

KEVIN'S KORNER

On September 13, our congregation will celebrate 62 years of God's faithfulness. As far as I know, this will be the first church anniversary we've observed in the midst of a pandemic. Our celebration will be scaled back a lot. We won't be able to have many of the things that we ordinarily include in that special day. But it's still important, and perhaps this year even more important, that we recognize and give thanks for God's presence and work among us over time.

Across more than six decades, God has guided Grace Baptist Church through all kinds of events and experiences. These weren't just circumstances to endure or situations to survive. They were also chapters in our church's story where we grew in knowing God and knowing ourselves. We went deeper into the assurance of God's promises and matured in our reliance on his purposes. We didn't just make it through; we made it forward, and arrived at a new spot in our congregation's mission.

I think of the early church in the book of Acts, especially the challenges it faced and the things that looked like barriers to the spread of the gospel. Yet somehow, by God's sovereign love and the Spirit's guidance, what at first appeared to be obstacles turned out to be opportunities. In late June, I preached on one such episode, when Peter and John went straight from prison time to praying time (Acts 4:23-31). When

hardship – in this case, persecution – threatened the life of the community of believers, they and their leaders didn't turn to their own resolve and resources. No, they turned to God and looked to him for the courage needed to be faithful in their public witness.

In this case, they didn't focus on praying for safety and divine protection. Instead, they prayed for boldness. They looked to the God who is the creator of the world and all its inhabitants, and asked for divine power to keep testifying to what he had done through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Rather than praying, "Lord, keep your hand of protection over us," they prayed, "Lord, stretch out your hand and do signs and wonders." This fellowship of disciples wasn't in retreat mode. It was continually in mission mode, especially in the face of trial and troubles.

I recall the words of Steve Green's song, "Find Us Faithful": "We're pilgrims on the journey / Of the narrow road / And those who've gone before us line the way / Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary / Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. / O may all who come behind us find us faithful..."

Eventually, when we come through this pandemic and return to a kind of church life that's closer to what we used to know, we'll be able to look back and see even more clearly how God has been present with us and working through us for the good of the gospel. And if

we think about a time even further down the road, when future believers will reflect on this chapter in our church's history, may they be able to say that the folks who were here in this congregation in the fall of 2020 journeyed through that period with unshakeable hope and a receptiveness to the leadership and creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Faithfully,

Pastor Kevin

FROM THE COMMUNICATOR STAFF

By Jenny Boswell, editor and administrative assistant

Virtual back to school started on August 31. This is very new to most of us. And I hope and pray that the kids go back to school soon, but safely. I know that takes a lot of work and commitment. I think things will only get back to "normal" when they find a good and working vaccine. But in the mean time, let's practice safe distancing and wearing our face masks in public places and resists those large party gatherings until the virus has gone. If those parties continue, the pandemic will continue.

The Deacon of the Month for September is Ken Heinbuch.

September 2 is V-J Day, observing the day Japan signed a formal surrender in 1945.

We observe Labor Day on Monday, September 7, 2020. We will be closed that day.

Patriot Day is observed on Friday, September 11. Flags should be flown at half-staff until sunset that day.

September 13 we will have a scaled back anniversary celebration of the church's 62nd year.

Also on September 13, we will celebrate Grandparents' Day. This day is celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. If you are lucky enough to have living grandparents (or even great-grandparents) don't forget to let them know how special they are. If you are social

distancing, give them a call or send them a gift so they know they are loved and cared for.

Our national anthem was written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814. He got his inspiration for that song from the Battle of 1812.

The U.S. Constitution was approved on September 17, 1787.

This year, the Charles County Fair has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Those of us who participate each year for many, many years are at a loss of what to do with our special projects and baking skills. But we can still practice for next year!

September 19 is POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Autumn begins on September 22.

The Deacon of the Month for October has not been decided yet as of this issue. The election of Deacons will take place at the end of September and we will have one newly elected deacon and the deacon list will be revised.

On Monday, October 12 we will observe Columbus Day. The church office will be closed that day.

October 27 is Navy Day.

Halloween will be celebrated on October 31????

The Newsletter articles for the November/December issue will be due on Sunday, October 4. Please submit some fun and interesting stories to be included in this issue. It might be nice to send in some suggestions on how to entertain the kids (and adults) stuck in the house.



SUMMER & FALL UPDATES FROM THE DAY CARE CENTER

By Amy Shumpert (Day Care Center Assistant Director)

We celebrated a great summer session coming to an end, utilizing weekly thematic units such as Western, Dinosaurs, Disney & Carnival. Through many biblical teachings, music, crafts, scientific/historical experiments and lessons all summer, our staff and children made lasting summer memories here at Grace Baptist Day Care Center.

Pastor Kevin adapted well to our "socially distanced" summer program and offered the children weekly classroom worship visits. Each lesson fell on our ears and hearts, moving us spiritually around the building, playground and into our very own homes. We pray daily for Pastor Kevin, our staff, students, families and our center, and we enjoy learning from one another each day while singing praises to the Lord!

Backpacks, books, pencils, etc. It's that time of the year once again! The first day of school this year is Monday, August 31, 2020 and it will be MUCH different for all. Our school-aged children will be going back to school virtually (at home completing a distance learning curriculum devised by CCPS) & our very own preschoolers will also be at home, hopefully and prayerfully, safe and sound as well. It is with careful consideration, yet great sadness that Grace Baptist Day Care Center will not be opening its doors on 8/31/2020 for the start of the school year. Please join us in prayer for the health and safety of our children, staff, and families while we are apart once again. May the Lord bless us all with guidance and direction in the coming months. We also join the church and our county, state and nation in prayer for the pandemic that surrounds us and these unprecedented times that we are living each day.

Let us not ever forget, "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24

Maryland/Delaware & **THE NATIONS FOR CHRIST'S GLORY!**

*State Missions Offering & Week of Prayer
September 13 – September 20, 2020*

Statewide Goal: \$150,000.00

Our Church Goal: \$1,500.00

THE SCRIPTURES SAY...

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
- 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

(Psalm 1:1-6 (NIV))



MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group Meetings

Online

September 25, 7:00PM

October 30, 7:00PM

MINDY'S PEACE

By Mindy Adams

October. A time to enjoy cool breezes, the changing of the leaves, hay rides, pumpkins, and Halloween. Also October is Pastor Appreciation month. So let's give Pastor Kevin a big thanks for all he does.

Our Pastor

He listens to our cares and woes. He is always there to lend a hand. He comforts us in times of sorrow and celebrates our joys and happiness. He enlightens us with words of wisdom and teaches us the word of God. For all he has done (going beyond his job description,) for being our friend...We say THANK YOU Pastor Kevin Holder and God bless you.

GRACE'S RECIPE BOX

Pumpkin Bread

Nan Linville

3 cups sugar
1 cup cooking oil
1 (1 pound) can of pumpkin
4 eggs
2/3 cup water
3 1/2 cups self-rising flour
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Cream all ingredients together. Add to two 9 x 5 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until done.

Hummingbird Cake

By Sherry Musconlino

2 cups sugar	1 tsp. cinnamon
3 cups flour	1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt	

Sift together in a large bowl. Add:

2 cups diced bananas, ripe
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice
(saving 2 tablespoons of juice)
1/2 cup grated nuts

Stir to blend; do not beat. Pour into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes at 325°. Glaze with a mixture of:

1 T. melted butter (not oleo)
2 T. pineapple juice
Enough powdered sugar to thicken

Pour over warm cake.



September

Bob Curtin	09/08
Chip Cary	09/13
Richard Gold	09/13
Ava Maya Warburton	09/13
Jerry Cushman	09/14
Keith Linville	09/15
Mamusu Sesay	09/16
Steven Jones	09/25
Ronnie Strickland	09/30



October Anniversaries:

Steve and Linda Norbrey	10/16
Darren and Leah Smith	10/17

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

I will not be including the calendar pages in this issue. Instead I will only list all of the events in this column.



September Anniversaries:

Jenny and Sam Boswell	09/06
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October

Victor Smith	10/03
Abe Jenkins	10/03
Dennis Janke	10/10
Clenad Tita	10/16
Pam Weimer	10/17
Don Posey	10/22
Destynie Starner	10/25

Sept. 5	Deacons Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Deacon - Ken Heinbuch
Sept. 6	Morning Service – Lord's Supper
Sept. 7	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sept. 13	Morning Service
Sept. 20	Morning Service
Sept. 25	Virtual Youth Group Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Morning Service Nomination of Deacon
Oct. 3	Deacons Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 4	Morning Service – Lord's Supper
Oct. 11	Morning Service
Oct. 12	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct. 14	Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Morning Service
Oct. 25	Morning Service
Oct. 30	Virtual Youth Group Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

All Morning Services will start at 11:00 a.m.