a topic you would like to discuss we'll put it into our hat. This month we will be discussing "bread-baking for beginners". Hope you can join us!



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