



Grace ABOUNDS

October 2023

Dear Family,

It's time to get my newsletter article to Julie, but today I find my heart and head too full of other things to be creative. This morning we just learned of the death of Mr. Edd – a saint/sinner of God's own redeeming. A funeral to come later this week – and so I turned to my files and found this prayer written by Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, assassinated while presiding at mass in the chapel of a hospital. I read it often. I pray it often. I hope it speaks to you this month.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts;

It is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent Enterprise that is God's work

Nothing we do is complete...

Which is another way of saying that

The Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that should be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit (or lay visit) brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about...

We plant the seeds that will one day grow.

We water seeds already planted,

Knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything.

And there is some sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something – and to do it well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,

A step along the way,

An opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

But that is the difference

Between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders.

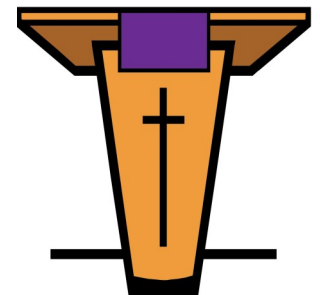
Ministers (lay and ordained), not Messiahs.

We are prophets of a future that is not our own.


We pray this in Jesus' name.

Pastor Jane

From Our Interim Pastor



Contact Pastor Jane by cell phone at 803-530-2045 or by email at pjmitcham@gmail.com.



Homecoming with Golden Age Recognition
Oct. 15
10:30 a.m.
More information on page 3 and page 8.



Carowinds Trip
Saturday, Oct. 21
GYM Time
Sunday, Oct. 22
See pg. 7 for details.



Trunk-or-Treat
Tuesday, Oct. 31
5-6:30 p.m.
Grace Parking Lot
See pg. 3 for details.



OCTOBER Birthdays

- 2 - Kathy Brown, Faye Hartman
- 3 - Allen Derrick, Matthew Pridgen
- 4 - Donna Murray
- 10 - Hunter Neel, Daniel Scott
- 12 - Cissie Dibble, Deron Shealy
- 14 - Mason Scott
- 15 - Wendy Riley
- 16 - Parker Metts
- 17 - Lisa Farr
- 19 - Shane Bouknight
- 21 - James Derrick
- 23 - Noah Boatwright
- 24 - Jaxon Yarborough
- 25 - Laney Cobb
- 26 - Allene Dawkins, Nathan Shealy
- 27 - Craig Farr, Kelly Shealy
Marie Summer
- 29 - Alex Whitlock
- 30 - Lisa Riley



OCTOBER Baptisms

- * - Pastor Ron Brown
- 3 - Payton Metts
- 7 - Wanda Hartman
- 8 - Michelle Shealy
- 9 - Bailey Stewart
- 12 - Kimberly Farr
- 13 - Eddie Rivers
- 15 - Russell Pitts
- 16 - Heather Brown, Sadie Epting*
- 21 - David Riley
- 22 - Jessica Shealy, Matthew Shealy
- 24 - Kay George
- 25 - Elizabeth Pridgen, Mike Shealy
- 27 - Brianna Stewart
Lyric McCormick
- 29 - Matthew Pridgen
- 30 - McKenna Shealy
- 31 - Donna Murray, Olivia Murray



Grace People in the News

ALLIE WATERS was inducted into the Senior Beta Club at Newberry High School.

LILLIE WATERS is in the Beta Club at Newberry Middle School and was Student of the Week Sept. 18-




OCTOBER Anniversaries

- 5 - Pastor Ron and Kathy Brown (49th)
- 17 - Bain and Jennifer Chandler (15th)
- 19 - *Sadie and J.B. Epting*
- 21 - Billy and Gwen Leaphart (34th)
- 23 - Ben and Wendy Long (29th)
- 23 - Jeremy and Suzanne Medlock (24th)
- 24 - *Zoila and Tommy Lipscomb*
- 25 - Michael and Melissa Busby (9th)
- 26 - Jimmy and Jenny Braswell (38th)
- 29 - Richard and Angela Mercer (18th)
- 30 - Dale and Julie Shealy (30th)

Memorial Anniversaries in Italics

Updates for People of Grace

Samantha Yarborough and Jaxon
1009 Main St., Silverstreet, SC 29145

Mike Hawkins email: hawkm5@yahoo.com

Please keep the church office updated with address, telephone, and email changes for you and your family. Don't forget to share your college student's address away from home, too. We will mail them the monthly newsletter to help them keep in touch with their Grace family.



Parish Records

Death: Sue Hartman, Sept. 7, 2023. Funeral at Grace, Sept. 9, 2023. Burial at Newberry Memorial Gardens, Sept. 9, 2023.

Death: Berlie Edwin "Edd" Wicker, Sept. 18, 2023. Funeral at Grace, Sept. 23, 2023. Burial at Newberry Memorial Gardens, Sept. 23, 2023.

Transferred Out: Steve and Renee Stubbs to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, SC, Sept. 11, 2023.

Grace Homecoming - Oct. 15

Grace will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 15 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Christopher Shealy, a son of Grace congregation. We are excited that Pastor Christopher, his wife Sarah, and their son Myer will be with us! We hope you and your family can join us too! Please help spread the word and invite all members, former members, and potential members to be a part of this special day. Invitation cards are on the bulletin table for you to hand deliver or mail.



Our Homecoming worship service will be followed by an always delicious covered dish meal in our Ministry Center. We encourage everyone to stay for the meal and for a time of good fellowship. Please bring a well-filled picnic basket to share. Sweet tea, paper products, and utensils will be provided.

As is a long-standing Grace tradition, we will recognize our Golden Age members (*those age 70 and up*) for their lives of faith and service to God. *A list of our Golden Age members based on our parish records is on pg. 7. If you do **NOT** want to be recognized or have been accidentally omitted and want to be recognized, please let the church office know.*



Trunk or Treat at Grace Oct. 31



Grace will join with the Town of Prosperity for Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Grace parking lot.

We invite all children in the community for a safe night of trunk or treat. Invite your family, neighbors, and friends.

We need individuals and families to help with this event by coming and decorating your car or truck and handing out treats.

If you can't be here to participate, we would appreciate (and need) donations of candy for Trunk or Treat. Hundreds of children come through the parking lot for Trunk or Treat each year. Please place your candy donations in the Trunk or Treat donation box in the narthex.

Backpack Ministry Needs



Our Backpack Ministry is now providing bags of weekend meals for eight needy children at Prosperity-Rikard Elementary School. The red wagon is in the narthex for your donations to build up our supplies. It takes a lot of food to provide weekend meals and snacks for eight children! Shopping list of needed items is below. See Chop or Teresa Cooper for more details.

Backpack Shopping List

- Single-serve Kid Meals
(Mac'n'cheese, Ravioli, etc.)
- Beef Stew, Beanie Weenie,
Canned Meats *(pop tops)*
- Juice Boxes/Pouches
(apple/orange/other 100% juice)
- Non-refrigerated Milk Cartons
- Small boxes/bowls of Cereal
- Nutritional Snack Bars

Breakfast Bars	Raisins/Dried Fruit
Pop-tarts	Vegetable Cups
Fruit Cups	Packaged Crackers
Pudding Cups	Sleeves of Crackers

Worship Team - Oct. 16

The Worship Team will meet on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the church. The team will be making plans for the Advent and Christmas seasons.



Hiring: Church Secretary

Our search for a new church secretary is now underway. The vacancy posting is on the narthex bulletin board. Copies of the posting are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one to share with anyone you think may be interested.





Grace Prayer List

Grace Family: Chad Frick; Margaret Kluttz; Cissie and Bob Dibble; Glenda and Everett Crafts; Heather and Bob Harris; Evelyn Harmon; Marysue Rivers; Faye

Hartman; Lois Amick; family of Sue Hartman, our sister in Christ, on her death; Richard and Cindy Amick on the death of Richard's sister-in-law, Dianne Amick; family of Edd Wicker, our brother in Christ, on his death.

Residential Care: Sadie Epting (*Springfield Place, Rm.11*); Paula Epting (*White Oak, Rm. 323B*); Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place, Rm. 19*); Wendy and Michael Riley (*Faith Nursing Home, Florence*).

College Students: Zach Frick (*USC*); Hayden Hall (*Piedmont*); Bryce Medlock (*Bluefield University*); Lexi Medlock (*Midlands Tech*); Payton Metts (*Piedmont*); Taylor Metz (*MUSC*); Bailey Stewart (*USC-Union*).

Extended Family: Grey Westbury (*Sue Mitchell's great-niece*); Brittany Merck, Broko Boland (*Melodie Waters' cousins*); Brittany Cumalander (*Lynn Wessinger's cousin*); Mary Ellen Hartzog (*Eddie Rivers' cousin*); Carol Farr Sanders (*Lynn Wessinger/ Beverly Merck/Craig Farr's cousin*).

Military: SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/Iraq - Cissie/Bob Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force/Guam - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*Coast Guard/VA*); Caleb Salyers (*US Army Cavalry Scout/Ft. Hood, TX - Rev. Al Potter's grandson*).

Community: Dean Wise; Jackie Perry; Amy Frick Wicker; Davida Monsanto; Violet Wilmot; Mary Lawson; Shirley Thomas; NC Bishop Tim Smith; Pastor William and Karen Hightower; Brian Cassady.

God's World: victims of gun violence; Ukraine and neighboring countries; those affected by wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to unrest and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

Contact the office by email (gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com) or by phone (803-364-3331) to add or remove someone from the Prayer List. Please help us keep our Prayer List up-to-date.

September Memorial/Honorary Gifts

Gifts to the Building Loan Fund

In memory of Dorothy Wise by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In memory of Blake Shirey by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In memory of Pat Wise by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In memory of Beverly Meyers, our mother, on the anniversary of her birth, Sept. 8, by Sharon M. Neel

In memory of Sue Hartman

By: Judy Bedenbaugh
Ronnie and Linda Cromer
Faye Hartman
James and Nancy Derrick
Brad and Melodie Waters and girls
Wayde and Sally Dominick
Chop and Teresa Cooper
Lynn and Larry Wessinger
Edna and David Riley
Edd Wicker
Edwina Wicker
Emmett Wicker
Donna and Eugene Jacobs
Beverly Hawkins
Phil and Deborah Ruff
Grace Adult Sunday School Class
J. Michael Shealy
Jenny and Jimmy Braswell

In memory of Rick Foster by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In memory of Stanley Griffin by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

In memory of Dianne Amick (*Richard/Cindy Amick's sister-in-law*) by James and Nancy Derrick

In memory of Jimmy Dawkins (*Allene Dawkins' son*) by Jenny and Jimmy Braswell

Gift to the Maintenance Fund

In memory of Sue Hartman by Sharon Neel


Gifts in memory of Mr. Edd Wicker will be included in the November newsletter.

Volunteers Needed for Worship Roles, Other Responsibilities




Instead of using Time and Talent forms this year, Council has decided to use sign up sheets for essential worship roles and other duties for 2024. This decision was made in anticipation of the restructuring of ministry teams and responsibilities after first of the year.

Sign up sheets will be posted in October on the bulletin board across from the office window and remain posted through Nov. 5. Check out the volunteer roles needed and see where you can “plug in.” We need everyone's help to carry out God's ministries here at Grace, including our worship services.



Manna House
Items of the Month:
Peanut Butter
and Jelly



Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for your support of Manna House!

Thanksgiving Meal Bags



Grace will distribute Thanksgiving Meal bags of non-perishable food items to members of our community on Sunday, Nov. 19. We ask for the congregation's help in providing the following list of items for our meal bags.

Please bring your donations to the church no later than Monday, Nov. 13 to allow time to supplement donations as needed.

Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

- Stuffing mix (boxes/bags)
- Chicken Broth (boxes/cans)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Mac and Cheese Boxes
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Pie Filling
- 1 lb. bags of Sugar
- Gravy Mix Packets

Sunday School Kicks Off a New Year Sept. 10

Grace kicked off a new Sunday School year on Sept. 10 with breakfast and a brief recognition of our Sunday School staff. Thanks to Kevin Boozer and Willie for leading our message and music. Thank you to Sally Dominick and Christina Henricks for planning and leading our Family Feud-style Bible trivia.

The following teachers and other leaders were installed during the worship service:

Children's Leaders - Christina Henricks, Andrea Lewis, Ronda Mewbourn, Mike Shealy, Lynn Wessinger

Youth Leaders - Jessica Shealy, Julie Shealy

Adult Leaders - Ronnie Cromer, Susan Dawkins, Johnny Merck, Deborah Ruff, Emmett Wicker

Breakfast Coordinator - Mike Shealy

Officers - Brad Waters, secretary; Dale Shealy, assistant secretary; Linda Cromer, treasurer; Deborah Ruff, assistant treasurer. Thank you to all of these leaders for their offering of time and talent to our Sunday School ministry!



Serving in October

Assisting Ministers

- 1 - Andy Hawkins
- 8 - Candace Frick
- 15 - Melodie Waters
- 22 - Susan Dawkins
- 29 - Ronnie Cromer



Altar Flowers

- 1 - Glenda and Everett Crafts
- 8 - Dawkins Family
- 15 - Emmett Wicker
- 22 -
- 29 - Wayde and Sally Dominick (red)

Acolyte

Lillie Waters

Crucifer - Oct. 29

Allie Waters

Torchbearers - Oct. 29

Zoe Frick, Helena Mewbourn

Communion Assistant

(all Sundays except 1st Sunday)

Cindy Amick

Communion Preparation

Andrea Lewis

Communion Clean Up

Beverly Merck, Melodie Waters

Ushers

Wayde Dominick (head), Sally Dominick, David Luther, Craig Metz, Kim Metz

Greeters

Wayne and Sue Mitchell

Offering Tabulators

David Luther (head), George Dawkins, Susan Dawkins, Kelly Whitlock

Altar Guild

Beverly Hawkins

Pew Helper

Edwina Wicker

Front Sign

Mike Shealy, Jonathan Shealy

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS



During the month of October, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents: Martha and Gurney Warren, Leo Wessinger, and Ethel and W.B. Rikard by Lynn and Larry Wessinger.

For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and \$30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
9/3	39	16	63
9/10	42	16	66
9/17	39	12	51
9/24	52	16	68

* Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions.

Sunday School ATTENDANCE

9/3	18
9/10	20
9/17	20
9/24	19

Altar Flower Donors Needed

Altar flower donors are still needed for several Sundays in 2023: Oct. 22 and Nov. 5 (All Saints Sunday/white). Sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact the church office by phone or email to reserve any of these dates.



Altar Flowers



Oct. 16 is the deadline for the November 2023 Newsletter.

Altar Flower SIGN-UP



The 2024 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Chart will be posted soon on the narthex board. Sign up to reserve your special dates for next year!



Monthly GYM TIME

Sunday, Oct. 22

12 -1:30 p.m.

**Faith, fellowship,
fun, and food!!**

Note the new GYM Time schedule we will be trying through November (4th Sundays from 12-1:30 p.m.) We will be asking parents or other volunteers to sponsor our meals. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet and more information.

Carowinds Trip - Oct. 21

Grace Youth Ministry is sponsoring a trip to Carowinds on Saturday, Oct. 21. ALL are welcome - bring a friend.



The bus will leave at 8 a.m. for the trip to Carowinds and should return around 8 p.m. Craig Farr will drive the bus.

Sign up sheet is posted on the narthex board. We need at least 15 to sign up to get discounted tickets.



Join us for Youth Sunday School as we explore *The Greatest Story* on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. If you're running late, grab breakfast in the Ministry Center and bring it to class with you.



Your friends are always welcome at our youth activities.

More Youth = More Fun!



September GYM Time

Youth enjoyed a pizza lunch after church as part of the Sept. 22 GYM time, which also included devotions, games, and fun.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monthly GYM Time - Nov. 26
- Youth Christmas Program practice - Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 - 9:30 a.m. (during Sunday School)
- Parade Float Decorating - Dec. 2
- Prosperity Christmas Parade - Dec. 3
- Youth Christmas Program - Dec. 10, 6 p.m.
- Christmas Caroling - Dec. 21, 5 p.m.

CELEBRATING OUR Golden Agers *The following list of Grace Golden Age members (those age 70 or older by Oct. 15, 2023) is based on our parish records. If you do **NOT** want to be recognized or have been accidentally omitted and want to be recognized, please let the church office know.*

Terrell Alewine
Lois Amick
Judy Bedenbaugh
Lewis Bedenbaugh
Buck Black
Luke Black
Kathy Brown
Rev. Ron Brown
Chop Cooper
Teresa Cooper
Everett Crafts
Glenda Crafts
Linda Cromer
Ronnie Cromer
Allene Dawkins
Thomas Dawkins

James Derrick
Nancy Derrick
Bob Dibble
Cissie Dibble
Paula Epting
Sadie Epting
Billy George
Kay George
Evelyn Harmon
Bob Harris
Heather Harris
Faye Hartman
Andy Hawkins
Donna Hawkins
Mike Hawkins
Diane Heffner

Donna Jacobs
Patricia Kislevitz
Margaret Kluttz
Andrea Lewis
Zoila Lipscomb
Robert Martin
Sheila Martin
Beverly Merck
Johnny Merck
Sue Mitchell
Wayne Mitchell
Sharon Neel
Rev. Al Potter
Clyna Quattlebaum
Walt Quattlebaum
David Riley

Edna Riley
Georgie Riley
Eddie Rivers
Marysue Rivers
Rev. Timothea Sharpe
Dale Shealy
Mike Shealy
Anna Kay Singley
Frank Summer
Marie Summer
Peggy Thomas
Lynn Wessinger

All Saints Sunday Nov. 6

During our service on All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 6, we will remember the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ at Grace who have passed to life in the church triumphant since last All Saints Day, Nov. 6, 2022:



- John Henry Cousins**
- James R. "Jimmy" Dawkins**
- James B. "Snag" Epting**
- Cynthia Sue Hartman**
- William Glenn Kluttz**
- Carol Byars Mercer**
- Berlie Edwin "Edd" Wicker**

You are invited to add to the list on the narthex board the names of family and friends who have passed since last Nov. 6 whom you would like remembered. You may also call the office at 803-364-3331 or email the office at gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com.

A little pumpkin is on the way!



Join Us for a Drop-In Baby Shower Celebrating

JORDAN DIMOCK JACKSON

October 8, 2023

2:30-4 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
210 Grace St.
Prosperity, SC

Hosted by Candace Frick, Susan Chalmers, Sandy Bailey Lawson, and Heather Harris

Jordan is registered at Babylist.com.



Devotional Booklets

Christ in Our Home quarterly devotional booklets for October, November, and December - regular and large print - are available on the narthex table near the Ministry Center entrance. Pick up one for your household.



Church
FINANCES

Our Offerings
for September

Through Sept. 24

(Does not include Sept. EFTs)

CURRENT FUND *Our Monthly Need: \$13,344*

Given during month.....	\$6,556.00
Given year-to-date.....	\$84,808.49
Goal through Sept. 24.....	\$120,096.00

BUILDING LOAN FUND *Our Monthly Need: \$4,720*

Given during month.....	\$4,777.46
Given year-to-date.....	\$38,500.77
Required through Sept. 24.....	\$42,480.00
Gifts to Be Applied to Principal.....	\$2,100.00
Fundraisers for Principal	\$1,558.66

MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND

Given during month.....	\$796.38
Given year-to-date	\$4,639.14

PARSONAGE FUND

Given during month.....	\$10.00
Given year-to-date	\$90.00
Fund Balance, Sept. 24	\$4,410.38

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Given during month.....	\$80.50
Given year-to-date	\$915.03

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Given during month.....	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$296.38

CAMPERSHIP FUND

Given during month.....	\$40.00
Given year-to-date	\$462.06

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

Community Assistance.....	\$ 95.00
Given year-to-date	\$1,286.58
Bookbag Food Ministry	\$100.00
Given year-to-date	\$160.00
Thanksgiving Meal.....	\$0.00
Given year-to-date	\$0.00
Total year-to-date.....	\$1,446.58

SPECIAL 2023 OFFERINGS

Estate of Larry Spotts	\$25,000.00
Disaster Response (Maui bucket offering)...	\$1,763.87
St. Jude (Preschool Trike-a-thon).....	\$1,275.00
Bereavement Meal Fund.....	\$1,215.00
Boston Butt Building Loan Fundraiser....	\$937.51
Manna House (bucket offering)	\$701.55
Youth	\$622.07
Shrove Tues. Building Loan Fundraiser ...	\$621.15
Scholarship Fund Match 2022	\$550.00
Boys' Farm (Preschool Chapel Change).....	\$525.00

E	Update	CURRENT FUND	
		Needed Thru Sept. 30:	\$120,096
		Given thru Sept. 24:	\$ 84,808
		Amount Behind Goal:	\$ 35,288
U	Update	BUILDING LOAN	
		Required Thru Sept. 30:	\$ 42,480
		Given thru Sept. 24:	\$ 38,501
		Amount Behind Goal:	\$ 3,979

Building Loan Update

After the proceeds from the sale of the Hwy. 76 property were applied to the loan principal, the Ministry Center building loan balance is down to about \$48,643 as of Oct. 2 - reduced from more than \$195,000 at the beginning of 2023.



With a small increase in our giving to the Building Fund over the next three months and with the about \$32,000 already in the Building Fund reserves, we should be on track to pay off the Ministry Center loan by the end of 2023!

Current Fund Deficit



Please don't forget about our Current Fund, which is the foundation for funding our ministry here at Grace. As we near year-end, we need to work toward making up our deficit of more than \$35,000 in our giving to fund God's work here at Grace.

SPECIAL 2023 OFFERINGS *continued*

Livestream Upgrade	\$515.15
Interfaith Comm. Services (Lent Off.)...	\$488.00
Manna House (Preschool Closings).....	\$390.00
Vacation Bible School.....	\$310.00
Disaster Response (for Mid East Crisis)...	\$300.00
MC Football Team Meal	\$290.00
Easter Lilies.....	\$270.10
Youth (Thrivent).....	\$240.00
Souper Bowl (Wolves Pantry/Newberry Col.)...	\$212.25
Interfaith Comm. (bucket offering/fans).....	\$184.01
ELCA World Hunger	\$100.00
LSC New Americans Program	\$60.00
Christian School.....	\$50.68
Disaster Response.....	\$20.00



Council Notes

Council Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 12

On Aug. 22, Council voted via email on a recommendation to the congregation to sell the Quattlebaum property and apply the proceeds to the Building Fund Loan. The recommendation was passed unanimously at the congregational meeting held Sept. 10. Robert is helping with execution of the contract for sale.

Pastor Rick Carter met with the Wake Up Team prior to the Council meeting and stayed to discuss questions with Council about next steps for exploring partnership, including identifying possible partner churches and outlining Grace's desires for an agreement.


Council discussed a need for updates to the time and talent form to reflect current activities at the church. The need to review the roster of inactive members was brought up, and Pastor Jane planned to draft an option for an outreach letter.

All reports were adopted unanimously. Beverly drafted a position description for the administrative secretary position, which was approved to be posted on job boards.

Related to finances, the Spotts' gift funds were transferred to a Money Market account since the last Council meeting. Several council members are still exploring options for an accountant who could take on Current Fund treasurer duties. Related to facilities/technology, telephone service with Carolina Connect has been completed. Beverly is continuing to explore livestreaming options. Robert assessed the condition of the parsonage and felt it would need significant upgrades to be usable. The Facilities Team has been repainting outdoor signage.

The Good News Team reported plans for a t-shirt fundraiser. Grace also planned to put a DVD with its church history in the Prosperity town time capsule.

Submitted by Christina Henricks, Council Secretary



**Tuesday,
Oct. 10
7 p.m.**

August Financial Reports

	<u>Balance, 8/1</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance, 8/31</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Current/Budget Fund	\$50,653.04	\$12,082.20	\$11,037.60	\$51,697.64*	\$11,099.03 CD
Building Loan Fund	\$32,576.80	\$ 3,977.05	\$ 4,819.85	\$31,734.00	(\$75,147 balance owed)
Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,562.34	\$ 1,139.80	\$ 1,619.26	\$ 7,082.88**	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 2,656.95	\$ 118.00	\$ 25.68	\$ 2,749.27	n/a
Christian Schools Acct.	\$21,556.97	\$ 404.37	\$ 1,532.93	\$20,428.41	n/a
CS Educational Fund	\$ 6,418.50	\$ 7,890.00	\$ 7,722.33	\$ 6,586.17	n/a

* Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Sound System Fund (\$335.39); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,778.97); Adult Choir Fund (\$325); Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$5,555.68); Livestream Upgrade (\$515.15) or Spotts Gift (\$22,500) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account.

**Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,400.38) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account. Front Door Fund balance of \$534.32 was moved to the Maintenance Fund per vote of Council.



Preschool Fundraiser Through Oct. 5

Grace Preschool is having a Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser Sept. 25-Oct. 5. An order sheet is on the narthex board if you would like to place an order. Checks should be made payable to Grace Preschool and be given to Chop Cooper by Thursday, Oct. 5. See Chop for more information. Pickup date is Oct. 12.

October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18th Sunday After Pentecost Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m.	2	3 Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. Heartland Conference Pastor's Meeting/Lunch - 11 a.m. at Grace Heartland LMM Committee of 100 Banquet - 7 p.m.	4 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m. (Grace)	5 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. Preschool Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser Ends	6	7
8 19th Sunday After Pentecost Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Baby Shower for Jordan Dimock Jackson - 2:30-4 p.m.	9 Columbus Day Office Closed	10 Council Meeting - 7 p.m.	11 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m. (Grace)	12 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m. Preschool Nothing Bundt Cakes Pickup (Ministry Center)	13	14
15 20th Sunday After Pentecost Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - Homecoming - 10:30 a.m. Covered Dish Meal after Service HOME COMING	16 Newsletter DEADLINE Worship Team - 7 p.m.	17	18 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m. (Grace)	19 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	20	21 Youth-sponsored Trip to Carowinds Leave church at 8 a.m. Return 7:30-8 p.m.
22 21st Sunday After Pentecost Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. Acolyte, Torchbearer, Crucifer, Bible Bearer Installation GYM Time - Noon - 1:30	23 Lever Farms Field Trip for Preschool 4s	24 Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. (Ministry Center)	25 Women's Bible Study - 6 p.m. Christmas Music Practice - 7:15 (WUMC) Adult Choir - 8 p.m. (Grace)	26 Bulletin Deadline - 9 a.m.	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday Breakfast - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m.	30	31 Halloween  Trunk or Treat Grace Trunk or Treat 5-6:30 p.m. (Parking Lot)				



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October Highlights



**Homecoming
with Golden Age
Recognition**
Oct. 15
10:30 a.m.



**Reformation
Sunday**
Oct. 29
10:30 a.m.



**Carowinds
Trip**
Oct. 21

**Trunk-or-Treat
Tuesday**
Oct. 31

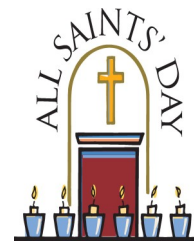


worship
WITH US
*All are welcome
at Grace!*



**GYM
Time**
Oct. 22
Noon

Looking Ahead



**All Saints
Sunday**
Nov. 5

**Thanksgiving
Meal Bag
Distribution**
Nov. 19



**Christ the
King Sunday**
Nov. 26