

Grace Notes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH | JULY 2017

Pastor's Notes: Mark Elkins

Vacation Bible School is almost here!!! The set construction and the drama team have already begun and the various teachers, assistants, and kitchen volunteers are finalizing their plans. In a matter of days, we will have the privilege of sharing the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with the children of our community, which God calls to us.

But, even with all the planning, meetings, and preparations, we cannot forget the most important part of anything we do for the glory of God: **Prayer!!!** Every day, it is important that we dedicate ourselves to praying and seeking God's will through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But this is especially true during our VBS, so I have put together a prayer calendar below that I hope will help focus our efforts and ensure our success:

Sunday (July 9th)...Pray for the safety of everyone helping to setup for VBS.

Monday (July 10th)...Pray for the mothers, fathers, and grandparents who are trying to decide whether to bring their children to our VBS.

Tuesday (July 11th)...Pray for travel mercies for all the families that will come to Grace to sign-up for the first night of VBS.

Wednesday (July 12th)...Pray for all the teachers and assistants in each of the age groups as they share the wonder of the world's "coolest book".

Thursday (July 13th)...Pray for the kitchen (snacks), games, and crafts teams as they teach the children that following Jesus is fun.

Friday (July 14th)...Pray for the strength and energy of all the volunteers as they near the finish line.

Saturday (July 15th)...Pray for the families who will hear the Gospel in our drama and experience Jesus' love at our Family Fun Day.

Sunday (July 16th)...Pray that any child and family, who was touched by the love and Gospel of Jesus, will join us to worship Him and praise His holy name.

Upcoming Events

July 1st
Sat Morning Men's Ministry

July 2nd
VBS Volunteer Meeting
(Option #2)

July 4th
4th of July Church Picnic

July 9th
VBS Set-Up Day

July 11th-14th
VBS: Operation Arctic

July 15th
VBS/Community Family
Fun Day

July 30th
Quarterly Business Meeting

Aug 18th
Peach Festival



Operation Arctic VBS is coming soon and **you can now pre-register online!** Here is your chance to save time on Registration Day (Tuesday, July 11th at 5:45pm) for VBS at GBC. Visit

<https://hisgraceforyou.myanswers.com/operation-arctic/> to learn more information about this year's VBS, and register your child online! Please comment or message back if you need help or have any questions!

Spread the word! **VBS: Operation Arctic is coming soon to GBC on Tues, July 11th – Fri, July 14th (5:45-8:30pm), with our Community Family Fun Day on Sat, July 15th (10am-2pm).** At VBS, kids can enjoy fun Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, songs, outdoor games, and a comedy show every evening!

Then don't forget to join us on **Saturday, July 15th**, for our **Community Family Fun Day from 10am-2pm** to finish off our VBS week! This is open to the whole community whether or not your child was in VBS. It's just a fun day with songs, a comedy show, games, a bounce house, face painting, dunking booth, crafts, emergency vehicles, balloons, hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, sno-cones, candy, and more!

Please, pray and consider serving for this awesome Children's Ministry opportunity. If interested, fill out a volunteer form, located in the hallway outside the sanctuary, and give it to Pam Elkins, as soon as possible. Volunteer t-shirts are also available for sale. We could use everyone's help to make our VBS a success, and there's always somewhere your gifts are needed!

Please spread the word to all of your friends and neighbors!

Prayer Deacons

July 02 – David Byrd
 July 09 – Greg Carlson
 July 16 – Pat Groves
 July 23 – Lee Bryant
 July 30 – Chuck Buchanan

Remember: There are no Wednesday Night Activities in July (Except for VBS). Have a blessed Summer!

Nursery Schedule

July 02 – Brenda & Leon Vaughn
 July 09 – Margaret Carlson & Casey Elkins
 July 16 – Annetta Lind & Amy Shelor
 July 23 – Brenda Vaughn & Maura Elkins
 July 30 – Marcia Jones & Erin Carroll

Children's Church

July 02 – Maura Elkins & Barry Jones
 July 09 – Linda Daumen & Peyton Elkins
 July 16 – Dale & Shelley Hollandsworth
 July 23 – Paula & Logan Reynolds
 July 30 – Nandrea & Pat Groves

Moments from June 4th's AWANA Sunday Celebration



Announcements

Be sure to join us for our annual 4th of July Picnic at Dick & Pat East's house. The festivities will begin at 3pm. It will be a fun evening of fellowship, food, games, swimming, horseback-riding, and an amazing fireworks show after dark! Please, bring a covered dish and chairs. We could also use some help cleaning up the next day. Contact Pat East if you have any questions.

It's time again for another **Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, July 30th, along with our Quarterly Potluck Lunch.** Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for our time of food and fellowship, followed by our Business Meeting in the sanctuary. During the meeting, there will be a series of votes taken regarding the proposed changes to the church's Constitution and Bylaws. Please try to attend.

August 1st marks the beginning of our **Deacon Nomination Month.** We will have a big green box in the hallway outside the sanctuary, where you will be able to drop in your nomination.

The **Annual Virginia Peach Festival** is on **Friday, August 18th.** You can be sure that Grace Baptist will be out there with a booth, passing out free waters to thirsty festival-goers and painting happy faces. Please consider joining us at our GBC booth next month.

Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates!



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Birthdays

Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:30am Men's Ministry Breakfast
2 VBS Volunteer Meeting (Option 2)	3	4 4th of July Picnic 3pm-After Dark Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 3pm VBS Set-Up	10	11	12	13	14	15 VBS/COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY 10am-2pm <u>Flo Bell</u> <u>Jane Bryant</u> <u>Rusty Smith</u>
<u>Shelley Hollandsworth</u>		OPERATION ARCTIC VBS ← 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm →				
		<u>Elijah Stegall</u> <u>Brenda Vaughn</u>				
16 <u>Barry Jones</u> <u>Becky Palmer</u>	17	18 <u>Lib Maxwell</u>	19	20	21	22 <u>Kyra Harris</u>
23	24 <i>David & Carol Byrd</i> <u>Adryanna Register</u>	25 <u>Blake Howell</u>	26 <i>Leon & Brenda Vaughn</i>	27	28	29 <u>Ashley Marshall</u> <u>Steve Walker</u>
30 Potluck Lunch & Quarterly Business Meeting <u>Annetta Lind</u>	31 <i>Dale & Shelley Hollandsworth</i>					