

This Week at GPC

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

7/18 Keeba Cunningham
7/22 Carol Berg
7/22 Tatum Anniversary
7/22 Eva Vick
7/24 Niemann Anniversary
7/24 Robson Anniversary

Our Officers

Session

Pastor Andy Berg- Moderator
Dennis Parker
Landon Vick – Clerk
Dan VandenBerge

Deacons

Todd Burks
David Cunningham – Chair
Ian Robson-Treasurer

For assistance with needs beyond your physical abilities, please contact any deacon listed above.

Our Missionaries and Outreach Ministries

Perry & Betty Huesmann (Europe)

Tim & Laura Love (Africa)

Petrie & Ruth Mitchell (France)

He Cares Ministry (Ethiopia)

Rachel Powelson (Thailand)

Benjamin & Anna Wontrop (England)

Emily Plattner – Univ. of Central FL

Liberti Church – Larry Walker (Philadelphia, PA)

Hope Center Adoptions (Cookeville)

Cookeville Rescue Mission

Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic

Heart of the Cumberland

Humanitas Forum

Mission to Algood School

RUF @ TTU – Gavin Breeden

Grace Fellowship Groups

****Please check with the group leaders listed to confirm date, time and place****

Sunday

Vick Group-meets on Sunday nights at 4:30 p.m. at different homes - Landon Vick (931)-319-8534

Wednesday

Men's Group – meets weekly at 7:30 a.m. at Algood Dinner – Andy Berg (931) 397-9952

Why Group – meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at different homes – Ian Robson (931) 260-1847

Friday

VandenBerge group – meets weekly from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Tatum's– Dan VandenBerge (931) 239-0695

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Joyfully gathering and growing disciples of Jesus

WELCOME

God uses the desert of the soul—our suffering and difficulties, our pain, our dark nights (call them what you will)—to form us, to make us beautiful souls. He redeems what we might deem our living hells, if we allow him. The hard truth, then, is this: everyone who follows Jesus is eventually called into the desert.

Marlena Graves

Sunday, July 18th, 2021

~ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

“Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
Psalm 43:3

*SONG OF GATHERING “Arise, My Soul, Arise” Indelible Grace

*Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands, my name is written on His hands.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

*He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all-redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

*Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Don't let that ransomed sinner die!" Arise
(arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

*My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Nehemiah 9:5-6

Leader: “Stand up and bless the LORD your God, from everlasting to everlasting.”

People: “Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.”

Leader: “You are the LORD, you alone.”

People: “You have made the heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Wonderful Merciful, Savior” Getty Music

**Wonderful, merciful Savior; Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could, rescue the souls of men,
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.**

**You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace,
You offered hope when our hearts had, hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we'd hopelessly lost the way.**

**You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

July 18th Announcements:
Worship Opportunity

Today, **Rev. Gavin Breeden** is our guest preacher. Gavin is the RUF Campus Minister at Tennessee Tech University. He and his wife Shalaine and their three children have just returned from a beach vacation after several weeks of traveling to visit supporting churches and attending the General Assembly in St. Louis.

Online Giving – Tithes & Offering: You can continue to give at the church by simply placing your envelope or check in the offering plate at the back of the church sanctuary as you leave. Or you have the ability to give your weekly tithes & offering online! Go to www.gracecookeville.org and click the “Give Online” Tab.

Educational Opportunities

Classes for adults, youth, elementary and toddlers are available. **Sunday School is from 9:15-10:10 a.m.**

Save the Date: A Women's Fall Semester Bible Study on Colossians will begin on Tuesday, August 17th. The study will be facilitated by Catherine Sharpe and held at the church from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. every other week. If you have any questions, please see Catherine Sharpe or Shalaine Breeden.

Service Opportunities

We need some more volunteers to help with the upkeep of Mary's Garden. If you are interested, please let Carol Berg know or email the church office at: graceprescookeville@gmail.com

How is the Lord calling you to serve others? Do you love children? Do you want to serve parents of toddlers in the Toddler Nursery on Sundays during the worship service? We need several more volunteers. Please contact Cheryl Burks by email (graceprescookeville@gmail.com), church phone (931-537-6400), or cell phone (931-284-7294) if you are interested in getting involved in this vital ministry.

The Officers of Grace Presbyterian voted at the Joint Officers meeting, May 17, 2021, to remove any pandemic guidelines enacted back in March of 2020. Though the restrictions are lifted, the Officers realize that people still may have concerns. Feel free to wear a mask and practice social distancing if you are so inclined.

Rev. Gavin Breeden
1 Samuel 22:1-2 and Psalm 57
David and the Cave

(The Hymn of Praise Cont.) **Almighty, infinite Father; Faithfully loving Your own.**
Here in our weakness, You find us, falling before Your Throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your Throne.
You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

*THE INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith – Larger Catechism Q&A #15 & 17
Concerning the God's Work of Creation and of Man's Creation

Leader: Question 15. What is the work of creation?

People: The work of creation is that wherein God did in the beginning, by the word of his power, make of nothing the world, and all things therein, for himself, within the space of six days, and all very good.

Leader: Question 17. How did God create man?

People: After God had made all other creatures, he created man male and female; formed the body of the man of the dust of the ground, and the woman of the rib of the man, endued them with living, reasonable, and immortal souls; made them after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness; having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it, and dominion over the creatures; yet subject to fall.

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 3:18-20

Children of God, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:1-5

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

*THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING "The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free" Getty Music

The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand, and love maintains it to the end.

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood; and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene, nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart.

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love; In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.
Which never could from them remove.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" Indelible Grace

May the mind of Christ my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort, sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing; this is victory.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD 1 Samuel 22:1-2 and Psalm 57

THE SERMON "David and the Cave" Rev. Gavin Breeden

*THE CLOSING HYMN "O God Beyond All Praising" Trinity Hymnal #66o

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Doxology* Hymnal #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

*THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing, if able
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