This Sunday will serve as an introduction to our Season of Grace which begins June 7. The sermon title is "Exploring the Sayings of Jesus." That is the subject for our work during the summer months. Several of you have suggested sayings that you either really like, are confused by, or wish Jesus had not said them because they are so challenging. We could still use a few more suggestions so please let Gary know if you want to add something to the discussion. If this goes well and it becomes necessary to do so,

Some of the sayings already suggested are found in Matthew 7: 7-8; Luke 19: 27 (context is important); Matthew 6: 25; Matthew 7: 21-23; Matthew 10: 28; Matthew 23: 12; and Luke 6: 22. On July 5, plans are being made for a Voice of Grace dialogue on the scripture, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

we may even carry over into the fall season a bit.

Think about it and add to the list. We could use your suggestions and input.



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, Rhea Lamb, 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 28 - Ava Grace Tilley; Forrest Adams
May 30 - Rick Cook
Anniversary: May 27 - Joel and Julie Parlier

May 24-31, 2015

www.gracestatesville.org gracestatesville@gmail.com Gary's cell - 704-682-1768 Lauren Berryhill will be staying in California. He has taken a job The Family Giving Tree in SanHosea.

John Nicholson visited daughter, Jen and attended her end of year voice recital at DePaul University in Chicago.

Mary Whitted loaded her car and her dog and is settling in Wilmington!

William and Kari Stroupe Johnson are expecting a boy in November.

Ed Marxen celebrates his birthday on May 29th. Stop by Blue Harbor Bank on Front Street and sing happy birthday to him!

Neil Furr is retiring from Yokefellow.

CONCERNS

At the job where LeElaine Comer works, some employees may have hours cut or be laid off because of budget cuts.

Remember the local National Guard unit. They flew out Monday for 290 days overseas.

Sheri Coarsey spoke of a 6 year old child in Davie County who fell out of a van and was run over.

There were several siblings and neighborhood children that witnessed the accident. This tragic loss has affected the whole community.

Peggy Ree Cook has shingles...on top of everything else that has happened to her lately.

Mary Ruth got a good report last week. The brain tumor the doctors have been watching for awhile is stable.

Juanita Stroud begins her last round of chemo soon.

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

Words of Grace

"Exploring the Sayings of Jesus"

Scripture

Mark 1: 21-28

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Church maintenance before Sunday: Joines

Second-hour helpers:

May 24 - Patti West and Linda Marshall/Brandon Tilley and Eli Yacinthe

CALENDAR

- Friday: 8pm NA
- Saturday: 9:30am -Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Fifth Street
- Sunday: 10am Sunday
 School; 11am Worship

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.

Want to help? Money is being raised to complete the labyrinth. We are in need of \$800+ to finish this project out. So far we have \$250 donated. If you'd like to help, make your check to Grace Baptist Church and be sure to designate:

Labyrinth. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- On June 20, there will be a Children/Family day at the church. More information to come.
- June 29 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!!)

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$41,096.58 Received year to date: \$35,641.51 Under budget: \$5,455.07 Weekly needs: \$1956.98