The Season of Grace is one of my favorite times of the year. We celebrated and participated in this schedule for a good number of years now. So much to like: the casual, informal atmosphere of it all, the worship at 10:00 (which means we get out early and have more of the day for family, friends, fun.....you name it.)

SOG begins this year on June 7 with our Grits and Grace breakfast (see announcement in another part of this newsletter). Amy Eisele, director of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) will be our speaker. Our mission board is recommending that our summer mission offering go to SCAN this year.

The theme this year is "Sayings of Jesus." I will introduce that topic /study on Sunday May 31. We invite your to suggest sayings that you like or struggle with. Numerous suggestions have already been forthcoming. We will get started with them at 10:00am worship on June 7.

Hope you will schedule your summer to be with us.



Prayer Requests

Those who have suffered loss: Family of Ric Comer;

Gay Shaver, Savannah Garrett, Kristen Stokes, Joanna Jester, Barbara Lasher, Peggy Ree Cook, Peggy King, Susie Wiberg, Luke Cashdollar, Donald Joines, Davis Overcash, Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, Juanita Stroud, Helen Current, Diane Martin, Amy Hrabar, Logan Elkins, daughter of Reponda Powell, Kat Martin, Amber Davis, Redallia Freeman, Miguel Angel Morrillo, Tony Bellamy, Sue Walser, Marian Grant, Fred Wilson, Jean Wilson, Sharon and Dennis Keller, Teresa Rimmer, Daniel Renegar, Mary Alice Woods, Jeff and Karen Coggins, Tressie and Allen Starrette, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Anita Tuit and family, Gail Germain, John Munson's father, Anita Johnson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don and Deborah Autrey-Cooke, Scott Cranford, Leisa Parks, Dalton Edwards

Those facing tough times: Ed and Nancy Clark, David and Teri Campbell and family, Faith Aiken, Dima Hanania and family, Robbie Harkey and family, Michael Teasley and family, Goodman family, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk, Felix Martin, JJ Golden

CELEBRATIONS May 18 - Mary Jean Grose

20 - Lily Nigrelli

22 - Bob Barber

Anniversary: May 19 - John and Phyllis Munson

May 17 - 23, 2015

www.gracestatesville.org gracestatesville@gmail.com Gary's cell - 704-682-1768 Little Ruby Angell was in worship on Sunday, hiccups and all! She was joined by a very happy mom, dad and big sister.

Congratulations to Brooke Bradley, Cameron Bradley, Sheri Coarsey, Emma Barnard, and John-Mark Brown on their graduation from their respective programs.

It was a pleasure to have John-Mark's family with us on Sunday morning!

John and Xochitl are honeymooning in Italy.

CONCERNS

Kristin Stokes, friend of Kathy Goodman, underwent a double mastectomy on Monday. Hold them all tight!

OUTREACH

ICM is in need of a variety of canned food items

Fifth Street is in need of coffee and cereal.

Both agencies can benefit from your financial support

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

CHURCH MAINTENANCE
BEFORE SUNDAY
Barnard

SECOND HOUR HELPERS

May 24 - Phyllis Munson and Keith Stroupe/Zoe McMillan and Nancy Davis

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$39,139.60

Received year to date: \$34,162.51

Under budget: \$4,977.09 Weekly needs: \$1956.98

CALENDAR

- Monday, 8pm NA
- Tuesday, 4:30pm Worship Board
 - Wednesday: 7pm Choir rehearsal
 - Friday: 8pm NA
 - Sunday: 10am Sunday
 School; 11am Worship

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Kari Stroupe on May 27th, 5:30 - 7pm at the church.

HELP NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to our seniors on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day! The time is 10:30 a.m. from the Fifth Street Kitchen. Please let Nancy know if you can deliver - it's always a fun (and interesting) experience!!!

Want to help? Money is being raised to complete the labyrinth. We are in need of \$800+ to finish this project out. If you'd like to help, make your check to Grace Baptist Church and be sure to designate:

Labyrinth. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you do not already assist with the ministry to the children during the worship hour, please consider doing so. Getting to know our children is a wonderful experience! If you can help, please contact Nichole.

Mark you calendars for Sunday, June 7 for the beginning of our Season of Grace. We will begin the morning with our annual Grits and Grace breakfast at 8:30am. Worship will be at 10am, and will continue at that hour throughout the summer months.

On June 20, there will be a Children/Family day at the church. More information to come.

On June 29, there will be a blood drive at the church. If you can help by donating baked goods, let Katelyn McMillan know (and we're counting on you to donate blood as well!!)