



# Grace Baptist Church

September 11, 2011

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

## The Worship of God

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Bette Isereau

The Choral Call to Worship

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

\*The Call to Worship

“A Litany of Hope”

*These are words and thoughts of the youth of Grace Baptist expressed about the horrible events of September 11, 2001 on the day following the attacks. Some of those same youth will lead our litany today.*

*This was published in the Baptist Peacemaker shortly after the events of 9/11.*

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 1 (vs. 1, 2 and 3)

The Recognition of Teachers for the 2011/2012 Sunday School Year

The Litany for the Commissioning of Workers

Leader: We are gathered to recognize your gifts of leadership to our family of faith.

*People: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.*

Leader: Through your teaching may we gain wisdom and understanding.

*People: Teach us the ways of the Great Shepherd who leads us all to grace, reconciliation and forgiveness.*

Leader: Through your teaching may we model the early church.

*People: Continually devoting themselves to the instruction given by the apostles, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, to the prayers.*

Teachers: May we have a servant's heart as we give direction to our church family.

*People: O God, grant these, your servants, who are gifted to teach, your grace and wisdom.*

The People at Prayer

\*The Hymn of Offering

“We Thank You, God, for Teachers”  
*See words printed below*

The Offertory

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

The Choral Meditation

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Voice of Grace

*Andora McMillan*

The Hymn of Dedication

“This Is My Song”  
No. 591

\*The Benediction

\*The Choral Benediction

“May the Lord Bless You and Keep You”

\*Please stand

### *WE THANK YOU, GOD, FOR TEACHERS*

We thank you, God, for teachers who help us learn your way,  
Who show by their example how we can serve and pray,  
Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;  
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.

We thank you, God, for children and older people, too,  
Who value times of learning and want to grow in you,  
Who seek your precious kingdom and wisdom from above;  
For wise ones of all ages still seek to learn your love.

We thank you, God, for churches that welcome one and all,  
That nurture every person in answer to Christ’s call.  
So fill us with your Spirit, and give us life anew,  
That we may help each other live faithfully in you.

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Deacons Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>6pm 7pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Theology on Tap at Gluttons</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Stewardship; Mission Board meetings</b>	<b>9am</b>

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Ruth Godfrey, Gerald Grant, Susan Rawls, the Goodman family, Frank Geer (uncle of Nancy Davis), Gary Stinchcomb, Deb Cashdollar, Jean Warren, Will Coleman, Lois Oswalt, Ken Wilkerson, Landon Wood, Lori Bechner, Kenyada and Persia Daniels, Anita Johnson, Edna Elliott, 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 Olson, Aaron Torres, Michael and Katelyn Johns, Abby Winthrop, Victor Sisk, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters, those who are mentally ill, those affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, International disaster relief

*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, Logan Frutig*

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### *Church Maintenance*

Before <b>September 18</b>	<b>Starrette</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>Grant</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>Coarsey</b>

#### *Mowing*

Before <b>September 18</b>	<b>Grant Gibson</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>Gary West</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>John Munson</b>

#### *Second Hour Helpers*

	<b>Infants</b>	<b>Toddlers</b>
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Nancy Davis</b>	<b>Grady Lippard, Jr.</b>
<b>September 18</b>	<b>Phyllis Rogers</b>	<b>Patti West</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>Arnold Watt</b>	<b>Sheri Coarsey</b>

BUDGET NEEDS THROUGH 09/04/11	\$61,217.28
AMOUNT RECEIVED THROUGH 09/04/11	\$55,564.21
YTD <b>UNDER</b> BUDGET	\$5,653.07
MONTH <b>UNDER</b> BUDGET	\$21.48
WEEKLY REQUIREMENTS	\$1700.48

#### **SHOPPING FOR THE SHELTER**

Big cans (#10) of veggies

#### **FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Neal and Louise Grose

#### **LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP**

Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8;

**ANOUNCEMENTS**

*~Budget requests from boards and committees for the 2012 budget are due to the Stewardship Board by October 2.*

*~Mark you calendars for the Davis Lectures with John Dominic Crossan, October 2-4, 2011.*

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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.

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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).