

# The Means of Grace

The Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church

*"Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God's living Spirit; not chisled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it."*

2 Corinthians 3:2-3



September 2009

## Sundays

8:00 am HE Rite I  
10:30 am HE Rite II  
11:30 am Coffee Time



## CELEBRATE GOD'S MINISTRY AT GRACE!

Hey all,

Coming up this Sunday, August 23rd, is our annual Ministry Celebration (formerly Rally Day). Come to the Parish Hall after the 8:00 liturgy or come early before the 10:30 liturgy and have coffee and pastries.

From 9:15-10:15 we will have tables set up about all the ministries at Grace. It is a chance to learn about who we are, what is coming up and to celebrate the gift of God's ministry here at Grace.

Learn about Bishop Blend Coffee, about music, about ways to learn, about bible study, dinner fellowships, about BBQ, about reaching out to the community and give thanks to God for all that we are blessed with as his people.

After the 10:30 liturgy there will be the cook out back by the play ground.

So, keep the feast, celebrate the day and remember that who we are all about is God, and the ministry of God's Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pax,

*Father Jack*

The Rev. John B. Hardaway IV

## Life Line Screening

Where: Grace Episcopal Church

When: Monday, October 5, 2009

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-800-679-5192

Source Code: HSC6481

Life Line Screening is the leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings in the US. Currently, in neighborhoods like ours, Life Line is screening approximately 1 million people each year, adding to the 6 million previously screened since their beginning in 1993. Cardiovascular disease is the #1 killer in the United States of both men and women— and a leading cause of permanent disability.

### **Celebration**

#### **Father Jack's 5th Year Anniversary**

Please come and help us celebrate Father Jack's five years of ministry at Grace Church on Sunday, September 6th during a special Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service.

### **Wednesday Suppers to begin August 26th -**

Catered by Carolina Catering—Pam Garrett

Hosted by Pastoral Care

**Menu:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Melody, Salad, Yeast Rolls, Tea, and Chocolate Cake.

**\$6.00 per person**

**\$3.00 for children under 7**

*Please call the church office by Monday, August 24th for reservations.!!!! or fill out the attached form. Reservations must be made in order to eat!!*

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

**AUGUST 26, 2009**

**Menu:** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Melody, Salad, Yeast Rolls, Tea, and Chocolate Cake.

**\$6.00 per person**

**\$3.00 for children under 7**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON (S) : \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN UNDER 7 : \_\_\_\_\_

## **Tip of the Verge !**

Barbara Scott, Verger

### ***Servitas in cultu et cultus per servitatem***

Translation: **Service in Worship and worship through Service.** This is what it's about for the 40 or so individuals who serve in some lay ministry every Sunday at Grace Church. Our service through these ministries is an enhancement of our worship experience. It is not something we do **instead of** worship, it is an integral part of our worship. I invite you to sign up for (or ask questions about) one or more of the following lay ministries by e-mail to Barbara Scott, at [tnbam@charter.net](mailto:tnbam@charter.net). The schedule for the mandatory annual training for both current and new ministers is as follows:

Acolytes (torchbearer, crucifer, server) and parents

September 6

September 13

Lectors (reads the Scripture lessons)

September 20

September 27

Chalice Bearers (serves the wine during Holy Communion)

October 4

October 11

Ushers (assists the congregation with service leaflets and seating)

October 18

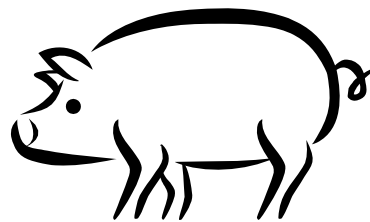
October 25

Altar Guild (prepares the Holy elements and maintains the sacred vessels and linens)

November 1

November 8

## **Where are you in the Que?**



**Grace Church Barbeque  
October 24, 2009**

## EYC Hosting Breakfast for Ministry Celebration—August 23rd



The EYC will provide an assortment of Bishop Blend Coffees, danish, and juice from 9:15 until 10:15. Come join the celebration, gather with friends both old and new, and learn how we at Grace proclaim and celebrate the Word and Sacrament that God in Christ embraces the world.

## Christian Formation at the Ministry Celebration

At 9:15 on August 23<sup>rd</sup> the

**Christian Formation ministry** will be celebrating with all **classrooms open**. Come meet the teachers and learn about lessons we will be using

during the year. Parents please complete a registration card so that we have the most current information, including allergies. The **nursery** will also be open with Kate and Patricia welcoming all children 3 and under during the Sunday School hour and adding the 4 year olds during the 10:30 service. Please complete forms for children in the nursery too. There will also be a sign up sheet for parents to select the date they can volunteer.

**Adult class options** for the year will be listed in the Parish Hall. Please come by and vote on a movie for the Real to Reel class. The Matrix, K-Pax, and Lars and the Real Girl, Babette's Feast and The Bishop's Wife have been added to the list. Please, list your email address if you would like to be reminded when a new class is starting. Also, you can pick up a list of other learning and living activities that are part of Grace. There will be a **children's activity table** in the Parish Hall to help keep them occupied while you learn about the many ministries at Grace.

## Grace's Word of the Month Christian Formation

Christian Formation is the lifelong process of growing in relationship with God, self, others and all creation. In this process we are transformed into the people God wants us to be.

## Church Nursery

Grace Church's Nursery is available for infants and toddlers up through age four. It is a caring, nurturing environment where your child can experience God's love. It provides parents the opportunity to worship and attend adult education forums and classes knowing that their young children are in a safe and nurturing place. Experienced caregivers and parent volunteers serve in the nursery. The nursery is open on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No reservations are required for Sunday mornings.

## Grace Notes

With Summer vacation coming to a close, I want to thank our talented young musicians who so ably helped me perform preludes during the break. Sarah Whiffen, Jake Hammett, Grace Hickman and Wil Magaha. We may even have a future organist on our hands. Bill Scott also did a fine job performing his solo of "The greatest of these is love" Bravo!

Both choir rehearsals begin on August 26th at 5:30 for the children and 7:00 for the Adults. We have an exciting year planned for both groups. Please consider lending your time and talent to our music ministry. The pay is low but the rewards are great.

Soli Deo Gloria

*Bill*

## Sheep and Shepherds

**"Mo' Blues"** Splendid live variety blues show at Electric City Playhouse. \$10. **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**.

8 PM. Dinner before hand at the new City Lights. Craig Johnson for tickets 617-9190. Sold out last year. Don't procrastinate!

**Greenville Drive vs. Asheville Baseball.** \$8. Friday, **Sept 4<sup>th</sup>**. Game 7 PM. Carpool at church 5:30 PM. Craig Johnson 617-9190 for tickets and arrangements.

**Saturday Brunch.** Grits and Groceries. \$8-12. Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. 11 AM. This has become a destination eatery. Call 617-9190 to organize carpool. It's only 12 miles.

**Retreat - Fall Festival - Fall Colors.** Glendale Springs NC. **\$90 inclusive. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**. Outdoor festival at Holy Trinity on Saturday and quiet Benedictine retreat experience at Roads End Retreat with Sunday worship at St. Mary's in West Jefferson. Three nights lodging and shared meals at Road's End Retreat. Chapel, labyrinth, Stations of the Cross, library, and good retreat dogs included. Craig Johnson 617-9190. **I will be in Asia and New Zealand Sep 14 - Oct 13 so contact me before Sep 13 if you are serious about this event.**

## EYC Event

September 25-27 **Junior High Fall Retreat**  
Camp Gravatt  
Deadline for registration **September 11th**

**St. Catherine's Meeting**—Tuesday, September 8, 2:00 p.m.. Speakers will be Elliott Holman and Pete Crosby on the Grace Church Endowment.

**Supper Club**—If you are interested, please see Betty Antonakos.

# MILESTONES & MEMORIALS

## Birthdays for August 23—September 23

### August

25th Jonathan Maxwell  
 26th Sandy Kress, Caroline Boyer  
 27th Mazie Todd, Glenda Swinford  
 28th Jane Kelley, Diann Simms

### September

1st Jesse Cheek  
 3rd John Cullen  
 4th Pat Leigh, Barbara Nichols,  
 John Fletcher  
 5th Luther Burriss, Melba Bowie  
 6th Martha Gregoroy, Joshua Whiffen  
 7th Shirley Diederich, Erik Erlenkeuser  
 9th Beth Cheek, Garrett Whiffen  
 10th Brett Turner  
 12th Gloria Byrd, Jesse Stallo  
 13th Dena Cullen  
 14th Harold Threlkeld, Mary Carter Warren  
 15th Donnie Roberts, Norman Avinger  
 Nancy Devine, Carol Baker  
 16th Pete Crosby, Royce Brown  
 18th Linda Hoffman, Harrison Rowland  
 19th Jim Boyer, Brett Dixon  
 21st Betty Gurrad  
 22nd Barbara Threlkeld  
 23rd Sharon Cox, Rosalind Hammett,  
 Carly Campbell

“Our Prayers are asked for:

**Healing:** Doni Rhinehart, Julie Kent, Stuart M. Barnes, Caroline Goodkind, John Bostater, Karlann Bostater, Dotti D’ambrosio, Clarence and Martha Smith., Bob Thomas, David Getsinger, Scott Shuey, Margie Osburn, Jill Austin, Horace B. Bladon.

**Expectant Families:** Luke & Rives Lucas, Matthias & Karen Kloeck.

### MISSION STATEMENT

**Grace Episcopal Church proclaims and celebrates the word and sacrament that God in Christ embraces the world.**

## SAVE THE DATE

October 16, 17, 2009  
 Diocese Convention  
 Carolina First Center in Greenville SC

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### Monthly Stewardship Report for July

Budget for 2009	\$ 303,409
Needed Monthly	\$ 25,284
Received July	\$ 22,628
Received through July (including prepaids)	\$ 179,418
Needed through July	\$ 176,988
Diocese Assessment for 2009	\$ 51,698
Assessment Paid through July	\$ 26,496

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