

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

April 30, 2018



A message from the Pastor Ken,

Jesus says, "I AM THE VINE YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

The vine is the source and connection of life for its wandering branches. Without its connection to the vine, the branches and blossoms of fruit are lifeless, with no means of getting nutrients from the soil that it needs to thrive. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. He came that we might have life and have it abundantly. The VINE then becomes a visible image for us to understand how God gives us life in Jesus and how we then BEAR the FRUIT of God's Kingdom. One of the primary ways that we stay connected to Jesus is through our church family at Grace, in our fellowship and worship and by serving together to carry our mission!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - The call committee continues to visit and interview candidates. The committee urges all members of Grace to pray faithfully that the Holy Spirit will guide all who are involved in the process of finding a pastor. Prayer and Patience.

EBENEZER AVENUE ELEMENTARY STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH - Grace will be hosting lunch for the teachers and staff at our neighborhood school, Ebenezer Elementary on **Wednesday, May 2 at 10:00 am**. This is a project of the Outreach Committee. If you are interested in helping hosting guests, contact either Bill Karlson <wkarlson7@gmail.com> or Sig Huitt <sighuitt@gmail.com>.

HELP! - Hospitality is looking meager these days folks. If you enjoy having a bit of a snack with your coffee at 9:45 am Sunday mornings, please sign up to host. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Questions?- see Irene Pointon (point@comporium.net, cell: 704-517-5403)

REALM - By now all active Grace members should have gotten an email from Realm inviting them to set up such an account. The emails are automated and are identified as spam by some programs. Instructions for setting up your account can be found at: http://www.gracerockhill.com/fileadmin/Staff_Upload/setuprealm.pdf. If you did not get such an invitation or are having any difficulties in setting up your account, please contact our Realm administrator Bob Stonebraker at stonebraker946@gmail.com or [803-980-1834](tel:803-980-1834).

CONFIRMATION CLASS - the next confirmation class meets **Saturday, May 19 at 8:30 am**.

GYM "Links to Mission" GOLF TOURNAMENT - is **Saturday, May 12 at Waterford Golf Club** in Rock Hill, **shotgun start at 1:00 PM**. Registration in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Art Harris (artharris56@gmail.com).

MEET AND GREET - Grace Church Council invites the Grace Family to welcome our new Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Jeremy Mims, on **Sunday, May 20, from 9:30 - 10:00 am and again from 12:00 - 12:30 PM**. Please join us in extending both a warm welcome and our support as Dr. Mims begins his ministry with us. We look forward to his leadership with our congregation.

LUTHEROAD DAY CAMP - Mark your calendar for a super fun week at Grace for your elementary-age children. We are hosting **Lutheroad Day Camp on June 11-15**. The counselors from Lutheridge will spend the week with us, leading the kids in worship, games, Bible study, fellowship, crafts, and prayer. Lutheroad is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The hours are 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 9 am to noon on Friday. Each child should bring a bag lunch. The cost is **\$115 per child**, and scholarships are available. Registration forms are in the fellowship hall. **Payment is due by May 27**.

GRADUATE NAMES - Is one of your children graduating high school or college soon? Grace will publish their names and schools in the June Newsletter if you fill in their information on the Tear and Share.

SINGING AT PRUITT NURSING HOME - On **Tuesday, May 8, 10:30am**, Pastor Ken and Willard Brown will be leading a sing-a-long with residents at Pruitt Nursing Home. Come out to sing and visit the residents!

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - April 30

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
7:00 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - May 1

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
6:30 PM NO WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - May 2

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Learning/Milestone (106)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - May 3 HUNGER OUTREACH

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Common)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Commission (108)

FRIDAY - May 4 HUNGER OUTREACH

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - May 5

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY - May 6

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

May 6, 2018 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

Nursery:

Katie Romero

Tabulators:

Jan Gilbertson and Bob Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Linda Horst and Kay Lynes

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Windy Cole

Communion Assistant: Bob Schavey

Petitioner: Anne Johnson

Acolyte: Grace Bell

Greeter: Kendall Anderson

Ushers: Kevin Winsch, Doug Gay,

Kendall Anderson, Sig Huitt

11:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Tucker

Communion Assistant: Dee Westbrook

Petitioner: Rachel Wasserman

Crucifer: Abby Ketner

Acolytes: Michael Echegaray, Palmer Floyd

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Bob Corbett, Eric Waataja,

Kenny Meetze

<<< **SAVE THESE DATES** >>>

MAY 2018

GYM "Links to Mission" Golf Tournament -

May 12, 1:00 PM - Waterford Golf Course

Youth Sunday - May 13

Confirmation Class - Sat, May 19, 8:30 AM

Meet and Greet - Dr. Jeremy Sims

May 20, after both services

Seniors@Grace - May 24, 11:30 AM

JUNE/JULY 2018

Lutheroad - June 11-15

Family Promise - June 17-24

NYG - Houston, Texas June 27 - July 1, 2018

Fifth Sunday Worship - July 29, 10:00 AM

Covered Dish - July 29, 11:00 AM

JULY/AUGUST 2018

VBS - July 30 to August 3

SEPTEMBER 2018

Stewardship Celebration Sunday Worship

September 30, 10:00 AM

Stewardship Celebration Meal

September 30, 11:00 AM