# **GRBC Calendar & Announcements**

We kindly request you turn off all cell phones, pagers and watch alarms before the services. Please make use of our well-staffed nursery for children who may become fretful or talkative.

### **Today**

<u>Morning Prayer Meeting</u> - A prayer meeting to seek God's presence for the day's services is held each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the College/Career classroom.

<u>Adult Chorus Practice Tonight</u> – Please plan to begin practice 10 minutes following the close of the service in the Fellowship room.

<u>Fall Pastoral Visitation Schedule</u> – If it has been more than a year since your last visit, please refer to the list posted on the bulletin board to sign up for a pastoral visit.

<u>Church Directories</u> are now available in the office for members and regular attendees. Two per family, please.

<u>Operation Christmas Child Trip, Dec. 12 "Sign-up"</u> – Please see the sheet posted on the bulletin board if you plan to make the trip to Charlotte on 12/12 to help pack boxes for this ministry to children. Departure is at 11:00 am from the church and returning around 9:00 pm.

#### December

#### Ladies' Missionary Society, 12/6, 9:00 AM

<u>Mebane MESSIAH, 12/7, 3:00 PM</u> - The Mebane Community Choir will present portions of Handel's MESSIAH, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7 at 3:00 PM, at the Mebane Presbyterian Church. Several of our singers are participating including two of our ladies sharing in the soprano and alto solos. \*\*\*Please note: There will be no reception this year due to the Mebane Presbyterian fellowship building undergoing renovations.\*\*\*

#### Moms' Coffee Connection, 12/12, 10:00 AM

<u>Christmas Party for High School/College young people, 12/13</u> - A Christmas party is planned Saturday evening, Dec. 13 for HS/College folks at the home of Gerald and Martha Jones. Exact details are forthcoming, but please reserve that evening on your calendars.

Adult Chorus Practice, 12/14, 3:30 PM in the Auditorium

Children's Chorus will practice 12/14 following the evening service in the Auditorium

Christmas Concert and Dessert Fellowship, Friday, Dec. 19, 7:15 PM

Young Adults "End of Year Conference", Dec. 27-29 – Brochures are available on the foyer table in the SS wing.

#### Special Opportunities to Donate Items

<u>Samaritan's Purse</u> - A display table has been placed in the SS foyer re: the Samaritan Purse ministry, "*Operation Christmas Child.*" Please obtain the information ASAP if you plan to provide a Christmas shoe box for needy children. <u>Alamance Community Services "Toiletry Drive"</u>- Please consider donating items for the Alamance Co. Community Services Meal Site Christmas Banquet. Many folks who attend our Senior Breakfasts benefit from these donations. You may place your items in the large Christmas bag placed in the SS foyer. A list of suggestions is posted on the bulletin board. The collection ends Wed., Dec. 3.

#### Please note! "Shepherds' Pie" New GRBC Blog

We are happy to announce we now have an official "blog" of GRBC. Throughout the week, the elders will post occasional thoughts there, including observations about current events, follow-up thoughts on sermons, exhortations or whatever else interests them. Visit <a href="http://blog.grbc.net">http://blog.grbc.net</a> or go to <a href="http://www.grbc.net">http://www.grbc.net</a> and click the "blog" button. You will also find a "subscribe" option on the main blog page that will let you keep up with new entries whenever they are posted.

#### Please note: Wednesday Prayer Meeting date changes in December

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 23</u>, 7:15 <u>PM</u>- We will meet for our regular weekly prayer service.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 30</u>, <u>7:15 PM</u> - Heads of families will once have opportunity to "share and give thanks."

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving an example, that you should follow His steps:

'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;'

Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return;

when He suffered, He did not threaten,

but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we,

having died to sins, might live for righteousness —

by whose stripes you were healed.

For you were like sheep going astray, but now returned

to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

I Peter 2: 21-25



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Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 7:15

We warmly welcome our Visitors today and request that you sign the Guest Register located in the Foyer. We hope to greet you in a more personal way following the services.

# The Lord's Day

November 30, 2008

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Fortner

Hymn of Praise

"The Lord is King"

- 1. The Lord is King! Lift~ up thy~ voice, O earth; and all ye heav'ns rejoice: From world to world~ the~ joy~ shall~ ring, "The Lord om-ni-po-tent is King!"
- 2. The Lord is King! Who~ then shall~ dare resist His will, distrust His care, Or murmur at~ His~ wise~ de~crees, or doubt His royal pro-mi-ses?
  - 3. The Lord is King! Child~ of the~ dust, the Judge of all the earth is just; Holy and true~ are~ all~ His~ ways: Let ev'ry creature speak His praise.
- 4. A-like perva~ded~ by~ His~ eye, all parts of His do-min-ion lie; This world of ours,~ and~ worlds~ unseen, and thin the bound-a-ry between.
- 5. One Lord, one em~pire,~ all~ secures; He reigns, and life and death are yours: Through earth and heav'n~ one~ song~ shall~ ring, "The Lord om-ni-po-tent is King!" AMEN

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Scripture Reading

I Peter 2

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

# 129 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hymn of Preparation

"O Church, Arise"

- 1. O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.
- 2. Our call to war to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which He died an inheritance of nations.
  - 3. Come see the Cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!

    And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
    This vic'try march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
    - 4. So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear the calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

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## **Evening Worship**

Call to Worship

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

### Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here, below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(some may sing the "descant")

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#### Prayer

Opening Hymn

#271 "How Sweet and

Awful"

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

# 596 "Jesus Lives and So Shall I"

Hymn of Preparation

"Nearer, Still Nearer"

- 1. Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, draw me, my Savoir so precious Thou art! Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast. Shelter me safe in that haven of rest; Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
- 2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, naught as an off'ring to Jesus, my King Only my sinful, now contrite heart. Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart; Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.
  - 3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign, All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride. Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord, crucified.
  - 4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, till safe in glory my anchor is cast; Thro' endless ages ever to be nearer, my Savior, still nearer to the Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

**AMEN** 

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