

Birthdays

December 2013 GRACE NOTES

Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Communion Begin Lighting of Advent Candle	2	3 12pm PC Winter Preservation Workshop	4 Fellowship Meal (Prepared) AWANA Youth Isaiah's Bells Practice Choir Practice	5 <u>Marceia Bartlett</u>	6	7 4pm Christmas Parade 6pm Carlson/Shelor S.S. Christmas Party <u>Nadine Smith</u>
8 Food Pantry 6pm Christmas Cantata Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Deadline Deacon Dedication	9	10 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting <u>Michael Jones</u>	11 Fellowship Meal (Prepared) AWANA Youth Isaiah's Bells Practice Choir Practice Angel Tree Deadline <u>Jackie Corbett</u>	12	13	14
15 <u>Chris Howell</u>	16 <u>Mark Elkins</u>	17 7pm Women On Mission	18 Fellowship Meal (Potluck) NO AWANA Youth Isaiah's Bells Practice Choir Practice	19 10am Women of Grace	20	21
22	23 <u>Clay Meneer</u> <u>Jane Hall</u>	24 <i>Leon & Chris Howell</i>	25  <i>Merry Christmas</i> <u>Winfred Stowe</u>	26 <u>Margaret Carlson</u>	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve!  <u>Laurie Salser</u>	1	2	3	4

PASTOR'S NOTES:

It is hard to believe that it is already December, with Christmas and New Year's right around the corner. As we approach the end of the year, it is an excellent opportunity to reflect on what God has done in His body, and to see what prayers have been answered with a yes, a no, or a not yet and begin to contemplate what God has in store for us for 2014.

In 2013, we spent a great deal of time discussing and praying about Missions; and God has blessed us with a new Missions Team that is currently focused on Local, Regional, and International Missions. They were led to produce a number of exciting local opportunities to share Christ's love, such as the Peach and Apple Dumpling Festivals. They were also led to launch our first official International Mission trip to minister to 3 orphanages in Honduras... God is so good!!!!

We have had several new members added to our church family this year, and some new baptisms! God has richly blessed us with the fellowship of several new families who have stepped right in to serve as faithful attendees.

We had to say goodbye to a beloved Deacon and Worship Leader, when Mike and Dora Jane moved to South Carolina, but the voids have been filled with the blessing of the gifts and talents of a new Worship Team and three new Deacons. The year began with some serious financial concerns, but through God's providential mercy and the faithfulness of our body, we will end the year in the black.

Which brings me to our prayers for next year, which includes seeking God's hand in reducing our long term debt, focused training for our Missions Teams, and mobilizing the entire church to pray, support, and send our International Team to Honduras in June!!!!



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*Newsletter & Calendar
For members and friends of
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Sunday School...9:45 AM
Sunday Worship...11:00 AM

PRAYER DEACONS

Dec 01 Dick East
Dec 08 Dale Hollandsworth
Dec 15 Jim Shelor
Dec 22 Leon Vaughn
Dec 29 David Byrd

The deacons and pastor meet on the second Tues of each month. If you have concerns, please contact one of the deacons or Pastor Mark prior to their meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a **Patrick County Extension "Winter Preservation Workshop"** on **Tuesday, December 3rd**, in the GBC fellowship hall and kitchen at **12pm**. Carol Byrd & Melanie Barrow from the Patrick County Extension will be showing how to properly can meats, soups, and stews, along with how to make deer jerky. Cost is \$5.00 and space is limited, so contact Carol to reserve your spot today!



Deuteronomy 15:11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.' Therefore, the Second Sunday of the month is a time we set aside to contribute to our local food pantry. Let us give generously to help feed the less fortunate in our community on **December 8th**.

It is time for the annual **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. The money given supports the thousands of missionaries sent from Southern Baptist churches with a single and eternal purpose: bringing glory to God by making disciples in the name of Jesus and being **Totally His!** Our week of prayer will be Dec. 1st-8th with our ingathering on **December 8th**! Our goal this year is **\$1,400**.

This year's **Christmas Cantata** will be on **December 8th at 6pm**. We invite you to enjoy worshipful music to celebrate the birth of Christ with our presentation of **"Meet Him at the Manger."**

Our **angel tree** is now up in the hallway for the Prison Fellowship Ministry. These gifts go to the children of prisoners in our area! Please take an angel (more will be coming soon) and bring your wrapped gift back by **December 11th**. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. See Wendy Buchanan with questions.

Volunteers are **needed** to help with AWANA devotions. Please contact Lena Howell for more information.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

5:30pm... \$10/family-\$4/person
Meals schedule for December:

Dec 04 – Prepared
Dec 11 – Prepared
Dec 18 – Potluck
Dec 25 – CANCELLED FOR CHRISTMAS

MISSIONS

Women on Mission will meet on **Dec 17th at 7pm**. Please contact Marceia Bartlett for more information.

Women of Grace will meet on Tues., **Dec 10th at 11am** (SunTrust Bank) to carpool to Martinsville for a special lunch. Please contact Flo Bell for more information.

MUSIC CORNER

Band Practice

The Praise Band of Grace meets Wed. at **7:15pm**. Contact Sue Smith.

Choir Practice

Voices of Grace practice Wed. at **7:30 pm**. Contact Mark Elkins.

Isaiah's Bells Practice

Practice Wed. at **6:15pm**. Contact Marceia Bartlett.

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TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES

EARLY!

DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES AND CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES
is The **20th** of each month

Check out our new and improved church website at:
www.hisgraceforyou.org

 **BIBLE STUDY**
A WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday School – 9:45am

Here at Grace Baptist, we have several Sunday School Classes, one for every age group from pre-school to senior adult. You don't need to be a member to attend one, just show up and anyone here will be more than happy to help you find the one for you.

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Children's Worship – 11:00am

CHILDREN ARE GOD'S GIFT TO US!
We provide nourishing programs and learning experiences for all ages:
Children's Church for children K-3rd grade.

The Puppet Ministry helps the bible come alive for the youngest to the oldest.


CHURCH LIBRARY

Our church library has something for everyone, from toddler to senior adult. Books, magazines, audio books, video tapes and CD's.


New books and resources have been added recently! Take this opportunity to check out great Christian fiction and informational books from our library!!!!



Dec 04 – Silent Night
Dec 11 – Christmas Party
Dec 18 – CANCELLED
Dec 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

 **Children's Church (Grades K-3)**
WORKERS' SCHEDULE

Dec 01	Hillary Holt Peyton Elkins
Dec 08	Linda Daumen Austin Menear
Dec 15	Dale Hollandsworth Shelley Hollandsworth
Dec 22	Paula Reynolds Seth Reynolds
Dec 29	Ashley Marshall

 **NURSERY WORKERS' SCHEDULE**

Please be in the nursery by 10:45

Dec 01	Nancy Howell Logan Reynolds
Dec 08	Ashley Marshall Kaleb Marshall
Dec 15	Nadine Smith Casey Elkins
Dec 22	Linda Daumen Peyton Elkins
Dec 29	Brenda Vaughn Maura Elkins

*In our infant nursery, the volunteer must be 16 years of age or older. **Note:** Infant & Toddler Nursery is for infants & children up to 4 years of age. Older children can attend Children's Church or Regular Services in the sanctuary with a parent or guardian.*

If you miss a Sunday morning sermon and want to listen on your computer or download to your mobile device, just go to www.hisgraceforyou.org and click on "Media" then click "Sermons." The sermons are there for you or you can send the link to a friend.

AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!!!

If you are willing to **serve our children**, please contact:
Lena Howell – 694-6855 (Awana)
Maynee Meadows – 694-4411 (Puppets)
Hillary & Susan Holt – 694-4083 (Children's Church)
Hazel Geohagan – 251-5735 (Nursery)
Brenda Vaughn - 694-4212 (Nursery)

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY?
For information on becoming a member, first speak with our Pastor at the conclusion of any worship service. Next, attend our "Discovering Church Membership" class; our Pastor will introduce you to the class leader. This introduction to our church family is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and how we work together to grow in Christ.

To update your directory with the addresses of new members, please contact the office: 694-5211 or office@hisgraceforyou.org.