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July 2020 Grace Notes



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OUR VISION: MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST
OUR MISSION: TRANSFORMING PEOPLE INTO THE
LIKENESS OF CHRIST; BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM.



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Grace Notes & Call-Em-All

Information for Grace Notes needs to be in the office or emailed to galliagrancenotes@yahoo.com by the **20th of each month**. If you change your email, or would like to be added, please let us know. If you would like to be notified of upcoming events and important information from the church via phone or text, contact the church office.

Church Camp

There will be camp this summer! JR/SR high camp will be July 19-24 and Intro/Elementary camp will be July 26-31. Check Evans Christian Outfitters FB page for the registration and more information. Forms are available in the office and there is money available to help pay for camp.

Announcement

Sunday school will restart on July 5! This will start after the combined worship service, and last an hour as usual. Please continue to practice social distancing, and if your class is a large one, the dining room is available.



Liturgists and Ushers

Since services have been combined to one, for the time being, and if you aren’t comfortable attending, please contact someone on your list to make arrangements for them to take your place and please inform the office.



Liturgists

July 5 Karen Bryant
July 12 Josie Bapst
July 19 Vickie Powell
July 26 Marlene Stout

Ushers

Ken Kyger, Maxie Oliver,
Rick Howell, Tommie Vaughn
& Cathy Greenleaf

Hello Grace Church!

As of June 2nd, you and I have survived our first year together, and while I have not yet had my annual review at the time of this writing, I am looking forward to another year with you!

A few calendar items first off: July 18 will be a youth kayaking trip at Raccoon Creek Paddles & Oars. August 9 will be a float in movie at the community pool. Movie is yet to be determined.

The youth have completed nearly all of the service projects we had lined up and are in need of a break as school sports practices have resumed. To those that provided work and donations of various natures, thank you!

Gallipolis Christian Church has hired Andrew Wolfe as their new youth pastor. He and I have already met several times and have started to discuss the opportunities that are before us in the fields of inter-church relations, evangelism, discipleship, service, and Kingdom community relationships.

Please continue to pray for our youth as they, like the rest of us, are navigating many frustrations and aggravations, as well as a sense of loss and grieving, that COVID-19 and the world’s reaction to it have brought up on us. One of the phrases I heard while serving with Teen Mania Ministries in my late teens that sticks with me and often steps on my toes, causes me to pause and reflect in this moment: “The Lord blesses those who are flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape.”

Finally, for July, a challenge to both young and old, and those in between. I was recently challenged to view the stories of “The rich young ruler,” “Zacchaeus,” and “The window’s mite” in Luke, not as three separate stories, but as one story arch. Draw some conclusions on your own and then come and talk with me about them.

Peace, Passion, Purpose,
Nate Sherren
Director of Youth Ministries

Bob's Babble

Well, here we are in another month. Not much to laugh at, and crying won't help, but maybe a thought or two to consider.

God offers little in the way of suggestions. Like it or not, His advice comes generally as commandments, or firm directions. You who know the Bible know what I mean, and you know how you and I react. For example, 2 Peter 3:9 reads this way, "The Lord isn't really slow about his promises, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He doesn't want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." Ever give that serious thought? Or heard or read it before? I haven't either. Ran across it during some Bible reading, began to wonder how it fit in my life. God sets standards, but I find myself slack in carrying them out. In fact I might have company. For a time, such scripture instills a great desire to follow and become a better follower. But then, the world interferes. I often ask myself if I'm seeking to follow whatever He has for me. There is so much that it seems impossible to respond to all of it. How much is enough? Of course, He would respond, "100%."

Listening to the world today, or whatever part they offer us, we might be at a crossroads. Is this a time when God's ways will strengthen the people of the world and things will get better, or will we divide further and see still more difficulties in the days and years to come? It's easy to see others tearing down property that they don't own, or offering ways to settle problems that they don't even understand.

Personally, I will try to please God in some ways better than I have in the past. I don't think I can hit 100%, but will work at it. Let me leave you with this thought. Right now the world is stirred up about the death of one man. I didn't know him, and probably never would have. I only know what they have offered to us what brought his life to an end. Each one of God's creatures is important to Him. He knows them all. We know but a few. Can we get as excited about another man who lost His life for us? He didn't die in vain. Let's get stirred up here in Gallia County, in our families, neighborhoods, and wherever else we can talk of His grace and the hope He offers to His followers.

Scripture says that He is being patient, for our sake. If you know Him, work harder. If you don't know Him, today might be the day. Ask Him!

~BP

UMW News

We regret to inform you that we will not be holding the holiday craft and vendor sale in November, hopefully will be able to reschedule it for the spring. We will be selling nuts, and maybe ham loaves in the fall. Watch for more information.

Outreach

We are still collecting hats, socks and gloves to be given out around Christmas time, thank you for all of your support.

Dear Grace Family,

I am humbled and honored to start year 4 with you as your lead pastor. I also want to recognize that our Youth Pastor, Nate Sherren, has completed one year and now begins year 2 with us. Welcome back, Nate!

Grace Church is a joy to serve in ministry! And let me say how faithful you have been in loving and supporting our congregational and community ministries, even amidst the pandemic. Thank you!

We are attempting to be safe and still be people of faith as we re-open our facilities to ministry. Our Sunday Worship continues in July with a modified schedule at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. (Our hope in August is to return to our customary worship times of 8:30am in the Chapel and 10:45am in the Sanctuary.) We will be phasing in Sunday School at 10:45am during July. It is exciting to see that the Wednesday "For Men Only" group is meeting again at 7:45am. Some of our team committees did resume in June, but will take a summer break now in July and August.

Now let me share some spiritual encouragement. It was great to gather as a community for worship with the June 17 "Gallia Prays in the Park." Pastor Christian Scott, of Paint Creek Baptist Church, rallied our congregations to pray for Christ's leading and several area pastors gave words of exhortation.

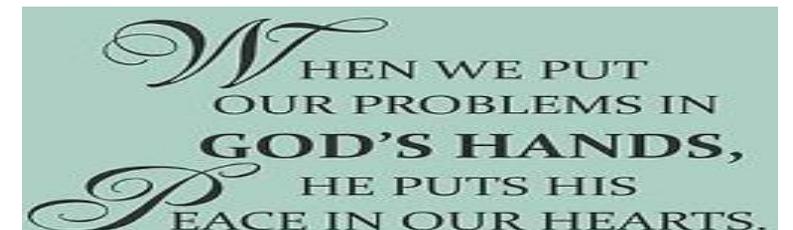
We sure do need more of Jesus! And so let us continue to repent, first as His people – His Church, and then intercede for our communities and our nation. It has been said that Christianity is always just one generation away from extinction. But Jesus said that He "*will build His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (Matt.16:18-19).

It may very well be that "*for such a time as this*" (Esther 4:14), you and I are present in this world – in the year 2020 - to be bold for Jesus; to confront injustices; to stand for truth and sound reasoning; and to witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians chapter 6:10-20 reminds us that worldliness, secular humanism, and even other doctrines will war against Jesus. In these verses we are given many defensive armaments for battle, but given only one offensive weapon – "*the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God*" (Eph.6:17). With the current trends to erase history and faith, it is now more important than ever that we stand for Truth – Truth demonstrated in Love. How this will all be worked out remains to be seen. However, let us "*be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might*" (Eph.6:10).

In the strong name of Jesus,

Pastor Ray



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 7:50 For Men Only	2. 1:00 SPR 7:00 James Rainey Trio	3. OFFICE CLOSED	4. 
5.	6.	7. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	8. 7:50 For Men Only	9.	10.	11.
12.	13.	14. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	15. 7:50 For Men Only	16.	17.	18.
19.	20.	21. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	22. 7:50 For Men Only	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28. 7:00 LOL, Wheeler Home	29. 7:50 For Men Only	30.	31.	

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			1.	2. Robert Neal <i>*Ray & Robin Kane</i>	3. *Bette Horan Dusty Roush <i>Clayton & Jessica Wood</i>	4.
	5.	6. *Harla Eutsler Mark Walker Michael Tabor	7. Adam Stout	8. Sue Gilliam G.E. Guinther	9.	10. *Linda Chapman <i>Cliff & Kalena Wheeler</i>
12.	13. Vicky Sheets	14. Lisa Moles	15. *Jay Sheridan *Jean Henderson <i>*Jim & Kayla Carpenter</i>	16.	17. John Carroll Jessica Wood <i>*Michael & Jessica Weber</i>	18. *Mary Allie
19. Landon Wood	20. Roberta Kuhn	21.	22. Paula Barrick Craig Jager	23. Nathan Swindler Jason Wheeler Michael Moore	24.	25. *Bonnie Tabor <i>*Richard & Sara Northup</i>
26. *Dottie Chestnut Collin Wheeler	27. *Brice Hanning <i>*Ken & Gloria Kyger</i>	28. *Marianne Campbell Cody Billings	29.	30. *Vic Niday *Ruth Synder Sadie Wansitler	31. Clint Saunders	

