

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

December 11, 2017



A message from Pastor Ken,

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Mark 1:1

The good news that is being announced is that God has come and promises to come to us over and over again. **READY OR NOT! THE LORD IS COMING!** We are the messengers, like John whose voice in the wilderness announced the one who was coming; we are the bearers of good news to a world wrecked with feelings of helplessness. The good news is that God has come in Jesus Christ to save us, to bring comfort to our weariness, to forgive our sins, and to restore our brokenness. May we be the bearers of this good news of Christ our Lord's coming!

CHILDREN'S MINISTER RESIGNATION - Amy Gamerl has resigned as Children's Minister. Her last day is December 31. Our prayers follow Amy as she moves forward into her next endeavor.

ADVENT STUDY - Pastor Ken leads an Advent Study on **Wednesdays** at **10:30 AM** in the Prayer Room, continuing until December 20.

ANGEL TREE & GIVING TREE - Angel Tree tags are due in the church **NO LATER THAN TODAY** (they were due yesterday). Giving Tree tags are due **Sunday, December 17**.

HUNGER OUTREACH CHRISTMAS DINNER - Grace is collecting gifts that will be distributed to community members who attend the annual Hunger Outreach Christmas dinner at Flint Hill Baptist on Saturday, December 23. A list of items is available at the usher's station, and do not need to be wrapped. Please return by December 17 to the stage in the Fellowship Hall, and our Hunger Outreach people will ensure delivery.

FAMILY PROMISE - Comes to Grace at the end of the year. We begin hosting on Sunday, December 31 and will have our families the first week of January, 2018, through Sunday, January 7. Sign up sheets have been posted in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the offering envelopes.

SENIORS@GRACE - Seniors@Grace annual Jubilee Christmas Party is fast approaching! Come join us on **Thursday December 14 at 11:00 AM** for pictures with Santa. (Remember to wear your holiday best as there will be a prize for the "best dressed"!) Bring a dish to pass for our pot-luck lunch and a wrapped gift for our wild white elephant gift exchange. (Bring something you might have received last year that needs a new home!) Join us for a fun filled party of fellowship and frivolity! All are welcome!

CALLING ALL GRACE GOLFERS - We are considering a golf tournament sometime in the near future (April 2018) for the purpose of fellowship and supporting Grace Youth Ministry in raising funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Texas. If you play golf, can assist with securing sponsorships or prizes for the tournament, or just want to help, sign up on table in Fellowship Hall to let us know of your interest.

2018 SUPPER CLUB - Supper Club is a social gathering of 8 people who share a meal & get to know each other. It's a lot of fun especially if you are new to the congregation. Please indicate on the tear & share or on the sign up in the fellowship hall if you'd be interested in joining for 2018. There are typically 4 suppers scheduled between January and September: 3 where you will be with 8 people to share a meal, 1 where everyone in supper club & anyone interested in finding out about supper club have a group gathering held in June, July or August. Welcome your new chairpersons, Nick & Jill Grossoehme. They will set up the schedule for 2018 in January. If you are interested please sign up and or call the Grossoehmes at 803 372-8180.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - worship service is at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 24. It will be based on the O Antiphons, and include Holy Communion. There will be no coffee or Sunday School that day.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Worship services for Christmas Eve are at 5:00 PM (the Children's Service), 7:00 PM (Contemporary Worship), and 10:00 PM (Traditional Worship), with Holy Communion at all services. If you ordered a poinsettia in honor or memory of your loved ones, please take them with you after the worship service you attend.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES - are already in the Fellowship Hall. Please get yours before year's end.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - December 11

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

10:00 AM	Staff (Prayer)
11:00 AM	Affinity Health Staff Training (FH & Kit)
5:30 PM	NO Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM	Campus Ministry (WH)
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM	Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - December 12

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

COUNCIL REPORTS AND NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

6:30 PM	Stewardship (Common)
6:30 PM	WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM	SCWW (105)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
7:30 PM	Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - December 13

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

9:30 AM	Grace-C Quilters (103)
11:30 AM	Health Cabinet (Conf)
5:30 PM	Outreach (108)
6:30 PM	AA (101)
7:00 PM	Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - December 14

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

7:30 AM	Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
11:00 AM	S@G Jubilee Christmas Party/Pot Luck (FH & Kit)
6:00 PM	City of Rock Hill Water Dept. Meeting (FH)

FRIDAY - December 15

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

5:30 PM	AA (101)
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SATURDAY - December 16

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

9:30 AM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM	Council Christmas Party (Cartner's)

SUNDAY - December 17

WHITE HOUSE RESERVED - FINALS

8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM	Children's Christmas Program (FH)
9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
4:30 PM	GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM	AA (101)

December 17, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

Nursery:

Katie Romero

Tabulators:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney

8:30 AM

Lector: Steve Johnson

Communion Assistant: Brian Beer

Petitioner: Cindy Rowan

Acolyte: Jaden Brown

Greeter: Kendall Anderson

Ushers: Jack Lockwood, Bob Schavey,
Bob Goodbar, Eddie Hinson

11:00 AM

Lector: Robin Ketner

Communion Assistant: Melissa Tucker

Petitioner: Rachel Wasserman

Acolyte: Jacob Corbett

Greeters: Norma and Frank Surratt

Ushers: Larry Winsch, Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett

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DECEMBER 2017

Children's Christmas Program Practices -

Saturday, December 16: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Seniors@Grace - December 14 - 11:00 AM

Photos with Santa/Jubilee Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Program - Dec 17 9:45 AM

Advent 4 Worship - December 24 - 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Family Promise - December 31 - January 7

FEBRUARY 2018

GYM Ski Trip - February 9-11, 2018

JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering - Houston, Texas

June 27 - July 1, 2018