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Calendar

Grace Heritage Church

Gathering every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

September 2, 2007

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

~Psalm 97

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.

Child-Care Ministry
Worship: Kathy Stith and Family

Bible Study: Chris and Sarah Johnson

September 9th:
Worship: Larry and Katie Bell

Bible Study: Hemberg Family

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now;
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing;
Everyone sing,

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory;
The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around,
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. (Repeat)
Chorus

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
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All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea;
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest.
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—
All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other;
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us onward
In the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

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.

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.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

O Love Incomprehensible

*O love incomprehensible, that made Thee bleed for me.
The Judge of all has suffered death, to set His prisoner free.*

What pain what soul oppressing pain,
The Great Redeemer bore-
While bloody sweat like drops of rain,
Distilled from every pore!
Chorus

Arraigned at Pilate's shameful bar,
Unparalleled disgrace!
See spotless innocence appear,
In guilt's detested place.
Chorus

The spotless Savior lived for me,
And died upon the mount.
The obedience of His life and death,
Is placed to my account!
Chorus

"Tis finished!" now aloud He cries,
No more the Law requires.
And now (amazing sacrifice),
The Lord of Life expires!
Chorus

On Thee alone my hope relies,
Beneath Thy cross I fall.
My Lord, my Life, my Sacrifice,
My Savior and my All!

REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

*But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.
~Romans 6:17-18*

SILENT PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

The Gospel is True

We have a hope that is living,
And love that never will end.
We have a God who's forgiven us,
While we were yet in sin.

*Thank you Jesus, oh, how we worship you.
Thank you, Jesus.
Hallelujah, the gospel is true.
Hallelujah, the gospel is true.*

We have a grace that's amazing;
A free gift to know him by faith,
To live for His praise, and long for the day
When we see Him face to face.
Chorus

We have been crucified with Him,
Buried and risen to life.
Now justified, soon glorified,
We shall be made like Christ.
Chorus

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.

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

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.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Scripture Reading ~ Isaiah 65:1-16
Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Mark 12:35-40

Listening With Delight

Reflection and Response

COMMUNION

Worship Through Giving to God

THE LORD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting;
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.
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*Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art'
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

O, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness,
Lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine.
Chorus

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love so pure, so changeless
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies my deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings
Thine is love indeed!
Chorus

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace.
Chorus

*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.*

BENEDICTION

*And now I commend you to God and to the word of
his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you
the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
~Acts 20:32*

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women’s Bible Study, will meet Wednesday,
September 9th at 6:30 p.m. to study *Battling Unbelief*
by John Piper.** Books and Study Guides are available
for \$15.00, please see Suellen Good if you desire to
purchase copies. We will meet in the home of Suellen
during the month of September, and will focus on
Chapters 1 & 2 in the Study Guide for our meeting on the
9th (please read ahead!)

Men’s prayer meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.
Meet in Pastor Paul’s office on 555 Old Stage Rd, St. 1-C.
All men are welcome.

Please Note Changes For September Meetings:
We will meet in the evening on Sunday, Sep. 9th to share a
fellowship meal and worship together.

The last weekend in September (29 & 30th) we will be
hosting a Bible Conference with speaker Philip Marshall!
The conference schedule will be as follows:

- ❖ Saturday, from 9:30am to 12:00 noon.
- ❖ Sunday, during normal service time
- ❖ Sunday evening, 5:30pm

Ministry Opportunities:

Rebuild Lakeshore, November 18 and following
Ben Strout has committed to join us as our Experienced
Foreman on a return trip to Lakeshore. We’ll go during
the week of Thanksgiving so students and professors can
participate if they are so inclined.

Oak Park Nursing Home Ministry, Sept. 6th, 2:30 p.m.

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.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS

Catechism questions have long been used in teaching Bible truth to people of all ages. These questions come from *A Catechism for Boys and Girls*, and are based upon the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith.

17. Who were our first parents?
Adam and Eve.
(Genesis 2:18-25; 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:13)
18. Of what were our first parents made?
God made the body of Adam out of the ground and formed Eve from the body of Adam.
(Genesis 2:7, 21-23)
19. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?
He gave them souls that could never die.
(Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:7)
20. Have you a soul as well as a body?
Yes; the Bible teaches me that I have a soul that can never die.
(Matthew 10:28; Mark 8:34-38; 12:30)

MEMORY VERSE

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
~Matthew 6:33

FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

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