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General Calendar

Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. Men's prayer meeting.

Pastor Paul's office at 255 Old Stage Rd.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study. A

schedule is on the information table.

Evening worship/fellowship every 2nd Sunday of the

month.

Evening worship every 4th Sunday of the month.

Grace Heritage Church

Gathering every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

January 15, 2006

Psalm 46:1-10

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nation rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

We begin worship with God's Word, His invitation to us to gather in His name.

Is this your first time with Grace Heritage Church? Please see the back page to tell us about yourself and request information. Just tear along the dotted line and place in the offering plate as it is passed or as you leave.

Nursery

Child care during worship is provided by Amanda Brasher. Child care during Bible Study is provided by Ashley Gue.

The Lord Calls us into His Presence

Psalm 46:1-10

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice,
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain, Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Responsive Reading

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Psalm 42:1-5a ESV

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

You alone are my Strength, my Shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

Worship is its own great reward—being in the presence of the Living God, beholding His greatness, and enjoying His mercies toward us. Therefore, we aim not to distract from this by offering entertainment. Instead, we will focus on truth that helps us see God as He presents Himself to us in the Scriptures.

The Lord Cleanses Us From Our Sins

God Be Merciful to Me

God be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just,
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return O God to Thee.
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Remembering the Gospel ~ Hebrews 10:16

*“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on
their hearts, and write them on their minds,”
Hebrews 10:16*

Silent Confession of Sins

*Because the distance between
God and His creatures is so
great, the only acceptable
way of approaching God in
worship must be revealed to
us by God Himself, and He
has graciously done this in
the Scriptures. Therefore, He
may not be worshiped in ways
invented by us. This principle
protects us from idolatrous
worship and focuses our
energies on those activities
through which God has called
us to draw near.*

*Just as we begin with a prayer
of praise to God, we continue
our worship with a time of
confession. We do not
pretend we have not sinned;
we do not assume our sins go
unnoticed by God. We take
our sin to Christ as the only
remedy and as our only hope
for cleansing and forgiveness*

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Has won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great father of mercies thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified son;
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

The Lord Consecrates us By His Word
Scripture Reading ~ Mark 7:24-37

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Lord, Fill Your Servant

Lord, fill your servant's soul today
With pure seraphic fire,
And set his tongue at liberty,
And grant his soul's desire.

O may he preach the Word of God
With energy and power;
May gospel-blessings spread around,
Like a refreshing shower.

May God's eternal love and grace
Be sweetly felt within;
While he is preaching Christ the Lord,
Who bore our curse and sin.

May burdened sinners lose their load,
And downcast souls rejoice;
May doubting souls believe today
They are Jehovah's choice.

May Christ be first, and Christ be last,
And Christ be all in all,
Who died to make salvation sure,
And raise us from the fall.

O may your servant now today
Proclaim salvation free,
As finished by the Son of God,
For such poor souls as we.

Proclamation of the Word

Jay Outen

We do not have worship plus preaching. Preaching is the center of biblical worship. In preaching, we encounter the living God of truth and have our hearts laid bare before Him.

Reflection and Response

As the offering plate is being passed, we respond to God's Word with an opportunity to give to the Lord. This is a good time to thank Him for His material and spiritual provision.

Worship Through Giving to God

The Lord Blesses us & Sends us Out

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim in this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

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Benediction

May the Lord continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and may you be like watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. May you delight in the law of the Lord and meditate in it day and night. And may you bear fruit to the glory of God and be sustained by his mercies and grace.

From Isaiah 58:11; Psalm 1

Sermon Notes

Just as He has the first Word, God has the final Word in our worship. This Scripture is a benediction—a “good word”—from God for us, His people, as we go from this place.

We encourage you to take your bulletin home and use it as an aid to personal worship and worship with your family or Christian friends during the week.

Sunday morning Bible study is at 11:15. Please stay and join us! This is a primary means of equipping God's people and maturing us as a body at Grace Heritage Church.

We currently have three classes:

Junior High through Adult:
When People Are Big and God Is Small
Teacher: Paul Stith
Main meeting room

Elementary Children:
Teacher: Kathy Stith
Room 2

Preschool Children:
Teacher: Brenda & Tom Shumpert
Room 3

Children are always welcome to remain with parents in the adult study.

We encourage you to make Scripture memory a regular part of your life. Consider using these verses as a starting point.

Verse of the Month

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:1, 13-14

Church Announcements

There will be no meetings this evening. Enjoy the opportunities for rest in the Lord and for acts of mercy and ministry to others. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. next Sunday, January 22nd, for Bible Study; no food.

All men are invited to gather for prayer on Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. in Paul Stith's office.

On Friday, January 20, we have the opportunity to gather at the Best Western for some pizza and a discussion of C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Our best information is that the movie will be showing at 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Run time is just over 2 hours, so we should be able to gather at about 7 p.m. at the hotel. If you can't make the movie or don't want to see it again, feel free to join us at the hotel.

Ladies' Bible Study will begin in February. The details will be announced soon.

The 2005 financial report will be given during our gathering on Sunday evening, January 22. This will be a brief members' meeting, prior to Bible Study.

Family Prayer Concerns

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