

# Grace Notes



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

June/July 2022

## **Everything Has Its Time**

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Do you remember your first days at a new school? Or when you went off to college? How about your first new apartment or house? Do you remember the first days at a new job? My family is about to experience a lot of firsts as we begin our new ministry at Grace Covenant. Kiran will begin High School, Manisha will seek a new job, and I begin a new pastorate. You too will experience something new as a new face preaches the word, presides over the Sacraments, prays at the bedside and more. As we all travel this new journey together, let us do so with grace.

Pastor Bill

## **Looking Forward**

### **June**

- 5 - Pentecost Sunday
- 6 - Vacation Bible School Week
- 13 - Music Camp Week (four days)
- 18 - Father/Son Axe Throwing
- 19 - Music Camp Sunday
- 20 - Super Summer Weeks, (through July)
- 29 - Super Summer Wednesday

### **July**

- 6 - Super Summer Wednesday
- 10 - ROOTED Youth Mission Trip Week
- 17 - Backpack and School Supply Drive begins
- 20 - Super Summer Wednesday

### **August**

- 17 - Choir Rehearsal begins
- 21 - Rally Day

**See the church calendar online:**

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

### **Scholarship Applications**

Applications are now being accepted for Grace Covenant scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. Students must re-apply each year. To receive an application, email [churchoffice@grace.to](mailto:churchoffice@grace.to). Completed applications and transcripts are due by June 15.

The Scholarship Fund is not part of the church budget, but relies on gifts from the congregation. Give online or by check made payable to the church with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

### ***In Sympathy***

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Joyce Foster who passed away on May 8, 2022.

### ***Change of Address***

Betty Broome

Chris Ford

Sylvia Jorgenson

### ***New Phone Number***

Barbara Baker -

### ***Thank You***

Dear Church Family,

Thank you everyone: from the Outreach Committee, individuals and Sunday School classes and prayer partners! Our family is so blessed to have you all help sponsor the Samims, the Afghan refugee family who lived with my son and daughter-in-law since November. We always knew that they would be moving into their own home in the future; however, unfortunate situations in Sam's family who were left in Afghanistan occurred. Sam felt he needed to be near some other relocated families also from Kabul for emotional support. They have relocated to Cleveland, Ohio and we do miss them! Your help has been such a show of outpouring of love and is so appreciated. God's blessing to each of you! Thank you!

Love, Carol Manno

### ***Travel Prayers***

Please pray for our students and chaperones as we travel to Copperhill, TN for our mission trip on July 10-15. We will be doing home repairs for families in the area, spend one day volunteering for the Dept. of Forestry, and one day of whitewater rafting. Pray for travel mercies, safety, and that Christ will reveal Himself in a fresh and unique way so we all can grow closer to Him.

### ***ROOTED Youth Group***

ROOTED this month meets on June 5, 12, 26 from 5:15pm-7pm. We'll have dinner, games, music, prayers, announcements, and a lesson. We're also going to the movies almost every Friday during the summer!! Watch our social media outlets for more info!!! For more details on our events and other news, friend us on Facebook: Grace Covenant PC Youth, and on Instagram: @rootedgpc

### ***Youth Director Search***

Help Wanted: An enthusiastic, energetic, empathetic, compassionate, and charismatic person with strong Christian values, a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, and strong faith to lead our youth in building the same values, relationships, and faith. Grace Covenant has had such in Interim Youth Director in Mike Beam. Mike dedicated himself to the youth of Grace Covenant and the community for three years, graciously agreeing to stay much longer than originally expected due to COVID. You only need to ask the youth of Grace Covenant what it has meant to them to have Mike as their Youth Director to know we have been blessed to have Mike.

Now it's time to hire a new Youth Director to continue the extraordinary work Mike has done. If you know someone who has a heart for Jesus and a passion for motivating youth to live the Christian life, and who can relate to youth through social media, technology, and relationships, invite them to apply. Or let Pastor Bill or a Youth or Personnel Committee member know and we'll contact them. Contact Jim Malcolm @ jim-malcolm@aol.com or 407-312-1461 for the job description and more information.

### ***Ruth Circle***

Ruth Circle had a wonderful luncheon at Westminster downtown to complete our year. Winnie Rutherford led us in our study of Peter 1 and 2 which was educational and enlightening.

Ruth Circle supports Servant's Heart through our diaper program and monthly monetary contribution which continues through the summer months. We assembled 40 Easter baskets under the direction of Carroll Frazier. According to Chip Hanna, director of Servant's Heart, they were a huge success with the children. Each month Circle members contribute a small donation and were able to give \$140.00 to the church scholarship fund this year.

We thank the wonderful women who are part of this fellowship. Ruth Circle welcomes all who wish to join us on the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning in September.

### ***Cooking with Grace***

Monday June 20 & July 18 6 pm on ZOOM  
To receive more information, the recipe and ZOOM invite, contact Carolyn at Carolyn@findingnewjoys.com

## Session Summary

May 19, 2022

Received the Clerk's mid-year report on church membership; and reports of committees and boards in anticipation of the arrival of Pastor Bill Wisneski.

Reviewed pending proposals of Building & Grounds to replace (rather than repair) HVAC components in Conway Hall which have failed and may have reached maximum useful life. Plans are also underway to install keypads for access to Smith Hall, the church office and Conway Reception.

Approved a joint recommendation from Worship and Admin & Personnel to update job descriptions for the Choir Director and Organist.

Approved new Session Committee descriptions, new open/close procedures, and communion service instructions.

Authorized renewing the posting of a trespass warning at the church.

Examined Sheryl Chernault to be an elder as she responds to her call to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder/Lay Pastor.

## Vacation Bible School

June 6 - 10

9 a.m. - Noon

Online Registration

Opens March 27

Ages 3 - Rising 5th Grade



## The Russell Home

One of the church's long-time ministry partners is The Russell Home for Atypical Children. Mrs. Russell opened her home right in our neighborhood in 1951, and the home she founded has been providing love and care to residents ever since. The Russell Home relies solely on private donations (no government assistance). To learn more about The Russell Home and how you can help, go to <https://russellhome.org/> The Russell Home posts a grocery list online weekly that you can take with you to the store. Bring items to the church marked for delivery to The Russell Home and Outreach will deliver for you.

## Military Gift Boxes

The Grace Covenant Deacons are planning to mail gift boxes to our military members and invite church members to contribute the following items to this valuable cause.

The approved items are:

- Tuna fish in pouches, not cans
- Oatmeal packets
- Hot cocoa packets
- Hard candy (nothing that melts)
- Cracker sandwiches (like Wise)
- Cereal bars and Energy bars
- Any food in pull-top lidded cans

Two "laundry-type" baskets will be in the Narthex for drop off of donated items. Children are encouraged to make cards for the gift boxes, too.

## Book Club

Tuesday, June 28 & July 26, 7:00 pm

Panera Bread on South Semoran

June -The Rent Collector by Cameron Wright

Survival for Ki Lim and Sang Ly is a daily battle as they make their living scavenging recyclables from the trash at a municipal waste dump. The Rent Collector is a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption. It demonstrates that even in a dump in Cambodia--perhaps especially in a dump in Cambodia--everyone deserves a second chance.

July -There's a Hole in My Bucket: A journey of Two Brothers by Royd Tolkien

Having grown up on their great-grandfather's stories, Royd Tolkien and his brother, Mike, have always enjoyed adventures. So when Mike is diagnosed with ALS, the brothers decide to use the time they have left to tick off as much as possible from Mike's bucket list. Yet, when Royd loses Mike, he discovers his brother had been writing another kind of bucket list: fifty things he wanted Royd to do after his death. His first task? This is the story of Royd's journey to accomplish a challenging, humorous, and often heartbreaking list of unknown tasks that chart the brothers' lives from childhood to adulthood. But above all, it is a story of the sibling bond, of grief—and of treasuring every moment.

### ***Axe Throwing!!!***

Our ladies had a wonderful high tea experience last month. Now it's time for some male bonding!!! Announcing our FIRST EVER Father/Son event, June 18!!! Bowling, putt-putt, lazer-tag, OR what about axe throwing?!? This is a great outreach so invite your friends and neighbors. Details to be finalized at by Friday, June 3, watch our social media outlets for more information!!

### ***Back to School***

The youth group is once again asking for your help in collecting school supplies as part of a Back-to-School back-pack fill project for students in need in our community. Starting in July 17th, there will be a collection box in the narthex and items must be turned in by noon on Sunday, July 31st. Backpacks are needed for all ages. Suggested items needed include but are not limited to: pencils, notebook paper, crayons, markers, rulers, scissors, glue, etc.

### ***Change at Grace***

New staff members	Summer Day Camp	Church bus sold
Worship in Conway Hall	Website events tabs	Prepackaged communion sets
Smith Hall bathroom repairs - for accessibility	Endowment policy revisions	Ashes to Go
Monitors in the sanctuary	STC space use agreement revised	Community business outreach
Painting John Calvin 2nd floor	STC repainted & new furniture	SHINE afterschool programs
Meals on Wheels agreement	Youth Pumpkin Chase	SBCC family chapel
New Windows John Calvin - 1st floor	SBCC covenant revised	HVAC maintenance agreements
Good Samaritan Fund expanded	Administrative Manual overhaul	Staff working remotely
WiFi upgrades	Job descriptions rewritten	Sound booth tech upgrades
Youth "Friendz" contests	New fencing & trees trimmed	Bathroom renovation John Calvin 1st floor
New light pole - sanctuary loop	Food drop and meal packing	New lighting & electric panel upgrade STC
New landscaping – sanctuary loop	Blue Christmas	Pumpkin Patch
Window treatments Smith Hall	Christmas Eve in the Courtyard	Santa on the Lawn
Narthex repainted, window boxes	Weekly online emails	Woman pastor/head of staff
Asphalt resurfaced	Curry Ford West churches association	Speed bumps & landscaping SBCC
Meals Wheels patio shade	Facebook page expanded	Online Youth group & confirmation
Safety mirror at south exit	Instagram account	Financial reporting overhaul
Restaurant workers outreach	Prayer request on website	New community outreach & AV positions
Library converted to reception area	Photo library on server	Chancel lighting upgrade
Glass doors Narthex & Smith Hall	Prayer vigils in the courtyard	Keyless entry
Modesty rail removed first pew - for accessibility	Paperless bulletins	Worship services shortened
Website updated	Choir support at 8:45	New Scout Crew chartered
HVAC upgrades and repairs	Changing table Narthex restroom	Piano accompaniment at 8:45 service
Conway pantry cleaned	Monitors in Smith Hall	Lenten lunches
New directional signs on campus	New software for office	Buddy Break ministry
Mother's Day Tea	Outside groups moved to Smith & application	New installed pastor (arriving June 19)
Worship service time change	Space use policy	
Wednesdays at Grace	OWL for virtual meetings	
VBS & Music Camp expanded to community	Elders reduced from 18 to 12	
	New Care Committee	
	New Hospitality Committee	

***Happy Birthday******Happy Anniversary***

Contact the church office for a copy of the birthday and anniversary list for June and July.



***Happy Birthday***

***Happy Anniversary***

***Music Camp 2022***

June 13-16, 9-11:50 a.m., Grades K - 8

Campers will help lead worship on Sunday, June 19, at both services.

This year's theme is "Fruit of the Spirit". Students will need to bring a pair of gloves (any kind). Ukuleles are available by request - \$35. Registration: \$20 per student, \$10 for siblings. Register online at [www.grace.to](http://www.grace.to).

Campers will plant a Music Camp Tree and decorate with Fruit of the Spirit ornaments. The \$200 expense of the tree is not in our budget. Please donate online or by check payable to the church. Put "Music Camp Tree" on the memo.

Contact Barbara Browning at [pianosuccess@yahoo.com](mailto:pianosuccess@yahoo.com) or 407-760-0996 for more information.

***Small Blessings Child Care***

We give thanks to God and our SBCC teachers, parents and staff for a successful school year. SBCC is looking forward to a super fun filled summer, which begins June 6. The children will attend VBS. The SBCC summer program will include a visit from the Orlando Fire Department with the fire truck along with a petting farm and pony rides. SBCC will also have Storyteller, Curbside Circus and Mad Science days. And not to mention, wait for it....the ice cream truck and so much more! Small Blessings will be closed July 4th. Grace Covenant continues to love and support this wonderful ministry with continued prayers for all the children, families and staff.

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**GRACE COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship**

8:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Online

**Office Hours**

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

Friday: 9 a.m.- Noon

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**SUNDAYS - June 5 through July 24  
FAMILY AFFAIR  
9:30 am – 10:30 am**

**FAMILY AFFAIR** is families gathering together to enjoy life together! We will meet in Conway Hall and spill out into the courtyard. The theme for our first **FAMILY AFFAIR** is... **MINUTE TO WIN IT.** You don't have to be related to be a family. Families of all shapes and sizes will experience a great time filled with laughter, conversation, coffee, fun, prizes, snacks.... Families, bring your kids in the strollers, bring your young children, bring your older children, bring your neighbor, bring your friends –

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

See you Sundays

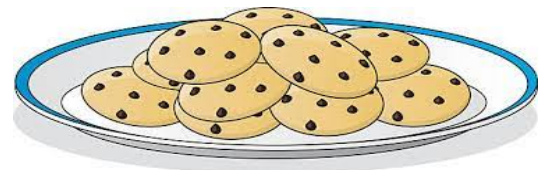


Conway Hall!

***Welcome***

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Make plans to attend worship  
and meet our new pastor, Rev. Bill Wisneski  
and family.



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](http://www.grace.to) and click on the 'Give Now' button.