

GRACE GAZETTE

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Eagerly Awaiting God's Word

Prepare to receive the Word on Sunday morning, **August 13**, as Rick Zaman continues exposition of **Genesis 21** on the title "Hazardous for Your Faith." Please pray for Rick as he prepares and speaks - that hearts would be open to hear God's Word, and we would take it away for application throughout the week. Pray also for others who are preparing to teach in the months to come.

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH GRACE

Put it Up – Then Take it All Down

VBS take down, haul away, and clean-up day is **TODAY, Friday, August 11. Beginning at 9:30 a.m.**, many hands are needed to carefully put the building back to normal. Wendy Routhier has graciously offered to "command the masses to clean up the messes" and **we encourage any adults and mature youth to be at the building this morning.** Special thanks to Wendy Routhier for heading up this huge task!

THIS WEEK AT GRACE – AUGUST 11, 2017

Alert: Triathlon Time Again

Grace has received the following notice from the organizers of the **annual triathlon** beginning at the YMCA on Coalfield: Please be advised that **THIS SUNDAY, August 13, 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.**, traffic on Charter Colony Parkway, Woolridge Road, and Coalfield Road will be affected by 350 cyclists on the roads. Roads will NOT be closed, and entrance to GBC WILL be open. However, you may need a few extra minutes to be on time, as Chesterfield County Police will slow traffic at intersections along these roads to provide safe passage for the cyclists. Watch out for cyclists as some sections do not have shoulder or bike lane. Thank you for your consideration!

Important CHANGE to Grace Baptism Service

The GBC river baptism service previously scheduled for Monday, August 21 has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m.** at the Pony Pasture on the James River (weather permitting). If you have trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation but have not followed Him in Believer's Baptism, the Elders encourage you to be obedient, be baptized, and then become a member of this local church. If you desire baptism, or if you have questions or concerns, please speak to one of the Grace Elders *as soon as possible*. **Your written testimony is needed to an Elder by August 16.**

Plan for August 'SEF'

There is **no Sunday Evening Fellowship** scheduled for August. However, following the baptism service on Tuesday, August 29 at the Pony Pasture on the James River, those interested will gather for fellowship at the local *Chick-fil-A* on Forest Hill Avenue.

Women's Fall Retreat Registration Now

Picture Perfect: When Life Doesn't Line Up is the theme for the 2017 Women's Fall Retreat with speaker **Amy Baker**. Registration is open for **October 20-22** at the Skelton 4-H Center on beautiful Smith Mountain Lake. All information and registration is **HERE** – open until all rooms are filled or October 1. **Payments:** Checks made to Grace Bible Church with *Women's Retreat* in memo line; mail to Church Office, or submit to *Book Nook* on Sunday mornings. Payments are refundable only until October 1. Please contact Patty Randall with any questions at bprandall6@verizon.net.

Grace Ladies' Book Club

Join the excitement of a Ladies' Book Club on **Monday, August 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, as we discuss the book "Fierce Women: The Power of a Soft Warrior" by Kimberly Wagner. The *Grace Book Nook* has a few copies, or purchase it elsewhere. Read the entire book by August 28 and come ready for a sweet time of discussion and fellowship. Location is the home of Heidi Merritt at 32 Spinnaker Cove Drive, Midlothian. Please RSVP [HERE](#) that you will attend. Contact Nancy with any questions at randyandnancyboyd@gmail.com.

Appreciation for All Involved with VBS

The Grace Elders and Staff would like to publicly express great appreciation to everyone who **prayed, planned, (almost a year in advance) worked, coordinated, labored, donated, volunteered, cooked, served, built, directed, cleaned, counted, stayed late, hauled (various things), climbed, rigged, painted, communicated, secured, gave, contributed,** and all the others not listed for the 2017 GBC VBS – *Operation Arctic*. A record 130 children were served, and many seeds were planted. Adults involved in one form or another are too many to count. We would like to especially recognize co-directors **Kim Voiles and Heather Asimos**, Drama Directors **Phyllis Rice and Lydia Hickok**, Music Director/Coin Counters/Assembly Directors **Brian Barber, Andrew Townshend, and Kyle Fuller**, and the overseer cleanup-lockup man, **Bill Cross**. This year's VBS Missions offering (contributed by the children in a boy/girl friendly competition) will go to **Bill and Judy Wittmer** – raising support to go to Ireland – with a **grand total of \$931.00!** Thank you to all the parents and children (and leaders)! (You will have to check with Andrew Townshend to see who "won!")

OUTREACH – LOCAL AND GLOBAL

GBC Missionary Encouragement Team – Open Meetings

Grace has a **Missionary Encouragement Team (MET)** that meets and works "behind the scenes" to pray for, provide for, and generally encourage the GBC supported co-laborers, Marie Lock heads up this team, and they meet **monthly on the third Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** (generally in Room 101-102). They are opening these meetings to adults who will come to pray together for all of our co-laborers. They hope to build excitement among the entire Grace family about missions and those who serve the Lord here and abroad. If you would like to attend the next meeting on August 20, (or future meetings), please notify Marie Lock at 804.921.8468.

From Alfredo and Betty Tabares in Mexico

Alfredo recently sent 36 ppt slides from their summer missions program in Juarez with *Gospel Ministries to Children*. The slide show ends with the encouraging message that over 400 children heard the Good News of our Lord Jesus this summer, and 46 children made a profession of faith in Christ. They give God the glory for all. If you would like the newsletter from the Tabares family, please contact info@gracebiberichmond.org.

From Chris and Kristin Deckert

The **Deckerts** recently sent a special CRU Newsletter for the JESUS Film Project -- "**Update**" -- that features much about the impact Chris's team has had as well as the translation workshops (JESUS Film Script Translation Strategies Team). However, we also received news on Tuesday that Kristin's father, Henry Rupp, passed away suddenly on August 7 in New Jersey after a recent illness. There will be a private memorial service in the future. Could you please pray that Kristin and family, and especially her brother Kurt, would be completely resting in the sovereignty of God, as well as for traveling mercies over the next few weeks? If you would like the newsletter from the Deckerts, contact info@gracebiberichmond.org.

Thank You from the Dowdys

“Thank you so much for praying for us and the work of training men in El Salvador through the Word of Grace Biblical Seminary (TMAI) in Mexico City. The Lord gave us safety as we traveled to and from El Salvador and while we were there. ... Please continue to pray for this work of training national pastor in El Salvador. ... Thank you for praying for God’s grace/enablement for Jim to finish the student manual on Biblical Counseling. He was able to finish and the students seem grateful for the manual.” This newsletter comes with several good photos, so if you would like the newsletter from the Dowdys, contact info@gracebiblelrichmond.org.

COMING IN THE FUTURE

Bible Class Promotion Sunday – September 3

Sunday, September 3, 2017 is Bible Class Promotion Sunday at Grace. This is the day at the beginning of the school year when we promote children to their new classes. If your child has reached a required age, they could be promoted to a new class on this Sunday. **Parents: Please see the promotion guidelines from the GBC Elders attached to this Gazette email – as you may have questions.** On September 3, guides are available in the foyer to assist in directing children or parents to the appropriate classroom.

Women’s Bible Studies in the Autumn – One Registration Open Now - ASAP

Ladies: for your **September calendars** – these great opportunities from the Women’s Ministry, meeting at the GBC building: **Wednesday evenings, beginning September 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** a study of Titus 2 using the book *Adorned: Living out the Beauty of the Gospel Together* by Nancy Wolgemuth; led by Nancy Boyd (with discussion groups); book available in *Book Nook*. **Registration link will come soon** (with other WED classes); for questions contact Nancy Boyd at randyandnancyboyd@gmail.com. **Thursday mornings:** beginning **September 14, 10:00 a.m. to Noon**, an inductive Bible study using the Precept Ministry workbook *Acts: Jesus’ Witnesses Empowered by His Spirit*; led by Heidi Merritt. Ladies will choose ([at registration here](#)) one of two workbooks (homework varies). **DEADLINE for workbook order through GBC is August 27.** (Fall class is first half of Acts; optional second half in January.) **Childcare provided at both studies.**

Middle School Fall Retreat

All Middle School students that were part of the 2016-2017 MS Bible Class are invited to the Middle School Fall Retreat, Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 10 at Camp Wabanna in Edgewater, MD. Cost each is \$60.00 – please speak to the Townshends if cost is a hindrance. For additional details and registration, visit **HERE** by Wednesday, August 30. For questions, contact Sarah at sktownshend@gmail.com.

WED Classes will Begin September 13

The Wednesday Evening Discipleship classes will begin again on **September 13, 7:00 p.m.**, at the GBC building. “Co-ed” classes are still TBD; the ladies’ class mentioned above is confirmed. Onsite childcare is offered; indicate at time of registration. Please stay tuned for more detail and registration links.

ABC is Coming

Plans are being formed, so ‘stay tuned’ for upcoming information on **Adult Bible Classes** for the fall. ‘Overheard’ in the planning: a **College and Career class** during the second hour. Look for it!

Grace Missions Weekend with Dr. Mark Tatlock – Registration is Now Open

Don't wait – don't delay – register now! Mark Tatlock, President of TMAI (The Master's Academy International) will be here at GBC on **September 16** (Saturday morning) as well as **September 17** for teaching and sharing. **Saturday** will begin with a delicious breakfast and teaching by Dr. Tatlock (for adults), **8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, with child care for ages 12 and under. Dr. Tatlock will also teach on Sunday morning for the services. Plan now to attend. **Required registration is HERE – by September 9 - please pay close attention to the details.** If you have more than 4 adults in one registration, please go to a second registration form.

GRACE FINANCIALS

There are no updated financials available this week due to health issues/vacation.

Grace Giving for July 30, 2017 (previous week)				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	Balance
General Fund	10,062.45	10,261.58	(199.13)	135,328.39
Missions Fund	2,926.46	3,302.84	(376.38)	140,749.21
Building Fund	910.00			377,118.05
July 2017 Month to Date				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	
General Fund	53,640.98	51,307.88	2,333.10	
Missions Fund	16,270.60	16,514.18	(243.58)	
Building Fund	4,869.50		4,869.50	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays Approaching

Rejoice with us for these in the Grace family that have birthdates approaching: **Sarah Kinter, Nathanael Haskins, Annelise Zaman, Noel Booker, Suping Boudreau, Rachel Nana-kouajio, Chris Deckert, Sarah Wittmer, Lois Rodgers, Ann Graham, and Daniel Routhier.** 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: **Brandon and Jennifer Stites, Brad and Kristine Dunn, Brad and Kim Silva, Mathew and Ruth Lang, Gary and Pamela Swigert, Mike and Debbie Zinn.** Pray for strong marriages that honor God and are reflections of Christ and the Church.

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