

GRACE GAZETTE

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
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ANTICIPATING OUR CORPORATE WORSHIP

Sunday Service Preview

Read over and prepare your heart to receive the Word of God at our corporate gathering on **Sunday, May 21**, as Pastor-Teacher Rick Zaman has returned and teaches through [Genesis 13-14](#) on the title "God's Promise Promotes Service and Sacrifice." Much appreciation goes to both Bill Wittmer and Jim Dowdy for the excellent teaching they brought over the past two Sundays in Rick's absence.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE – MAY 19, 2017

Grace Family Camping Trip ~ the Deadline for Deposits is THIS Sunday

Alert: several campers (reserved camp sites) have not yet paid deposits. Your deadline is May 21 for the **GBC Camping Fellowship ~ June 23-25, 2017**. Annually, Grace schedules this Family Campout at the [Shenandoah Valley Campground](#) in Verona. The reservation list and **details** are available [HERE](#). **All deposits** (equal approximately to first night) **are due to GBC no later than Sunday, MAY 21** (as reserved sites not claimed/deposits paid will be returned to the campground). Make deposit checks to GBC - note on the memo line: camping deposit. **Direct all questions to:** Richard at aardvark6990@gmail.com or 804.201.1542; information also available at www.campingisfun.com.

Parent Dedication May 14

All those able to be in the services on Sunday, May 14 were blessed to see these parents and children participating in the annual Parent-Child Dedication here at Grace: **Brian and Jenn Barber with Evie, Stephen and Amy Boom with Timothy, James and Jenni Cane with Joseph, Kevin and Emily Carr with Jude, Rett and Rheanna Cople with Jonathan, Mark and Amy Donahue with Aly, Derreck and Sarah Kinter with Ashlyn, Dan and Amanda Leavitt with Julianna, Scott and Shayne Sheridan with Titus, Christian and Emily Smith with Henry, Charlie and Kristen Snyder with Ellie, and Jon and Sarah Williams with Ellie**. These parents pledged to dedicate themselves to bring up these children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Members present also pledged to support, pray for, and minister to these parents and children, and to join in their mutual care and instruction in the ways of the Lord. Please continue to keep them in prayer.

Middle and High School Combined Youth Group – End of the Year Event

The last Combined Middle and High School Youth Group of this school year is **May 21, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at the [Walton Lake Clubhouse](#). All MS/HS ages are encouraged to attend. We'll begin with dinner (hot dogs and drinks provided), then singing, prayer, and games! Each family: bring one side dish or snack to share. Any questions, contact [Stephen Boom](#)

GBC Men's Retreat Registration Available Now

All GBC Men (and mature high school men) are invited to attend a weekend at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano, **June 30-July 2, 2017**, for a time of fellowship, relaxation, and teaching (**Jay Wegter**, Executive Director of Gospel for Life and adjunct professor at The Master's University). All meals provided while at the Center; lodging in dorm-style cabins. Cost per person is \$80.00 and **due to GBC by June 4**; however, if cost is a hardship, scholarships are available. Make all checks to GBC ~ with Men's Retreat on the memo line; drop in an offering box. **Register by June 4 [HERE](#)** for each individual attending (to adequately account for lodging and food requirements). For questions contact Bill Cross at bcross@gracebiberichmond.org.

Upcoming Sunday Evening Fellowship Schedule

The SEF that normally happens on the last Sunday of the month has been canceled for May and June. July and August meetings at this point are “to be determined.” Be sure to watch the **Grace Gazette** for any updates to this and all GBC information.

High School Summer Camp in North Carolina

Registration is open for **Hickory Cove Bible Camp High School week (grades 9-12) – June 18-23!** Students *currently* in the High School Bible class are invited and encouraged to attend. Camp moves you out of your ‘norm’ to have fun, adventure, and take time to grow in your faith through the instruction of God’s Word. Cost begins at \$350.00 – limited scholarships are available.

Registration is open until June 7. (There are many details that parents have received by email regarding deposits.) Departure is from GBC on Sunday, June 18, 11:00 a.m., returning Friday, June 23, 10:00 p.m. Visit the camp web page [HERE](#) for more information AND to register. ALL registration and payment goes directly to Hickory Cove, not GBC. Contact Stephen with any questions, and let him know that you registered: sboom@gracebible-richmond.org.

OUTREACH LOCAL AND GLOBAL

From Denis and Mylene Cobar in Honduras

The Cobars recently traveled to Guatemala to spend time teaching to the Word to pastors and leaders on “What Is the Gospel?” Denis writes: “Please continue to pray for our work here because our Lord has sent us to clarify to all what is His message and to proclaim a returning to Scriptures, Sola Scriptura!” We encourage you to ask for their newsletter [HERE](#) to read more (info@gracebible-richmond.org).

SERVE THE LORD THROUGH GBC

Opportunity to Serve and Use Gifts

Here is a great opportunity for you to serve, to use your spiritual gifts – to influence a young life for the cause of Christ. Are you willing to spend a few hours on a rotating basis to have a Godly impact on children? As the Coordinator of the **Sunday morning 7/8 Bible Class**, Ron Mamrick is looking for volunteers to fill two spots on the regular rotation (one month on/two months off). Please contact him if you are willing to help nurture GBC children – rcmamrick@gmail.com. ‘Apprentice’ training and all materials are provided.

VBS 2017 – Special Messages from Director Kim Voiles

If you are a bit hesitant to volunteer for VBS, some thoughts for you from Kim Voiles: 1) If you have a preschooler and you serve anywhere – your preschooler can come to VBS! 2) If you have “served your time” with little ones (kids are grown), you are still highly qualified to bring all those years of wisdom and expertise back to the nursery where young mamas would love to be served. 3) Even if you are “in the trenches” with little ones now and you feel overwhelmed, you are still qualified to share in the blessing of serving others and be encouraged to spend time with church family – even if in the nursery. “I am so excited about Bible School this year, exploring the Bible with our kids. I’m looking forward to how the Lord’s perfect provisions all fall into place.” To volunteer, see further information below.

VBS 2017 – Operation Arctic Guides Needed – Meeting is this Sunday!

Recruiting **NOW** - VBS Leaders and volunteers to guide the children through *Operation Arctic* - GBC Vacation Bible School, **Sunday, August 6 - Thursday, August 10 (evening)**. The first volunteer meeting is **THIS Sunday, May 21, 12:30 p.m. at GBC**. **Please take note of all the open lead positions in the chart below – especially the added position of tee-shirt coordinator (URGENT)**. All volunteers -- make every effort to attend this first meeting, even if you aren't sure where you might serve. To volunteer, contact Kim Voiles at kcvoiles@verizon.net or Heather Asimos at heatherasimos@gmail.com. We cannot minister to the children of Grace through VBS without you! **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All adults >18 serving with children at GBC (<18) must have a GBC approved background check completed at the time of serving. If you are at all interested, contact the Church Office by phone or email today.

GBC VBS		
Positions	Lead	Lead
Crafts	Lead- Sarah Williams / Adult lead helpers: Amy Boom, Maddie Arbour, Kara LaClair, Erin Zaman	
Games	Tim Asimos, Kyle LaClair, Paul Hargarten, Brad Dunn, Dustin Wakefield	
Decorating	NEED COORDINATOR Registration (SuG) to come soon allowing for specific needs/times	
Teaching/Nursery	Lindsey Craft	Marie Lock
Teaching/Toddlers		
Teaching/Preschool Crafts	Angela Dobrowolski	Allison Wakefield
Teaching/Preschool Lessons	Katy Whitlow	Sarah Townshend
Teaching/5&6	Lead teacher-Kayla Dove Adult lead helper-Tyler Dove helpers-	Lead teacher-Evan Dobrowolski Adult lead helper-Kyle Fuller helpers- Jocelyn Amesbury
Teaching/7&8	Lead teacher- Evan Bisharat Adult lead helper- Cody Dove helpers-	Lead teacher- Neil Collins Adult lead helper-Patty Randall helpers-Sarah Collins
Teaching/9&10	Lead teacher- Stephen Boom Adult lead helper-Nat Arbour helpers-	Lead teacher-Jen Lee Adult lead helper-Emilee Haskins helpers-
Teacher Training	Stephen Boom	
Food	Donna Word, Jamie Collins, Holly Reed	
Skit	Phyllis Rice	
Music	Brian Barber	
Registration	Natalie Wood	Kristine Dunn
T-shirt Coordinator (needs organizational skill)		
Slideshow		
Clean up	Wendy Routhier	

COMING SOON

Grace Baptism Service at James River

Have you trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation but have not followed Him in Believer's Baptism? Christian baptism by immersion (Acts 8:36-39) is the testimony of a believer showing forth his or her faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, and his or her union with Him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life (Romans 6:1-11) – a testimony that Jesus is now LORD of their life. It is also a sign of fellowship and identification with the visible body of Christ (Acts 2:41-42). The GBC Elders encourage you to be obedient, be baptized, and then become a member of this local church. The next Grace Bible opportunity is a river baptism on **Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.** at the Pony Pasture on the James River (weather permitting). If you would like to be obedient to the Lord in baptism, or if you have questions or concerns, please speak to one of the Grace Elders *as soon as possible* and definitely by June 25. Your written testimony will be needed.

Early Morning Corporate Prayer

"In public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood. Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise." (from "Meeting God" – *Valley of Vision*) You are invited and encouraged to gather to seek the Lord in prayer corporately at the GBC building, **Sunday, June 4, 7:30 a.m. in Room 109.** (Childcare is not available during this time.) Contact is Jordan at jordan.minnick@gmail.com.

GRACE FINANCIALS

Grace Giving for May 14, 2017				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	Balance
General Fund	8,908.75	12,585.72	(3,676.97)	128,110.34
Missions Fund	3,283.76	4,128.55	(844.78)	132,481.57
Building Fund	50.00			375,898.54
May 2017 Month to Date				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	
General Fund	22,960.55	25,171.44	(2,210.89)	
Missions Fund	7,573.56	8,257.09	(683.53)	
Building Fund	785.00		785.00	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays Approaching

Rejoice with us for these in the Grace family that have birthdates approaching: **Barbara Fischer, Tyler Dove, Daniel Ha, Wendy Routhier, and Tava Carrillo.** For each one - pray for a year of blessings and joy in life and in the service of the Lord.

Anniversaries Next Week

Joyful blessings to these who have wedding anniversaries soon: **Carlos and Raquel Martinez, Christopher and Amanda Worley, Robert and Natalie Fuller, and Hunter and Sasha Jessup.** Pray for strong marriages that honor God and are reflections of Christ and the Church.

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