



# The Worship of God

## *The Season of Grace*

July 31, 2011

Please take a seat before the Welcome and quietly prepare for worship.

### The Welcome and Announcements

### The Prelude

Bette Isereau

### \*The Call to Worship

Leader: God speaks! With excitement! With enthusiasm! With new life!

*People: God is present! God is with us! Nothing can separate us!*

Leader: Even when we feel unsure, unclear, confused, even when we feel broken to the core of our being.

*People: We hold fast to God's love, God's acceptance, we are always welcome in God's household.*

### \*The Invocation

### \*The Hymn of Praise

"O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"  
No. 558 (vs. 1, 2 and 4)

### The People at Prayer

### \*The Hymn of Offering

"Be Now My Vision"  
No. 451 (vs. 1, 2 and 4)

### \*The Offertory Prayer

### The Offering

### The Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:15-30

### The Choral Meditation

"Be Still"

### The Sermon

"Transition"

The Hymn of Dedication

“With Stubborn Faith”

*See words printed below*

\*The Benediction

\*The Congregational Benediction

“Blessed Be the Tie”

\*Please stand

*See words below*

**Blessed Be the Tie that Binds**

*Blessed be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

**With Stubborn Faith**

With stubborn faith, let us yet dare  
To see what is, and yet may be;  
Strengthened by love, we dance with hope  
And live the vision that we seek.

With stubborn faith, let us yet sing  
With hearts made bold and hearts made brave;  
For this, God’s song, cannot be stilled  
And darkest night can’t stop the day.

With stubborn faith, let us yet act  
And work to build the world God dreams.  
Where all are blessed and all are free  
And justice rolls like moving streams.

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We are Grace Baptist Church – a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community. We are an intergenerational Christian community called and committed to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ through:

- the experience of celebrative worship
  - servanthood discipleship
- the development of each member’s gifts for ministry
  - the work of peace and justice
  - the activity of faith-sharing
  - the pursuit of responsible freedom
- and the welcoming of all people to the life and work of God’s kingdom through  
Grace Baptist Church.

We are affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that your being present will bring joy and peace and presence of God to you.

You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.

If you are interested in joining this congregation as we seek to discern and live out God’s call to us, please speak to our pastor or a church member.

You may also contact us by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).

## CALENDAR

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| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> | <b>7pm</b> |
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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Ruth Godfrey, Gerald Grant, Lyndsay, Willie and Emma Seay, the Goodman family, Frank Geer (uncle of Nancy Davis), Gary Stinchcomb, Eddie Stevens, Don Milstead, Will Coleman, Lois Oswalt, Bob Stillerman, Ken Wilkerson, Landon Wood, Lori Bechner, Kenyada Daniels/Patrick Young, Anita Johnson, Edna Elliott, family of Donna Towe, Aireeana Fletcher, Monica Charles, Evelyn Stein, Jo Quinn Murphy, Brad Sherrill, Barry Hall, Jim Forbes, Kathy Agnew and family, Ric Comer, Gray Comer, Mary Alice Wood, Hope Bennett, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. and Mrs. Hanna Kutteh, End of the Road NA Group, Penney Kummer, Megan Marlowe, Lisa McKinna, Logan Olsen, Allen Torres, Michael and Katelyn Johns,  
 local law enforcement officers and fire fighters,  
 those who are mentally ill, those affected by violence, those who are incarcerated,  
 International disaster relief

**Other prayer needs: Remember our own community of Grace  
 as we search for a church musician**

*Those in the military: Greg West, John Hendrix, Rob Maxey, Josh Wingfield, William Eckliff, Phil Thompson, David Jones, James Pulliam, Jake Dickinson, JJ Golden, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Warren Dilger, Austin Frutig, , Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, James Mallory*

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### *Church Maintenance*

|           |              |
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| August 7  | Adams/Wiberg |
| August 14 | Hendrix      |
| August 21 | Rudd/Grose   |

#### *Mowing*

|           |              |
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| August 7  | Gary West    |
| August 14 | John Munson  |
| August 21 | Joel Parlier |

#### *Second Hour Helpers*

| DATE      | INFANTS          | TODDLERS    |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| TODAY     | Sheri Coarsey    | Neal Grose  |
| August 7  | Allison Copeland | David Comer |
| August 14 | Louise Grose     | Tom Wiberg  |

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| BUDGET NEEDS THROUGH 07/24/11    | \$51,014.40 |
| AMOUNT RECEIVED THROUGH 07/24/11 | \$45,833.31 |
| YTD <b>UNDER</b> BUDGET          | \$5,181.09  |
| MONTH <b>UNDER</b> BUDGET        | \$186.92    |
| WEEKLY REQUIREMENTS              | \$1700.48   |

**SHOPPING FOR THE SHELTER**  
 Big cans (#10) of green veggies

**FLOWERS FOR AUGUST**  
 LeAnda Barnard

### LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

*FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD:*

OFFERING YTD UNDER BUDGET.... \$5,181.09 AS OF 7/24/11.

WE WANT EVERYONE TO REALIZE HOW FAR BEHIND WE HAVE GOTTEN ON THE OFFERING. EVERY SUMMER IT GETS LIKE THIS, BUT WE ARE AT THE POINT WHERE OUR EXPENSES ARE EXCEEDING OUR INCOME. UNDOUBTEDLY, WE ALWAYS GET CAUGHT BACK UP, BUT SOONER WOULD BE BETTER THAN LATER!!

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, 740 North Center Street, on Monday, August 8. The time is 2-6pm. The stocks of blood are at an all time low. Please give if you can and pass the word to others.