

# GRACE GAZETTE

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY MORNING

### Again Looking Back to the Reformation

This Sunday, we are anticipating hearing more about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, this time from Jack Dove on “**Martin Luther: Sola Fide**” (by faith alone) on **October 8**. The message is based on the text [Romans 1:16-17](#) (among others). Pray for Jack as he prepares and pray that the seeds sown through God’s Word would bear much fruit.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE – OCTOBER 6, 2017

### Evaluation Period – New Elder Candidates

These Elder candidates were presented to the Grace family at evening Fellowship on September 24: **Stephen Boom, Russell Dixon, and Andrew Townshend**. The 30 day evaluation period as described in GBC Bylaws under Article V Section 4 [here](#) began on October 1. We encourage all members of Grace to evaluate and/or critique each of these Elder candidates and submit your comments to any active Elder by October 29. Lord willing, the public confirmation and installation of the new Elders is scheduled for **Sunday morning, November 5**. If you have any questions concerning this process, please speak with any active current Elder.

### Grace Fellowship Groups

Here at Grace Bible, everyone is encouraged to be involved in a Fellowship Group (small group). These groups help each of us to grow in Christ-likeness, connect together with one another in caring relationships, and serve each other and the community. Autumn is typically the time of year when the Grace home Fellowship Groups get “reorganized” – and new groups begin. **A list of all current groups is attached to the Gazette email**, and although some are already at capacity, we encourage you to peruse and find a group that is right for you.

### Building Expansion Updates and Alerts – New Information

In case you did not catch this last week: the east side entrance to the GBC building is now blocked - **everyone will enter via the front doors**. So plan on a few extra minutes if you park in the new parking! Garbage cans are relocated to the front enclosure – south side of building. Work has continued well this week in setting the foundation, due to the lack of rain. Again, thank you for your patience, and please continue to GIVE as the Lord lays it on your hearts.

### Grace Ladies' Book Club

The Book Club discussion of “Fierce Women: The Power of a Soft Warrior” by Kimberly Wagner meets on **Monday, October 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** RSVP [HERE](#) that you will attend. The *Grace Book Nook* has a few copies. Read the entire book ahead and come ready for a sweet time of discussion and fellowship. Location is the home of Heidi Merritt at 32 Spinnaker Cove Drive, Midlothian. Contact Nancy with any questions at [randyandnancyboyd@gmail.com](mailto:randyandnancyboyd@gmail.com).

### Aging Parent Encouragement and Care

Watching parents move from independence to increasing need is a challenging life transition for children ... and their parents! Many families here are approaching, in the midst of, or have walked through this life change (with experience to share). The Elders desire to provide encouragement and care for families through a series of gatherings in October-November. The goal is to share from the Word, share resources to address particular needs, and provide opportunity for fellowship and care for one another. Meetings are scheduled at the GBC building, Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., **October 10 and 17, November 7 and 14**. On October 10, we will get acquainted, and focus on legal, financial, and estate planning resources. If you need encouragement in this area or have some to offer, please come out and join us. For more information, contact Elder Charles Piper at [charlespiper.gbc@gmail.com](mailto:charlespiper.gbc@gmail.com).

## FUTURE EVENT PLANS

### **An Evening of Reformation ~ Prepare your Middle Ages Attire**

To celebrate the beginning of the *Reformation* 500 years ago (Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg on October 31, 1517), GBC will host **A Family Evening of Reformation**. On **Sunday, October 29, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**, come (in medieval costume!) to learn more about Martin Luther in a festive atmosphere, including music, education, drama, and worship our great God together – all ages. Registration is [HERE](#) to assist in multiple ways - prepare, participate, and cleanup afterward. Questions? Contact Wendy Routhier at [kwrouthier@gmail.com](mailto:kwrouthier@gmail.com). This evening is “SEF” for the month of October. Start working on those Middle Ages costumes now -- help make the evening memorable!

### **Youth Group – Combined – Next Meeting**

Combined GBC Youth Group (Middle and High School ages) will meet again on **Sunday, October 15, 6:00- 8:30 p.m.** at the GBC building. Our purpose at Youth Group is to teach the truth of God’s Word, worship the Lord, have fun, and care for one another. Like to plan ahead? Other dates for the fall are Nov 5 and 19, Dec 3. For questions, see Andrew Townshend (MS) or Stephen Boom (HS). Come on out and join us!

### **Fellowship during Youth Group – ALL LADIES WELCOME**

Ladies: You are welcome to join us to fellowship together at the GBC building during the Middle and High School Youth Group evenings. We will meet in the classroom hallway (probably Room 109) on **Sunday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.** -- to have fun and meet other women in our Grace family. This is open to any woman at Grace ~ hope you can come! **We are unable to accommodate any children during this time.** Any questions about this ladies’ time, contact Natalie Wood at [bjueledgrad@hotmail.com](mailto:bjueledgrad@hotmail.com). **NOTE:** an opportunity for ladies to *serve* on these evenings is listed above in “Child care Needed on Youth Group Evenings.” If you are GBC background checked, you are encouraged to serve in this way. Volunteer [HERE](#).

## OUTREACH – LOCAL AND GLOBAL

### **Save the Date: Introduce Internationals to Christ this Holiday Season**

The **VCU International Thanksgiving Dinner** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 21**, with two seatings: 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. All of the details will be available soon. **PRAY** that God would use this event for His glory in bringing His own to Himself. **CONTACT** Jordan and Vanesa Minnick at 804.833.0870 or [vanesaminnick@gmail.com](mailto:vanesaminnick@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

## SERVING THE LORD HERE AND ELSEWHERE

### **Child Care Needed on Youth Group Evenings**

A great opportunity for ladies to serve! Childcare is needed during Youth Group evenings for the children of GBC YG leaders – by women at GBC who have a completed GBC background check. All details about children and registration are [HERE](#). (Note that there may be changes to the list of children.) You would be appreciated! Questions: Natalie at [bjueledgrad@hotmail.com](mailto:bjueledgrad@hotmail.com).

### **Virginia Capitol Cookout and Prayer Walk**

Capitol Commission invites you to attend the annual Election Eve Virginia **Capitol Cookout and Prayer Walk at the State Capitol** on Monday, **November 6 from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m.** This is an opportunity to pray for those in upcoming elections and financially support **Capitol Commission**, a ministry to our state legislators. The Richmond division is headed by David Andersen, a fellow TMS graduate. The event is on Capitol Square and registration is needed by calling JoAnne at 804.222.3686 by October 23.

### Serving the Senior Community – Opportunities Abound

GBC services at *The Virginian Retirement Residence* have now resumed on Wednesdays (every other for now), 7:00-8:00 p.m. – you can participate this coming Wednesday, October 11. Services are also monthly at *Chesterfield Heights Retirement Community* on the first Tuesday, same time. We are in need of immediate volunteers to lead music (and piano), and faithful men to preach God’s Word. This is an opportunity for men serious about growing in expository preaching. Prayerfully consider joining a monthly rotation. If interested in just attending to serve and bless this community with the gospel – there is room for you! **Please contact Mark Donahue at [mark.donahue@zoho.com](mailto:mark.donahue@zoho.com)** right away if you would like to serve.

### Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond (PRC)

With the compassion of Jesus, the PRC provides **multiple** free and confidential services including counseling to men and women facing unplanned pregnancies. There are many ways that you can share Christ’s love through the PRC, including: donations (list available), volunteer training (date coming soon) and serving, and contributing financially. A great opportunity is to attend the **PRC Annual Gala** on November 16 at the Richmond Marriott, 6:15 p.m. **Jennifer Barry is the PRC liaison for GBC**, and invites you to attend with them (Mike Barry) at their table, and would love to talk to you more about the ministry. Please contact her at [jenniferbarry59@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferbarry59@gmail.com).

## GRACE FINANCIALS

<b><u>Grace Giving for October 1, 2017</u></b>				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	Balance
<b>General Fund (GF)</b>	11,575.61	9,312.18	2,263.43	138,245.02
<b>Missions Fund (MF)</b>	3,568.89	3,302.84	266.05	121,376.86
<b>Building Fund (BF)</b>	2,040.00			382,870.23
<b><u>Month to Date for September 2017</u></b>				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	Actual Cash over/(under)
<b>GF Income</b>	38,114.93	54,869.13	(16,754.20)	
<b>GF Expenses</b>	46,125.58	54,869.12	8,743.54	(8,010.65)
<b>MF Income</b>	10,587.24	16,514.18	(5,926.94)	
<b>MF Expenses</b>	16,762.70	16,514.18	(248.52)	(6,175.46)
<b>BF Income</b>	6,861.61		6,861.61	
<b><u>YEAR TO DATE</u></b>				
	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)	Actual Cash over/(under)
<b>GF Income</b>	435,597.64	473,689.76	(38,092.12)	
<b>GF Expenses</b>	410,546.98	473,689.69	63,142.71	25,050.66
<b>MF Income</b>	131,384.97	148,627.62	(17,242.65)	
<b>MF Expenses</b>	133,122.70	148,627.62	15,504.92	(1,737.73)

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### **Birthdays Approaching**

Rejoice with us for these in the Grace family that have birthdates approaching: **Jackson Lee, Shiloh Garcia, John Helmuth, Taylor Turner IV, Joy Shelton, Justus Mitchell, Nathan Ryan, Jachin Wettstone, Josh Lush, and Abigail Leavitt.** 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: **Don and K.C. Harris, Chad and Angela Dobrowolski, Stacey and Kathy Dunn, Brian and Holly Reed, Steve and Lori DeNise, John and Joy Shelton.** Pray for strong marriages that honor God and are reflections of Christ and the Church.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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