

**"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made
that was made. In Him was life, and the life
was the light of men. And the light shines
in the darkness, and the darkness
did not comprehend it."**

John 1:1 - 5



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Our Weekly Services

Sunday School.....9:30
Sunday Morning Worship11:00
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:30
Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:15

We warmly welcome our visitors today. Please complete a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer. We hope to greet you in a more personal way following the services.

The Lord's Day

December 4, 2011

Call to Worship

Pastor Stu Johnston

Hymn of Praise

219 "Blessing and
Honor"

Scripture Reading

Acts 25:13 - 27

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

"A Hymn of
Thanksgiving"

1. I thank You, Lord, for Your sov'reign goodness,
the mercy You've shown me, Your glorious church.
I thank You, Lord, for justification, divine contemplation,
the comfort and goodness and the truth of Your Word.
I thank You, Lord, for the joys of communion,
of table and closet, the sweetness of prayer.

I thank You, Lord, for the saints gone before us, the heavenly chorus,
and future rejoicing in the LORD who is there.

*Surely goodness and mercy follows me all of my days---
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever, Amen.*

2. I thank You, Lord, for each precious baby,
the blessings of children, the pleasures of home.

I thank You, Lord, for opening bare wombs, for conquering the tomb,
the promise of reaping from the tears we have sown.

I thank You, Lord, for corporate mercies,
the work of Your Spirit, the gifts we employ.

I thank You, Lord, for heavenly glimpses, for all that Your Word says,
the giving of thanks with Your people in joy.

*Surely goodness and mercy follows me all of my days---
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever and ever, Amen.*

3. I thank You, Lord, for restoring the lost years,
for bottling my tears, renewing my soul.

I thank You, Lord, for healing diseases, salvation in Jesus,
for each won'dring sheep that's brought back to the fold.

I thank You, Lord, for the trials you have brought me,
the patience you've taught me, in suffering and loss.

I thank You, Lord, for the hope that You give me, that You'll never leave me,
the work of redemption, for gold from the dross.

*Surely goodness and mercy follows me all of my days--
and I will dwell in the house of the lord, forever and ever, Amen.*

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Hymn of Preparation

**# 151 "O Come, All Ye
Faithful"**

Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Bob Prentice

Hymn of Praise

**# 127 "Let Us Love
and Sing and Wonder"**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 49:1 - 28

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

**"Behold the Lamb
Who Bears Our Sins"**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in the bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign
of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained deaths' cup that we may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign
of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond – and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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Preparatory Hymn

**# 269 "Glorious Things
of Thee are Spoken"**

Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

GRBC Calendar and Announcements

Today

College & Career lunch today - Plan to join us for lunch and fellowship today if you are in this group.

Hawfields Ministry - Jon Parrish will be speaking at the service at 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join with these elderly residents for a time of worship.

MESSIAH Concert, Sunday, 12/4, 3:00 pm at the Mebane Presbyterian Church - Several of our singers participate each year in this Mebane Community Choir's presentation. A reception will follow and will end before our 5:30 service.

Testimony - Jeff Lee will give his testimony tonight following the service.

December

Foster Care Meeting, 12/5 - There will be a meeting here at the church on Monday, Dec. 5th, at 7:30 pm with representatives from Alamance County DSS and CHS. They will present information and take questions about foster care and foster-to-adoption opportunities in our county. *Please notify Lolly Wright if you are interested in attending this informational meeting.*

Ladies' Bible Study - The next study is Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Because of the upcoming holidays, there will not be another study until Jan. 20th.

Moms' Coffee Connection, 12/9, 10:00 am

Men's Prayer Meeting, 12/9 & 23, 6:30 am - There has been a change in the meeting schedule. You will now meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.

Adult Chorus Practice, 12/11, 4:00 pm in the auditorium

Children's Music Practice, 12/11, after the pm service in the

Men's Action Meeting, 12/15, 7:30 pm

Christmas Song Fellowship & refreshments, 12/18 following the evening service

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Youth Retreat 2011/Grand Rapids - If you are interested in attending the retreat, please see Jonathan White ASAP!

"Food for the Hungry" - Please visit: fh.org/gracereformed or our website (grbc.net) for information.

Franson's Tranportaion List - There are ongoing needs to help with transportation for Peter and Joan. Please check the bulletin board list.

***2012 Family Conference, July 10-13. Information can be found at:
<http://familyconference.grbc.net>***

