



# Grace Baptist Church

September 25, 2011

## The Alliance of Baptists Sunday

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

# The Worship of God

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Eli Yacinthe

The Choral Call to Worship

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: Since Baptists first gathered for worship over four hundred years ago our worship has included the singing of psalms, the reading of Scripture, the preaching of the good news and the sharing of prayers.

People: We give thanks for our living tradition.

Leader: As we gather in worship we join our voices with all who have found courage in singing together.

People: As we gather in worship we turn to the Scripture knowing it is our story, the story of God and God's people.

Leader: As we gather in worship we trust that in diverse and joyous ways the good news will once again meet us where we are.

People: As we gather in worship we with join a great cloud of witnesses in lifting our prayers believing that as we pray with our community, we will be changed.

Leader: Befriending God, we give you thanks for the gifts of Song, Scripture, Proclamation and Prayer

People: Befriending God, we give you thanks for a community of faith, a history of courage, a tradition of worship.

All: Amen.

\*The Invocation

\*The Hymn of Praise

“To Follow the Journey”

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The People at Prayer

*The Hymn of Offering	“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” No. 495 (vs. 1, 2 and 3)
The Offertory	
The Gospel Lesson	John 15:12-17
The Choral Meditation	“Rejoice in the Lord”
The Sermon	“Building Faithful Friendship”
The Hymn of Dedication	“The Journey of Faith” <i>See back of page</i>
*The Benediction	
*The Choral Benediction	“May the Lord Bless You and Keep You”
*Please stand	

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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).

## CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Statesville Community Theatre</b>	<b>6:30-8:30pm</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Worship Board Statesville Community Theatre NA</b>	<b>4:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 8pm</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>8pm</b>

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Ruth Godfrey, Gerald Grant, Ruby Jordan, 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, Monica Charles, Evelyn Stein, Jo Quinn Murphy, Brad Sherrill, 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, 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>October 2</b>	<b>Coarsey</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Rawls</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>C. Rogers/Jordan</b>

#### Mowing

Before <b>October 2</b>	<b>John Munson</b>

#### Second Hour Helpers

	Infants	Toddlers
TODAY	Arnold Watt	Sheri Coarsey
October 2	Neal Grose	Allison Copeland
October 9	David Comer	Louise Grose

BUDGET NEEDS THROUGH 09/18/11	\$64,618.24
AMOUNT RECEIVED THROUGH 09/11/11	\$57,237.21
YTD <b>UNDER</b> BUDGET	\$7,381.03
MONTH <b>UNDER</b> BUDGET	\$773.96
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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15;*

*Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46*

## **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.*

### **To Follow the Journey**

*The Alliance Hymn*

We gathered at first seeking home in a  
storm,  
A place safe for hopes,  
where new dreams could be born;  
Some dancing, some limping, with prayer  
and with song,  
To dream of a place where  
our hearts could belong.

With passion for justice,  
as lovers of peace  
We asked for the faith to  
turn dreams into deeds;  
To live out God's love  
in a world filled with need,  
To live gospel grace that all people be  
free.

Come sisters, come brothers  
and join hand in hand  
For here is a place  
where all children may stand  
To lift high our voices, as many, as one;  
To follow the journey that grace has  
begun

### **The Journey of Faith**

To a journey God has called us,  
To a life of love and hope;  
In the light and in the shadow,  
God is with us as we go.  
Faith that grows with each new  
challenge,  
Trust that leads through paths unknown,  
We, as pilgrims, walk together  
In the journey to our home.

For the strength of faithful witness  
Lived through days of joy and tears;  
And the gift of grace sufficient  
For the ever-flowing years;  
For the richness of Your mercy  
To Thee, Lord, we give You our praise.  
May our lives reflect Your glory  
'Till the close of all our days.

Go we now to be God's people,  
Go we now our faith to live.  
Help us learn from one another  
Faith to keep, a faith to give.  
Go we now on life's great journey,  
Go we now, but not alone.  
With God's people, by God's Spirit,  
Faith leads forward, faith leads on.