

Tidings of Grace

May 6, 2022

*The LORD will guide you ...
you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose
waters never fail.*

Isaiah 58:II, NRSV



Lesson of the Week: John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

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****Indicates new information**

Fellowship Update



- There will be **no fellowship food on Sunday May 8.**
- We do **need fellowship food for Sunday May 22 and 29.** Sign up!

Global Mission Thank You!

Following a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, it was great to return to our traditional Lenten soup suppers this year. Your generous offerings over the five weeks totaled \$568.00. *India Transformed!*, our primary global mission beneficiary, and official mission partner of the NALC, is the recipient of these funds and will also receive a 6:1 gift match through the generosity of a handful of dedicated donors (that's \$3,400 total). Since its founding in 1988, the ministry has had a great impact on spiritual and material poverty in India:

5,000+ children cared for and educated
1,800+ women vocationally trained and employed
1,500+ missionaries trained
1,600+ churches established
10,000+ graduates of K-12 Christian school
12 Million people reached with the Gospel

Our individual, group and congregational offerings the past 10 years have directly supported all of the above to one extent or another. Their next endeavor is to expand the continuum of Christian education through college level, to reach young adults who will be future leaders in India. It is toward this goal that our current offering is being applied, to help fund construction of a new Christian college adjacent to the current K-12 school. For more info contact Joe Costantino, or go to indiatransformed.org.

The Administration and Finance Team is looking for at least five volunteers to serve as a Counting Team. The team will consist of a Lead Counter and at least four Rotating Counters. Each week, team members will secure, count, record, and deposit the offerings Grace receives.

The Lead Counter, except for occasional absences, will work every week. Each Rotating Counter will work with the Lead Counter once per month. This arrangement provides security and transparency. It also protects the reputations of the counters.

The Lead Counter will use a computer to record offerings in our database. The Rotating Counters will use a printing calculator and the office copier. All counters will keep information regarding donors and gifts in strict confidence.

We'll provide training and written procedures. We'll provide support until all volunteers are comfortable with their duties. If you're interested in serving Grace as a member of the Counting Team, please contact Steve Gross (steve@nomuda.us, 937-287-1679) or Nancy Oliver (nancy.oliver@sbcglobal.net, 937-422-1037).

Phyllis Reed has gone to be with the Lord. Her funeral service will be held May 7th, 11am at Epiphany Lutheran Church ~ Cynthia Michael



****A New Ministry to Men**

Dear Grace Family,

Throughout my two decades of ordained ministry, parishioners have occasionally confided to me that they, a spouse, or family member has lapsed into a pornography addiction. Invariably this is spiritually and relationally devastating to those addicted and to those who love them.

While the incidence is significantly lower than in the general population, research shows this issue even affects Christian men who regularly attend worship services.¹

Secular 12-step groups are available, but I long wished for a biblically based approach to help men find freedom from this spiritual bondage. A few years ago, I was delighted to learn of such a resource, the Conquer Series curriculum. I found Conquer to be biblically sound, and—based on my study of addiction issues during clinical pastoral education—clinically sound as well.

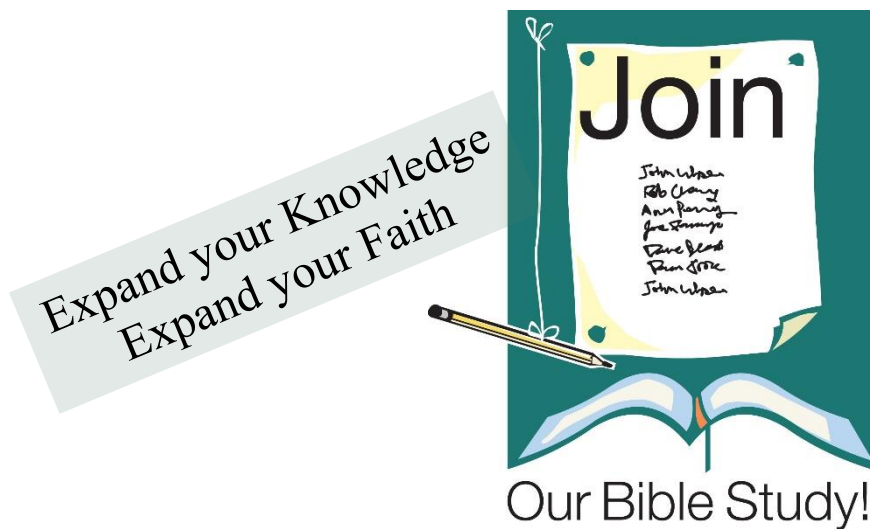
A couple in our church family who have greatly benefited from the husband's participation in Conquer recently inquired if Grace could provide space for a Conquer educational / support group under his leadership. That request initiated a season of prayer, discernment, and deliberation by me and your council.

I announced last Sunday that council voted unanimously to provide a room for a Conquer group at Grace. I also offered to address any questions or concerns in an informational meeting after worship. I will be available again in the Adult Sunday School room for the same purpose after church this Sunday May 1. I am also available to meet confidentially regarding Conquer and pornography addiction issues.

Galatians 6:1 states, "Brothers, if anyone is caught in **any** transgression, you who are spiritual should **restore him in a spirit of gentleness**" (emphasis mine). It is my hope that by hosting a Conquer Series group at Grace we can be agents of restoration for individuals and families in our community. The initial Conquer Group meeting at Grace will be Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Phil

¹ <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/factchecker-do-christian-men-watch-more-pornography/>



Adult Sunday School 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00am as we explore God's word together. All are welcome.

Friday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group. Beginning on Friday, April 29 through Friday May 20 we will be reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom. We will begin at 9:30 am and end at 11 am. You may purchase the paperback book or ebook yourself, or borrow a copy from the library. If you would like Roseann Costantino to purchase a book for you please call her at 937 434-2012 ASAP.

The Men's Fellowship at Grace is beginning our third year meeting the first and third Saturdays of the month in the church at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We have had a great time getting to know each other, praying for each other and studying the scriptures. Oh, and did I forget coffee and "Bill's" donut holes? If you haven't joined us, we would love to get to know you. We're very informal, friendly and you would fit right in. If you have any questions about the fellowship please ask John Michael or Bill Slusser. See you there.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Every Wednesday at **6:30 pm**, join us as we delve deeper into the scriptures. Study is led by Pastor Phil and you can attend in person or online. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/595370970?pwd=MGQzK0VVZXkwUFF4VzJ6aXJlMGhTQT09>

Meeting ID: 595 370 970

Passcode: 023793

The Under Somethings Bible Study will meet this month on Friday, May 13th, at 6:30pm, at the Mood's. Contact Aaron for details: 724.322.2449

We are also planning an outing on Saturday, May 14th, to Fox Hollow Rodeo, 1909 East State Route 73 in Waynesville. We will gather shortly before 6pm. Invite a friend for a fun evening of mutton-busting, and junior and senior division bull riding!



Servant Schedule

Communion Servers

Deb and Gary Ross

Assistant Minister

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| May 1 | Sandy Rice |
| May 8 | Joe Costantino |
| May 15 | N'Anne Knight |
| May 22 | Shirley Schryver |
| May 29 | Sandy Rice |

Lector

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| Deb Ross |
| Steve Gross |
| Julie Hohulin |
| Roseann Costantino |
| George Reinhart |

Nursery

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| May 1 | Cassie & Debbie |
| May 8 | Jean & Debbie |
| May 15 | Kathy & Debbie |
| May 22 | Rachel & Debbie |
| May 29 | HELP NEEDED |

Sunday School

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| Julie & Susan |
| Diane & N'Anne |
| Wanda & Steve |
| Mechelle & Ava |
| Jean & Deb |

Sunday, May 8

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bill and Evie Wheeler

Communion: Deb and Gary Ross

Children's Nursery: Jean and Debbie

Choir Director: Cynthia Michael

Organist: Aaron Mood

Pianist: Samee Griffith-Mood

Violinist: Bill Slusser



6 – N'Anne Knight
 11 – Lea Ravlin
 Jean Wheeler
 18 – Joyce Mears
 20 – Cynthia Michael
 22 – Jan Ross
 29 – Steve Gross
 31 – Julie Hohulin



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 2 | 3 | 4 7:00 PM Bible Study | 5 3:00 PM Benevolence Team Meeting | 6 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study | 7 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship |
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| 15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 16 6:30 PM Council Meeting | 17 | 18 7:00 PM Bible Study | 19 | 20 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study | 21 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship |
| 22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 23 | 24 | 25 7:00 PM Bible Study | 26 | 27 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study | 28 |
| 29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 30 Memorial Day-Office Closed | 31 | 1 7:00 PM Bible Study | 2 | 3 9:30 AM Friday Women's Prayer and Bible Study | 4 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship |



Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

***Denotes Grace Member**

Judy and Doug Rettich-healing (Joyce Mears)

Gareene-healing (Bill Slusser)

Amber Brakora-healing from accident (Aaron and Samee Mood)

Afghanistan Christians-protection and strength (Cynthia Michael)

Rachel Riddiford-peace for her and her family (Roseann Costantino)

Bentley – healing and strength for the family (Cassie Pfeiffer)

Loretta McGuire-comfort and healing (Rachel Reinhart)

***Lynda Bragg**—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)

Levi, parents-Damon & Rachel, brother-Dean-development and strength (Aaron Mood)

Duane Jastremski-recovery for heart attack (Barbara Baker)

***Betty Harnish**-healing (Sally Manning)

Roger Debord-complete healing (Shirley Gordon)

***Danielle Pfeiffer**-healing (Cassie and Matt Pfeiffer)

David and family-obtaining a travel visa from Russia (Cynthia Michael)

Cathryn Schultz-healing from cancer (Samee Mood)

Lorraine-continued healing and guidance for the family (Jim and Erika Wattrick)

Glenn Zink-continued healing (Joyce Mears)

***Nancy and Rudy Oliver**-healing, comfort and peace

***Sally Fiste**-healing and comfort (N'Anne Knight)

Jake and Cayden-guidance in life and to come to Christ

Andrew Teague-healing (Tom Teague)

***Barbara Baker**-comfort and healing

Tom Magee's wife-healing and comfort (Aaron Mood)

Hazel-healing (John Michael)

Trey Gardner-healing (Don Stamm)

Bob Hoff-healing (Don Stamm)

***Dale Bonsteel**-comfort and healing (Georgene Bonsteel)

***Ed Bragg**-healing and comfort

Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

(continued)

Those with Continuing Health Concerns:

Janet Dovayak (Shirley Pappas), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker** (Sandy Rice), **Georgene Bonsteel** (Becky Reinhart), **Fran McDaniel** (Roseann Costantino), **Robin Connellee** (N'Anne Knight), **Cindy Puskar** (Becky Reinhart), **Gary Rothermel** (Annemarie Stein), **Yvonne Becker** (Joyce Mears), **Clayton Daniels** (Cassie Pfeiffer), **Pam Mehlhorn**, **Barbara Baker** (Pastor Phil), **Camille Evans**(Cynthia Michael) **Mike Stein** (Shirley Schryver), **Janet Zerger**(Cynthia Michael), **Judy Yeager**(Shirley Pappas), **MacKenzie Aitken** (Lea Ravlin) **Edie Smalley**(N'Anne Knight), **Michael Wiseman** (N'Anne Knight), **Tom Gustin** (N'Anne Knight), **Pam & Allen Smith** (Julie Hohulin), **Don Slokowski** (Shirley Schryver), **Scott Placke** (Shirley Schryver) **Tim Scott** (John Michael), **Robin Jergens** (Diane Jergens), **Lilyanna** (Diane Jergens), **Cooper and his Wife** (Diane Jergens)

Family and Friends in our Hearts:


Paul Yeager (The Yeager's)

Those Confined to Care:

Lois Costantino (Joe Costantino)

Those Serving in the Military:

Josh Weiland, **Zach Ravlin** (Lea Ravlin), **Matthew Spence** (Lea Ravlin), **Tyler Dovayak** (Shirley Pappas) **Jake Bradosky** (Becky Reinhart), **Jake Byorth** (Becky Reinhart)



*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31, NIV