

Grace Notes

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

January 2022

Then & Now

On Sunday, January 23, Grace Covenant will take a trip back in time. As part of our year-long 75th anniversary celebration, we will gather at 8:45 a.m. to worship in the previous sanctuary space at 2500 Curry Ford. The current owners (Hourglass Brewing) are making the space available before they open for business, for the Grace Covenant congregation to celebrate its past and to promote that we are still an impact player in the community. At 10:45 a.m. we'll move it back to the present day with our traditional worship service as usual in the sanctuary.

On January 23, come to the Hourglass at 8:45 a.m. for a casual, informal message and song. Come to the Grace Covenant sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. for worship featuring the choir and organ. Or come to both services for a special morning of worship "Then & Now."

It took the tireless work of many dedicated church leaders and volunteers to help Grace Covenant move all those years ago from the location on Curry Ford to our current location on Peel Ave. It's going to take the same kind of dedication and devotion to help the church move forward. If we want the church to thrive in the future, we need to add to the small number of elders, deacons, and committee members who have been keeping the church open and going through the interim and pandemic. We need new energy and fresh vision. Be a part of the future at Grace Covenant by stepping up to serve.

Looking Forward

January

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 9 - Installation and Ordination
- 23 - Worship at Hourglass, 8:45am
Worship at Grace Covenant, 10:45am
- 30 - Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:45am
- 30 - ROOTED Youth Chili Cook-Off / Cookie Bake-Off
In the courtyard

See the church calendar online:

<https://www.grace.to/announcements/weekly-calendar/>



In Sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Corinne Williams.

Baptism

December 12, 2021

Stefanie Ramlogan

and

Son of Angelo and Stefanie Ramlogan

Grandson of Latchmedyial and Brenda Ramlogan

Change of Address

Sherri Askew

Jan O'Brien

Book Club

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

If your New Year's resolution is to read more in 2022, join the GCPC Book Club. Our selection for January is *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict about the untold story of Agatha Christie's mysterious eleven day disappearance in 1926. Her husband and daughter have no knowledge of her whereabouts, and England unleashes an unprecedented manhunt to find the up-and-coming mystery author. What is real, and what is mystery?

Cooking with Grace

Monday January 17 6 p.m. on Zoom

Each month, this group buys ingredients then meets online to cook together. To join, contact Carolyn at Carolyn@findingnewjoys.com for information about ingredients and Zoom invite.

Ruth Circle

Monday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

John Calvin Memorial Hall Activity Room

We continue our study of Peter and our involvement with Servant's Heart 2022. Chip Hanna will come to speak about the new direction Servant's Heart will be taking.

Thank you all who donated toys for the girls and boys at Christmas and helped support our diaper collections.

Small Blessings Child Care

It's hard to believe another year has ended but not without SBCC learning about the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There was so much joy with the K4 Christmas Pageant and Birthday parties for Jesus. This New Year will be filled with love, lessons and laughter. May God continue to bless and guide SBCC in the New Year in keeping all staff, families happy, healthy and safe.

New Sunday School Class

Starting January 16, Mike Beam leads a BRAND NEW Sunday school class for parents and friends!! Meets in Conway Hall, 9:30am-10:30am. We'll use the highly successful curriculum NOOMA - a series of short films that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

The Scholarship Committee

As the new year begins, consider making a monthly donation to the GCPC Scholarship Fund. A small amount given regularly will have a huge impact on our students' educational goals. Thank you for your contributions!

Afghanistan Family Fund

A family in our congregation is sponsoring a family that fled Afghanistan last summer and relocated to Orlando. Session approved a designated fund for donations to help that family start a new life.

Session Summary

December 16, 2021

Session approved the 2022 budget and the split between Discretionary Outreach and Session Outreach as outlined in the 2022 budget. Recommendations were also approved for payments to Servant's Heart and Central Florida Presbytery from the balance of the Session Discretionary 2021 funds. Remaining Outreach Discretionary funds for 2021 were sent to Western Kentucky Presbytery for tornado relief.

Session accepted the resignation of Facilities Director Carl Stokes. Recommendations for the purchase of replacement power panels, and the repair and painting of metal doors on Conway Hall were approved.

The Technology Committee reported that the new monitor has been installed at the rear of the sanctuary for the choir and worship leaders. The Youth Committee reported that the Jamaica mission trip will be replaced with one to Appalachia.

Corinne Williams was removed (death) along with 30 other members (inactive.) Stefanie Ramlogan was received by profession of faith; William "Bert" Keener was received by transfer.

ROOTED Youth Group

ROOTED meets on January 9 and 23 from 5:15pm-7pm. We'll have dinner, games, music, prayers and a lesson. And YES, a new "Bring Friendz to ROOTED" contest!!!!

Look for info on a youth Lunch Bunch on Jan. 16.

Our summer mission trip is a go!!! We'll partner with Eagle Adventures Appalachian Mountains missions in Copperhill, TN from July 10-15. www.eagleranchmissions.com/

We'll spend two days doing home repairs for local families and one day helping the Dept. of Forestry. The last day is our fun day of white-water rafting the Ocoee River and swimming! A non-refundable deposit is due soon. The goal is to cover the rest of the fees through fundraising like our Chili Cook-Off / Cookie Bake Off on January 30 following the congregational meeting.

For more details on our events and other news, friend us on Facebook: Grace Covenant PC Youth, and on Instagram: @rootedgpc

Please contact the church office for a copy of the birthday and anniversary list.



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**GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship

8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Online

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.- noon

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



**Sunday
January 30
11:45 a.m.
In the Sanctuary**

***ROOTED YOUTH GROUP
ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF / COOKIE BAKE-OFF***

**Sunday
January 30**

After the congregational meeting in the courtyard.
Vote for the best chili and cookies!
Contact Mike to enter the contest.



Please continue to support the work of the church by mailing your tithes and offerings to the church or by making a donation through the church website. Go to the "Online Giving" page at www.grace.to and click on the "Give Now" button.