



## So you think you can't dance?

Have you ever wanted to learn basic partner dancing? Do you go to wedding receptions and sit for everything except the chicken dance and electric slide? If so, please join Jeff and Mary Kerrigan for a series of swing dance lessons, culminating with a group outing to a dance with a live band.

- No experience, skill or special equipment required.
- 4 lessons on Friday nights - September 11,18,25 and October 2 from 6-7:30 pm.
- Dance put on by the Piedmont Swing Dance Society on Saturday, October 10th at the Vintage Theater in Winston-Salem. Martha and the Mood Swingers will perform.
- Cost is \$55 per couple, and includes four lessons, childcare during the lessons, and admission to the dance.
- Proceeds will be donated to the Grace Children's Ministries.
- To register, please email Mary at marydkerrigan@yahoo.com, 286-8445

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*Get connected!*

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# GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009

9:00, 10:15 & 11:00 A.M.

*The Blest Way to Be Attitudes*  
**Part 2: "Joy in the Mourning"**

Welcome to Grace! Today we continue our new sermon series, "The Blest Way to Be Attitudes: Living Life According to the Beatitudes of Jesus." In this series, we're exploring the meaning and relevance of the eight "beatitudes" of Jesus which began with Jesus' famous "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5.

Today in a message entitled "You're Blest When You Discover That There's Joy in the Mourning" we'll explore the implications of Jesus' second beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." In our time together, we'll share some thoughts on healthy ways to handle the losses we often experience in life.

Today we'll also celebrate the beginning of a brand new school year with the *Blessing of the Backpacks!* At our 9:00 and 11:00 worship services we'll invite all our boys and girls, as well as our public, private and Sunday school teachers to come to the altar for a special time of recognition and blessing. It's going to be a fantastic day of worship and learning at Grace. We're thrilled you're here!

Blessings,

Pastor Morris

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 30 2009

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### GATHERING AND PARISH NOTICES

*(You are invited to sign the friendship registers located at the end of each pew.)*

PRELUDE *Nun Bitten Wir* Buxtehude  
*(We Pray Now to the Holy Ghost)*

*(The light of Christ is brought into our midst.)*

CHORAL INTROIT *When Morning Gilds the Sky* arr. Bird

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

New every morning is Your love, great God of light.  
and all day long You are working for good in the world.

**As we worship this day, O Lord, fill us with the light of Your love,  
That we may leave this place ready to be Your light in the world!**

\*HYMN NO. 154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION  
(vs. 1-4)

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, as we come before You this morning, we confess that we have not always lived according to the way that leads to life. We have failed to love our neighbor, care for the needy and honor you with the gift of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. And by the power of Your Holy Spirit, cleanse us and help us to begin again, that we might be the people You call us to be in a hurting world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(Let us observe a moment of silence for personal confession.)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal, page 71

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(You are invited to offer the peace of Christ to those with whom you worship.)*

RESPONSE NO. 561 *Jesus, United by Thy Grace* ST. AGNES

**Jesus, united by thy grace; and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled* arr. Paxton

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN *"The Blessing of the Backpacks"* Kim Priddy

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:4

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. A. Beck

SERMON "The Blest Way to Be Attitudes"  
Part 2: "Joy in the Mourning" Pastor Morris

\*HYMN NO. 529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

### \*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE NO. 672 *God Be With You 'til We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

\*POSTLUDE *March* Haydn

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*\*As you are able, please stand*

## THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

**9:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** The Butlers; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Lynne Lewallen;  
**TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Lisa Litaker;  
**9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Carrie & Mark Sawulski; **HALL HELPERS:** Laine Tousey; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Charles & Lito Lewallen; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Luke Van Hine;  
**11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Carolyn McKinney & Page Griffin; Narthex: June Dillon; **ACOLYTE:** Harrison Stone; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** John Williams; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Carrie & Mark Sawulski; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Jim Price; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Mark McKinney; **USHERS:** Tina & Lucas Nelson, Ed Guyer, Charles McLoud; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **LAWN SERVICE:** Ed Guyer, Bob Strack, Kevin Corcoran; **CLOSER:** Mark McKinney

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Mary Nelle Smith in memory of Bill and Bertie Smith.

### OUR SYMPATHY

Let us express our sympathy to Doris Owens. Doris' brother, Robert "Bobby" Richardson, Jr. died on Thursday, August 20 at Greensboro Place. A service was held at Hanes-Lineberry, Sedgfield Chapel on Sunday, August 23 at 3:00. Let us be in prayer for the family.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Tom Berry (Bill Stone's brother-in-law), Jerry & Ginger Scott, Carrie Check (sister of co-worker of Leslie Stainback), Lynn Roberts (breast cancer, friend of Diane Bray), Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Maria Collen, Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), Mike Manchoff (Marla Darden's father), Elaine Kesler, David, Karen & Cameron Pruitt (David is in Afghanistan), Debbie Frye, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, Jim Waugh, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

Our Presence	Our Generosity
<b>8/23/2009</b>	
Worship 9:00 am 140, 10:15 am 52	Needed Weekly to meet Budget \$ 8,178
11:00 am 107	08/23/09 Contributions to Budget \$ 3,301
Total: 299	Contributions Needed YTD \$ 333,177
Sunday School 120	Contributions Received YTD \$ 335,231
Small Groups 21	Difference \$ 2,054
Total: 141	



- **What is FUEL???**- FUEL is the name of Grace's youth group and it stands for **Faith Used in Everyday Life**. We meet on Sunday evenings for fellowship, study, and fun. We also have many opportunities throughout the year for youth to serve others, attend retreats, grow spiritually, and have a great time with other youth at Grace! If you are a rising 6th-12th grader, we'd love for you to join us! Contact Christina McCord for further details @ [christina.mccord3@gmail.com](mailto:christina.mccord3@gmail.com) or 282-0380.
- **FUEL Youth Kick-Off!!!**- All rising 6th through 12th graders make plans to join us for our FUEL Kick-off Sunday, August 30 from 5:00-7:00. We will meet at the Nussbaum's home (108 Kemp Road East) for some pool fun and dinner! INVITE A FRIEND and make plans to join us for this great event! RSVP to Christina McCord by Monday, 8/24 with the # attending. This is a YOUTH ONLY event.....PARENT MEETING will be held during FUEL dinner on 9/13.
- **FUEL Scavenger Hunt/Parent Meeting**- Our Photo Scavenger Hunt will take place on Sunday, September 13th from 4:30-6:00. There is a "twist" to this year's event and it benefits others in our community! Then, while the youth eat dinner from 6:00-6:30, **ALL YOUTH PARENTS are invited to a parent meeting** with Christina and the Youth Nurture Team. Please make plans to join us for this great evening!

# GRACE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship - Graceful Grounds - Education building
9:30 a.m.	Faith Fellowship Class - Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Small Groups
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly (all children), Jr. Church classroom
10:15 a.m.	Worship - Graceful Grounds "Unplugged" - Education building
11:00 a.m.	Classic Worship - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Montagnard Worship - Sanctuary

## Monday, August 31

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting - Break Room - Devotion (Kim)
10:30 a.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
5:30 p.m.	Taiji - Graceful Grounds
6:30 p.m.	Qigong - Graceful Grounds
7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting - Library

## Tuesday, September 1

8:00 p.m.	AA - Graceful Grounds
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## Wednesday, September 2

6:00 p.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room
6:30 p.m.	Nominations Team Meeting - Library
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	"10:15" Rehearsal
8:00 p.m.	Agents of Grace Rehearsal

## Thursday, September 3

6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi - Graceful Grounds
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## Saturday, September 5

9:00 a.m.	Yoga - Yoga Room - Ed. Bldg.
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**Our Volunteer Centers** will resume this Sunday, August 30th. There will be tables set up before and after each service. Someone will be stationed at each table to hand out "Gifts and Talents Surveys" and to answer questions about the service opportunities available through Grace Church. The "Top Five Most Urgent Needs" will be posted at each location. Please stop by and consider how God is calling you to serve.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE FOR ADULTS?

- **AUGUST'S missions foods** are **CANNED GREEN BEANS AND CANNED FRUIT JUICES**. Please stop by the grocery and buy a few cans to drop in one of our bins on Sunday. Bins are provided in the east entrance to the sanctuary and in Graceful Grounds. Thanks for remembering the hungry in our community!!
- **NEW TO GRACE? Why not attend *Discovering Grace*?** Why not come and find out more about us? We'd like to invite you to *Discovering Grace*. *Discovering Grace* is a membership inquiry and orientation class for those interested in joining Grace Church. The class gives participants a brief history of Methodism, an overview of our beliefs, reviews the many ministries of Grace, and discusses the requirements and expectations of membership. The class will be held Sunday afternoon, September 13th from 4:00 - 6 pm. The class will be led by Pastor Morris and Pastor Mike (mmoran@grace-methodist.com). Please let Pastor Mike know if you plan on attending, or you may call the church office at 272-2171.



**NEW T'AI CHI CLASS FOR BEGINNERS...**Sifu Patrick Fannes will begin a new T'ai Chi class on September 17 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Graceful Grounds. The cost will be \$10.00 per class.

T'ai Chi is a traditional Chinese conditioning exercise that seeks to enhance balance, body awareness, and overall well being through the practice of therapeutic movements. T'ai Chi combines deep diaphragmatic breathing and relaxation with slow gentle movements. These gentle movements involve isometric and isotonic positioning of the hands, legs, waist and spine. These movements should be performed effortlessly with one movement following into the next. Mental concentration is required to achieve harmony between body and mind. To newcomers, T'ai Chi exercise appears to look like a graceful dance. Some practitioners have described this exercise as a moving meditation.

**IF YOU PLAY A WIND OR STRING INSTRUMENT**, we'd like you to share your talents with us! A new musical ensemble is being formed on September 2nd - The Grace Church Chamber Ensemble - and will assist with music at the 11:00 service. This group is tentatively scheduled to practice on Wednesday nights (although that time is flexible) and will perform periodically during the 11:00 service. This will be a VERY low stress musical endeavor. All you need is your own instrument, a love of music, and a desire to make a beautiful sound. If you are interested, please see Danny Frye, Chancel Choir Music Director. You can also email him at dannyfrye@earthlink.net.

**Today at Grace we are celebrating the start of a new Sunday school year for the children of Grace; but Sunday school isn't just for kids. At Grace we offer several small group options for our adults as well. Take a look at the groups listed below and find your place to get connected!**

**The Exchange Class...**The Exchange Class is a Sunday school class which meets on the second floor of the Educational Building at 10am on Sundays. This class is designed for young adults, married or single, between the ages of 20-40. The class is self led and selects their own curriculum based on the evolving interests of the class. The class is just beginning a study based on Philip Yancey's book "What's So Amazing About Grace?"

**The Bible Chat Class...**The Bible Chat Class is an intergenerational class devoted to Bible study and discussion. It meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 10am. The class is beginning a new study this week on the book of Jeremiah.

**The Crossfire Class...**The Crossfire Class offers a varied curriculum that includes Bible study and the study of selected topics. Currently the class is doing a study and video series based on John Ortberg's book "An Ordinary Day with Jesus". The class is led by teachers who combine lecture and lively discussion. The class meets Sundays at 10am in room 12 which is on the first floor of the educational building, just before the entrance of Graceful Grounds.

**The Faith Fellowship Class...**The Faith Fellowship Class, comprised of senior adults, studies the Adult Bible Study Series. The class is taught by leaders from within the church population. The class begins each Sunday at 9:30am with fellowship and the singing of traditional hymns. The class meets in the chapel in the main sanctuary building.

**Youth Sunday School (Middle and High School)...**We have a wonderful group of dedicated teachers who teach our youth Sunday School classes. The middle school group meets downstairs in the youth room. They use "Talk Sheets" to generate conversations about the scripture and how it applies to their daily life. The high school group meets in the library in the education building. They are currently learning about the Life of Christ.

## **Wonderful Wednesdays at Grace Starting September 9th.**

Join us at Grace Church on Wednesdays during the months of September and October. We will begin on September the 9th and meet each Wednesday except for October the 7th, for a full suite of small group opportunities for study, fun, and fellowship. This year we have something for the youngest among us to the oldest. Take a look at what we have to offer and get connected with the group that interests you the most.

**Senior Adult Bible Study...**This Group will meet each Wednesday afternoon at 1pm at Friends Home Guilford. All seniors are invited to attend. We especially want to invite our seniors who reside at Friends Home-Guilford, Friends Home-West, River Landing, and Well Spring; as well as our seniors living throughout the Greensboro area. Each week Pastor Morris or Pastor Mike will lead a study and discussion based on the sermon topic from the previous Sunday. We will study the scripture, give you a summary of what our thoughts were in the sermons, and then engage in lively discussion about the topic of the week. If you have access to a computer and would like to prepare in advance you can listen to our sermons online at the Grace Church website. There will be a kick-off luncheon at Friends Home Guilford on the first meeting date, September 9th, at noon. The cost for the lunch will be \$9.00 and is payable that day. Contact Diana Clark at 292-2240 to make your reservation.

**The Message at M'Coul's...**The Message at M'Coul's will meet each Wednesday at 6pm from September 9th through October 28th (except for October 7th) at 6pm at M'Coul's Pub at 110 W. McGee Street in downtown Greensboro. Come and join us for a bite to eat and your favorite beverage as we discuss and study our sermon theme for the week. These sessions are a great way to get to know others from Grace church in a warm comfortable friendly environment. Childcare will be provided at the church for the children of all participants from 5:45 until 7:15pm

**Grace Gangs for Children...**Back by popular demand are our Wednesday Night meetings of Grace Gangs. This year children of all ages through 5th Grade will meet at Grace from 6:15-7:15 pm for a light meal, recreation, and a Bible based lesson. Our Director of Children's ministry, Kim Priddy, and Sarah Livengood will lead this ever popular children's program.

**Chancel Choir, Agents of Grace, and 10:15 Worship Team Rehearsals...**

Following our Wednesday night growth groups are the regularly scheduled rehearsals of our Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m., led by our director Danny Frye; and our contemporary worship teams, led by Marshall Johnson, "*Ten-Fifteen*" at 7:00 p.m. and *Agents of Grace* at 8:00 p.m., both in Graceful Grounds. Make your Wednesday complete by participating in one of these groups too!

**SEE YOU AT GRACE THIS FALL FOR WONDERFUL  
WEDNESDAYS!**

**Nursery Information...**Our infants to 24 months are cared for by childcare workers and parent volunteers. A snack is provided for each child. Nursery is provided for all services of worship.

**2 year olds & Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)...**Young children are engaged in age-appropriate multi-sensory activities, crafts, stories, and games, all designed to give them an opportunity to know God.

**Elementary School (K-5th Grade)...**Children are learning, experiencing and being nurtured in their faith. An age appropriate curriculum, *RockSolid*, gives a comprehensive Bible encounter giving children a foundation to know God through Jesus and its relevance to their everyday lives. Classes include kindergarten/ 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Junior Church...**Junior Church is our program for kids 3 years old through 1st grade. Kids this age are encouraged to come to the worship hour either at 9:00 or 11:00, with their families, and stay and participate in the Children's Sermon. After the Children's Sermon, kids go upstairs to worship God in a way that is easier for them to express themselves.

**Children's Choir...**2009-10 season begins on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to share their gift of music. The children learn songs of all genres that praise God. The kids have a great time, not only singing but learning about the music! We will meet in the choir room in the sanctuary building at 9:25am. We are planning two performances this fall during worship.

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN THE 2'S AND PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

We have between 6 to 12 active children each Sunday. Come play, make crafts and encourage children as they learn about God. Contact Kim Priddy if you are interested in helping or getting more information. [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) or 272-2171 ext. 102.