

This Week at Grace

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

TODAY, February 25

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: Chosen by God  
10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids  
6:00-7:00pm Youth Group  
6:00-7:30pm Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group

TUESDAY, February 27

9:30-10:00am Church Staff Meeting  
6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting  
6:30-8:00pm Bechtold Home Fellowship Group

WEDNESDAY, February 28

6:30pm Worship Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 29

9:00-9:30am Carryout for Cougars

FRIDAY, March 1

7:00-8:00am Men’s Prayer Meeting  
9:00-10:00am Women’s Prayer Meeting

SATURDAY, March 2

8:00am Deacons Meeting



SUNDAY, March 3

9:30-10:15am Growing in Grace: Chosen by God  
10:30-11:45am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
4:30-6:00pm Grace Kids  
4:30-6:00pm Kuehn Home Fellowship Group  
6:00-7:00pm Youth Group  
6:00-7:30pm Plybon-Cox Home Fellowship Group

Church Leadership and Contacts

Session	Church Staff
Tommy Cox, Larry Clagett, Jim Plybon, Kevin McClain (Clerk), Randy Edwards (Pastor/Moderator) Don Bechtold (sabbatical)	Office Manager: Mona Underhill, ext 1 Director of Worship and Education, Michael Kuehn, ext 2 Pastor/Teaching Elder: Randy Edwards, ext 3 Grace House Preschool Director: Tammy Burrows, ext 4
Diaconate	
Larry Burrows, David Collins, Karl Freeman, and John Hughes	

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GPC Financial Report as of January 31, 2024

ARC	Budgeted for 2024	Budgeted YTD	Offering YTD	Expenses YTD	(Over) Under
Operations	\$ 318,456	\$ 26,538	\$ 20,084	\$ 27,064	\$ 6,454
Missions	\$ 35,385	\$ 2,949	\$ 2,232	\$ 2,226	\$ 717
Year Total	\$ 353,841	\$ 29,487	\$ 22,316	\$ 29,290	\$ 7,171

Monthly Budget as of February 18, 2024

	February Budget	MTD Contributions	To Meet Budget
Total	29,487	\$ 14,692	\$ 14,795

February 18, 2024

	MTD Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Disbursement	Account Balance
Missions Faith Fund	\$ 155	\$ 320	\$ 250	\$ 5,465
Mercy Ministries Fund	\$ 420	\$ 770	\$ 560	\$ 4,589
Building Repairs			Target Need *	Still Needed *
Campaign	\$ 600	\$ 1,150	\$ 21,142	\$ 10,892



Worship · Witness · Walk in Love

Grace longs to see the grace of God magnified as He transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Preparation and Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 66:1-2, 5 (NIV)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name;  
make his praise glorious.

Come and see what God has done,  
his awesome deeds for mankind!

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded sick and sore.  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing doubt no more.

Come ye needy come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify.  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money,  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better,

You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous,  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requires,  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended,  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God,  
Author of all that is good.  
Faithful provider and giver of life,  
Source of all power and love.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,  
Refuge of strength to the end.  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save,  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men.

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God,  
Radiant, holy delight.  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son,  
Source of unchangeable light.

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Our Common Confession

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read Corporately)

ALL: Lord, giver of life and breath, we confess that we have cherished the gifts more than the Giver. We have sought after what cannot satisfy, and held onto things that are not our own. Forgive us for the good we have withheld, and for the wrongs we have dispensed; for where your glory was ignored, and vain shadows kept our gaze. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may love and serve you with singleness of heart, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Titus 3:4-7 (ESV)

...when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,\*\* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*That is, Jesus Christ experienced the condemnation of judgment on the cross. \*\*The church through all time and every age.

Chorus

You are light in the dark,  
You are healing for the broken heart.  
You are hope, You are Lord,  
You are life, You are love that endures.

Powerful, constant, unwavering God,  
Shepherd who comes for the lost.  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love,  
Savior who died on the cross.

Chorus

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today	Richard Kuehn	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sigourney McClain
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellie Brieady	26 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Wiebking
	Larry Burrows	27 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Norman
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Norman	Anniversaries	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mona Underhill	14 <sup>th</sup>	Duncan and Carol Vincent
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jillian Moore	15 <sup>th</sup>	Jim and Claudia Plybon
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Pardue	16 <sup>th</sup>	Bob and Jean Granger

Month at a Glance

	February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Growing in Grace/Worship Services
25 <sup>th</sup>	Growing in Grace/Worship Services		Grace Kids/Youth Group
	Grace Kids/Youth Group		Kuehn Home Fellowship Group
	Plybon/Cox Fellowship Group		Plybon/Cox Fellowship Group
27 <sup>th</sup>	Church Staff Meeting		GHP Consignment Sale Week
	Finance Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>	Church Staff Meeting
	Bechtold Home Fellowship Group		Kville Men’s Bible Study
28 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Rehearsal		Bechtold Home Fellowship Group
29 <sup>th</sup>	Carryout for Cougars	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women’s Morning/Evening Bible Study
	March		Worship Rehearsal
1 <sup>st</sup>	Men & Women’s Prayer Group	7 <sup>th</sup>	Carryout for Cougars
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deacon’s Meeting		GHP Consignment Sale
	Women’s Hike	8 <sup>th</sup>	GHP Consignment Sale
		9 <sup>th</sup>	GHP Consignment Sale

Sunday Servants

Date	TODAY	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17
Nursery	Katie Orlick	Brea McClain	Rebekah Brieady	Tammy Burrows
Infant – 2yrs	Daniel Orlick	Corwin McClain	Ellie Brieady	Natalie Burrows
Kingdom Kids	Debbie Potts	Lori Lower	Lori Dell’Arena	Chris Hollis
2-5yrs	Phoebe Dell’Arena	Katie Wingate	Phoebe Dell’Arena	Christine Hollis
Children’s Church	Darlene Clagett	Mike Lis	Krystal Keener	Ted & Amy Mead
4yrs-2nd	Kate Pardue	Lyric Lis		
Greeters	Bonnie Smith Dennie Kohler	Mary Freeman Dennie Kohler	Tommy & Donna Cox	Mark & Terrica Smith
Visitation	Christine Hollis	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman	Angelica Steelman
	Michael Kuehn	Michael Kuehn	Carolyn Clatfelter	Michael Kuehn
Worship Team	John Hughes Karl Freeman	John Hughes Karl Freeman	Karl Freeman John Hughes	John Hughes Karl Freeman Patrick Freeman
	Natalie Burrows	Lucas Galbier	Gregory Burrows	Gregory Burrows
Tech Team	Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss	Patrick Freeman Dennis Kohler	Dennis Kohler Cheryl Voss

# Announcements and News

**DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP** from your handheld device’s app store to register for events, view the church calendar and directory as well as make donations.

**THIS WEEK @ GRACE KERNERSVILLE** is Grace’s weekly E-Newsletter and is sent each Thursday morning. You may subscribe on our church website or email the church office at [officehelper@gracekernersville.org](mailto:officehelper@gracekernersville.org).

**GRACE KERNERSVILLE’S GOOGLE GROUPS PAGE** is an email group to which Grace posts weekly prayer requests and urgent announcements. To subscribe, send an email to [officehelper@gracekernersville.org](mailto:officehelper@gracekernersville.org)

**LORD’S SUPPER** Grace Kernersville receives the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on the first Sunday of each month.

**JOIN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY** Are you interested in joining the worship ministry as a musician, vocalist, or audio-visual team member? Contact Michael Kuehn.

**GRACE KERNERSVILLE’S PODCAST** may be found on most streaming services. Check out the “Media” tab on the church website to listen online or subscribe. Please “like” or “follow” to appease the algorithm overlords.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** in the event of inclement weather, GPC will hold services if the leadership can arrive safely. Cancellations will be posted to Twitter, Facebook, googlegroups email, and local news stations.

**MEN’S PRAYER** meets each Friday from 7:00-8:00am in the church library. Join us as we pray for one another and for God’s kingdom to grow in Kernersville and in our world.

**WOMEN’S PRAYER** meets each Friday from 9:00-10:00am in the church library. Join together to pray for the needs of the congregation and for one another.

**GROWING IN GRACE** meets each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15am.

**GRACE KIDS** meets tonight at 4:30pm.

**GRACE YOUTH** (middle and high school) meets tonight from 6:00-7:00pm.

**KERNERSVILLE AND HIGH POINT MEN’S BIBLE STUDY LUNCH** meet every other week in Kernersville and High Point. Our next Kernersville meeting will be February 20 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our next High Point gathering will be February 23 at 11:30am at La Hacienda. See Pastor Randy for more details.

**WOMEN’S SPRING BIBLE STUDY** begins on Wednesday March 6 and continues weekly through May 8. The morning study will be held 9:30-11:00am at the home of Janie Hughes. The evening session will be held from 6:30-8:00pm in the church library. Sign-up is available through Church Center

**WOMEN OF GRACE** Come enjoy fellowship and God's glory in the great outdoors! Join us on Saturday March 2 for The Ladies of Grace Hike. We are meeting at the church at 9AM, then heading to Pilot Mountain for an easy / moderate level 3 mile hike. Plan to bring snacks, water and comfortable clothes to be outside. RSVP to Christine Hollis at 336-404-3086 if you want to attend or have any questions!

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for 2024-25 school year is happening now. Registration forms are on the table in the lobby.

**GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL CONSIGNMENT SALE** is March 7-9. We need volunteers for that whole week beginning with March 3, removing chairs in sanctuary after the worship service. Sign up through newsletter under Grace House Preschool or see Ms. Tammy for additional information.

## Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within.  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Please take a moment and welcome one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Life of the Church

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*After the message, children are dismissed. Nursery is available in Room 121 for Infants to 2 years old. Kingdom Kids is available for ages 2-5 years in room 126. 5 years-5<sup>th</sup> Grade may go to Children’s Church in Room 135.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment and fill out Grace Kernersville’s Connection Card. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone’s camera, will open a link to the online Connection Card. There you may note your attendance, update your personal information, submit prayer requests, sign up for Grace’s weekly e-newsletter, and sign up for Grace’s Google-Groups email listing.*



## The Preaching of the Word

**SCRIPTURE READING** — Psalm 32:1-10 (ESV) *Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

<sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. <sup>14</sup> Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. <sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. <sup>20</sup> He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. <sup>21</sup> Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. <sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SERMON: Prayers for Pilgrims: A Prayer for the Afraid

Pastor Randy Edwards

Our Response

Jesus I Come	
Out of my bondage sorrow and night,	Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus I come, Jesus I come.	Jesus I come, Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom gladness and light,	Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus I come to Thee.	Jesus I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,	Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,	Out of despair into raptures above,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,	Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus I come to Thee.	Jesus I come to Thee.
Out of my shameful failure and loss,	Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus I come, Jesus I come.	Jesus I come, Jesus I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,	Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus I come to Thee.	Jesus I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,	Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,	Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,	Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus I come to Thee.	Jesus I come to Thee.

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

*At this time, we will be taking up an offering for our General Fund. When giving to a specific fund, please note in your check memo how you would like Grace to direct your gift. Also, you may text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. First time donors will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie their mobile phone to your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.*



On Jordan’s Stormy Banks

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,	No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
And cast a wishful eye	Can reach that healthful shore,
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,	Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Where my possessions lie	Are felt and feared no more.

All o’er those wide extended plains,	Chorus
Shines one eternal day	
There God, the Son forever reigns,	When shall I reach that happy place,
And scatters night away.	And be forever blest,
	When shall I see my Father's face,
	And in his bosom rest.

*I am bound... I am bound...*  
*I am bound for the promised land.*  
*I am bound... I am bound...*  
*I am bound for the promised land.*

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BENEDICTION – Colossians 3:16, 17 (ESV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him