

Grace Chapel Baptist

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Holy Week In Real Time

Palm Sunday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:1–11](#), [Mark 11:1–11](#), [Luke 19:28–44](#), [John 12:9–19](#).)

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt, it was the first time since raising Lazarus from the dead that he'd shown his face in the city. The story of Lazarus's resurrection had circulated so that many regarded Jesus as a celebrity. Everyone wanted to catch a glimpse. They went out to meet him and received him like a King, because they heard he had done this ([John 12:18](#)).

Jesus said Lazarus's death would end in the faith of many, and in the "glory of God—that the Son of God may be glorified through it" ([John 11:4](#)). But the glory he had in mind was even more glorious than his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In fact, he wasn't referring to the glory these people gave him at all. Lazarus's resurrection would steel the resolve of the religious leaders to hand Jesus over to a death he would embrace—a death he would conquer. That was the glory he meant. As he rode into Jerusalem, the people cried, "Your King is coming!" They praised his victory over Lazarus's death. But the irony was that he wasn't coming to claim his crown on account of Lazarus's death and resurrection, but on account of his own.

Monday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:12–22](#), [Mark 11:12–19](#), [Luke 19:45–48](#).)

If Jerusalem was a beehive, with his triumphal entry Jesus had hit it with a stick. You could hear the buzz grow as the anger within got organized. His kingly arrival was a strong declaration about his authority over all the conventions of man.

On Monday, Jesus returns for more—this time to declare the failure of God's people to live up to their covenant mandate to be a blessing to the world. Much of what the Gospels tell us about Monday centers on the theme of Jesus's authority—both over the created world and his right to judge it. Everything Jesus did, he did with authority. So when he awoke his disciples Monday saying he wanted to go back into Jerusalem to teach, as risky as it sounded it wasn't surprising. Everyone sensed something stirring, as if Jesus had rounded a corner and his end was coming fast. He was a marked man.

Tuesday T

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 21:23–26:5](#), [Mark 11:27–14:2](#), [Luke 20:1–22:2](#), [John 12:37–50](#).)

If Monday's arrival in the temple was an all-inclusive, living parable of cleansing God's house, Tuesday's entrance is a direct, verbal confrontation with the appointed leadership. After Jesus clarifies he doesn't regard these leaders as having any authority over him, he spends the rest of the day right there in the temple to teach the people God's Word. But Tuesday afternoon is the last time Jesus publicly teaches in the temple as a free man. His words on this day are his closing argument, his manifesto.

When Jesus leaves the temple on Tuesday, the chief priests and scribes are "seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him" ([Mark 14:1](#)). But they can't take his life from him solely on the strength of the charges they plan to bring—not if he defends himself. But he won't. Instead, by his silence, he'll offer up his life for a world of blasphemers and traitors and liars. This was what he has come to do, and as he exits the temple that Tuesday afternoon, he knows he will do it soon.

Wednesday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 26:6–16](#), [Mark 14:3–11](#), [Luke 22:3–6](#).)

The past several days have been a rush of tension and anger for Jesus's opponents—and of unflinching resolve for Jesus. Words have been his currency, and he's spent piles of them. But on the Wednesday before his death, Jesus is still. He is in the home of Simon the Leper, a man known by what's wrong with him. During their meal together, Mary of Bethany—Lazarus's sister ([John 12:3](#))—comes to Jesus with an alabaster flask of perfume. She's been saving this perfume, worth a year's wages, for this exact occasion ([John 12:7](#)). She begins pouring it on Jesus's head and feet, which requires breaking open its container ([Mark 14:3](#)). Like popping the cork on a \$20,000 bottle of champagne, this was a deliberate act. She is offering Jesus everything she has. By giving her most valuable possession to him, she is expressing her knowledge that what he's about to give of himself is for her. What Mary does is beautiful, and Jesus wants everyone to know it. She is preparing him for burial. There is honor and kindness in her gesture. Jesus returns the honor by saying history will never forget her act of beauty. And we haven't.

Thursday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 26:17–75](#), [Mark 14:12–72](#), [Luke 22:7–71](#), [John 13:1–18:27](#).)

The Thursday prior to Jesus's crucifixion fills many pages in Scripture. It begins with John and Peter securing the upper room. There, Jesus washes his disciples' feet, explaining he is there to make them clean.

As they begin to eat, Jesus announces one of them is about to betray him. Each wonders if he means them. Then he dispatches Judas to do what he intends. During this last supper, Jesus sets apart the Passover bread and cup and reassigns—or better, perfects—their meaning. The bread is his body. The cup, his blood. This meal will no longer remind them of God's deliverance primarily from the external tyranny of Pharaoh, but from the internal tyranny of their own guilt and sin against God. Jesus prays for his friends and those who will come to know him through them—that his Father would make them one ([John 17](#)). Then Jesus and his friends leave for the Mount of Olives to pray ([Mark 14:33](#)). But he isn't there only to pray. He is also there to wait. Soon a line of torches snake their way toward him in the darkness. This is what he has been waiting for.

Pastor Ray's Review

Good Friday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 27:1–61](#), [Mark 15:1–47](#), [Luke 23:1–56](#), [John 18:28–19:42](#).) On Thursday night in Gethsemane, Jesus was arrested—betrayed by one of his disciples and abandoned by the others. The chief priests and the Sanhedrin called for secret trials in the dead of night, and the verdict handed down was that Jesus would be crucified. This is something the Roman prefect, Pontius Pilate, has to execute. And reluctantly, he does.

After a severe beating, Jesus is nailed to a cross where he remains for six hours until dead. Never before or since has more been lost and gained at the same time. The world gained the atoning sacrifice of Christ. But for those present, either the significance of the moment is lost on them or their hearts break as the One they thought to be the Savior of the world dies at the hands of Rome. They can't stop it, and they don't realize it's for them. They hoped in him, and though he'd told them he would suffer many things and rise three days later ([Mark 8:31](#)), how could they have possibly known this was what he meant?

Saturday—The Forgotten Day

(For a full account of the events of this day as found in the Gospels, see [Matthew 27:62–66](#).)

Less is written about the Saturday following Jesus's crucifixion than any other in the scope of this week. Yet what makes it unique is that this is the only full day in history where the body of Christ lies buried in a cave.

Yesterday, he was crucified. Tomorrow, he rises from the grave. But what about today? Though we may not make much of this day, when we look at the few verses the Gospels give us about it, we find it was by no means forgotten by the chief priests who had handed Jesus over to death. During his earthly ministry, Jesus repeatedly said he would die in Jerusalem at the hands of the chief priests, yet on the third day rise again (e.g., [Matt. 12:40](#); [Mark 8:31](#); [9:31](#); [10:34](#)).

Of course, the chief priests scoffed. But they didn't forget it. On the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, Jesus's prediction preoccupies their thoughts such that they simply can't leave it alone. [Matthew 27:62–66](#) tells the strange story of how they can't dismiss out of hand the possibility that Jesus might know something they don't.

Resurrection Sunday

(For a full account of the events of this day, see [Matthew 28:1–20](#), [Mark 16:1–8](#), [Luke 24:1–53](#), [John 20:1–21:25](#).)

Early Sunday morning, some of Jesus's friends set out for his grave to anoint the body of their friend and teacher. When they arrive, however, they are greeted by what one Gospel writer calls "a man dressed in lightning." He tells them Jesus is not there, as he said. He is risen.

In the week leading up to his death, the Good Shepherd went out to meet the wolves of judgment, sin, and death—and he did so with all authority. One might wonder, what good has it ever done anyone to die for some cause? This is the

glorious beauty of the gospel. Jesus didn't die as a martyr for a cause. He was never in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was never at the mercy of anyone. He lived, died, and was buried because he meant to be.

No one took his life from him. He laid it down. For whom? For his flock, his people.

And he laid it down only to take it up again ([John 10:18](#)). The point of the cross was not just to die, but to die and rise again, defeating the prowling wolves of sin and death themselves.

Easter says of Jesus, "He meant it! He meant to lay down His life for you. And as surely as He has taken it up again, He knows you and loves you."

Pastor Ray

Brothers in Grace – B.I.G.

1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm

Our men's ministry is designed to help men grow in their walk with Christ. The topic changes every month, but it's always a topic that we, as men, face in our daily lives. The menu changes as well, but the food is always as good as the fellowship. Come out and see what God is doing in the lives of men just like you.

John 21:23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that the disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

God Bless - Junior Lipe

Senior Adult Ministry-SAM's

2nd Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm

Our Senior Adult Ministry has taken on new leaders. Please help us welcome Jamie and Tanya Demby as the new SAM's leaders! Come fellowship with us!

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the father in my name, he may give it to you.

God Bless - Jamie & Tanya Demby

Women of Grace

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

Happy Easter to you, Women of Grace! This month our fellowship will be here at the church, back in the fellowship hall at 6:30. We have a special treat from someone special our meal is being catered! What I need from you is to please sign up by April 11th if you are planning to attend. We need a head count for food. I hope you can all make it!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Ladies Brunch May 8th ... 10:00-12:00

Women's Trip 2021 announcement coming very soon!

Women's Bible Study—every Sunday @ 3:30

In His Service - Emily Martin

OUTREACH

Upcoming Opportunities for Outreach:

Men's Breakfast— April 17th @ 8:30am @ Big Boys

Christmas Grace—During these unpredictable times, we want to make sure that families can get gifts for their children during Christmas. This can be done with your help! Donations will be collected throughout the year. Please be in prayer and consider giving, you can indicate on your tithing envelope or online that it goes toward Christmas Grace.

Thank you & God Bless - Gene Brumfield

Men's Bible Study

Men, if you want to learn more about The Bible, join us every Monday @ 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will not have supper, please eat before you come, bring it with you or grab something on your way home.

In God's Service - Gene Brumfield

YOUTH—S.T.O.R.M. Troopers

Student Training Out Reach Ministry

Go. Make. Baptize. Teach

We are so excited as spring is approaching fast. God is working in the lives of our students, and we are so happy to be able to experience it with them. They each are such a blessing to our lives. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of their lives.

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out and supported the chili cook off and cake walk. We were overwhelmed by the amount of support and generosity we received. A huge thank you, also, to those who helped plan and organize it.

We have some events coming up in the next few months that we want to make you aware of:

Our DNOW weekend will be April 9-11.

- We will be studying Romans 12 for the weekend.
- On Friday, students need to be at the church at 5 PM. Dinner will be provided. We will have a time to hang out and have a worship service. After this we will go to bowl and bounce for cosmic bowling.
- On Saturday, students need to be at the church at 10 AM. We will have breakfast. Then a worship service. We will go to lunch at Cici's pizza, and then come back to the church for a MESSY GAMES WAR. Students need to bring clothes that they can get dirty. After that we will hang out until dinner. Dinner will be provided. We will have another worship service that night, and then come home for the night.

We will have a swim party at The Howard's house on May 29th. Students should be at the church at 1 PM.

Our camping trip is coming up on June 11-13th. Those who are taking a camper will need to call the Fort Mill KOA to reserve their spot. Connie Henderson has called and let them know that we are coming, so when you do call, just tell them you are with the church group so that they can put us together.

Again, we are so excited about what God is doing and what He is going to do.

We love you—Michael and Melissa

Adopt a Youth/Student

Thank you for always showing them that they are loved. Thank you for supporting them, not only through gifts but your prayers too. I have thoroughly enjoyed not only shopping and praying for the youth that I personally sponsor but watching the kids get excited about their gifts and knowing they are loved. We still have youth left to take for this year so let me know how many you want.

In Christ - Jodi DeGraw

April Student Birthdays

Gracie Lipe - 4

Jeremiah DeGraw - 11

Gabby Crisp - 18

Jeremiah Martin - 23

Allie Miller - 28

Missions

Jamie Demby and I are going on a mission trip to Guatemala with Junior & Wendy Lipe and a group from their school, Academy Christian in June. We are going to get acquainted with the country and gather information to help us plan a church wide trip for Grace Chapel. We all know that 2021 will still be challenging due to COVID restrictions, but its time to move forward for Jesus! If you're interested in missions let me know! Our House of Agape mission project is always in need of help! Prayers needed and appreciated!

Compassion Sunday is April 25th

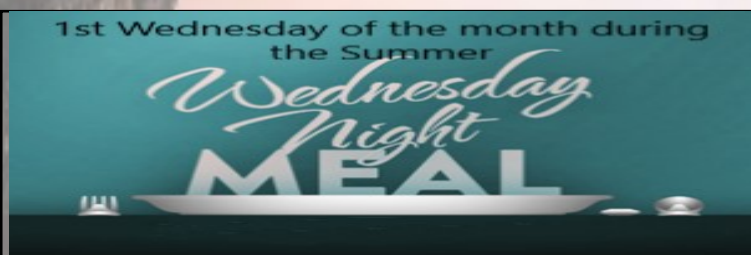
God bless - Stanley DeGraw

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5 - Wednesday night meal 6pm
 May 8 - Ladies Brunch 10am—12noon
 May 22 - Cruisin for the Kids
 Vendor fair/Car show 10am-2pm
 May 23 - Grace outdoors
 May 29 - Youth Swim 1pm

June 11-13 - Youth Camping Trip
 June 27 - Grace Outdoors
 July 25 - Grace Outdoors

Grace in Motion



We are excited to announce that starting in May we will be having Family Night on the first Wednesday night of the month throughout the summer. This will be a little different from our former Wed night meals. You will need to sign up if you and your family are planning to come and instead of donations, there is a set price of \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-14, and 5 and under are free.

There are different options for you to sign up and pay.

1. You can go to our website www.gracechapelbaptist.net to sign up and to pay.
2. You can sign up online by the deadline but pay the night of the dinner.
3. You can sign up and pay for all the available nights at once.
4. We will have a sign up sheet on the board for those that would rather do that and you can pay through the offering boxes. Just please label your money/check "Wed Meals".

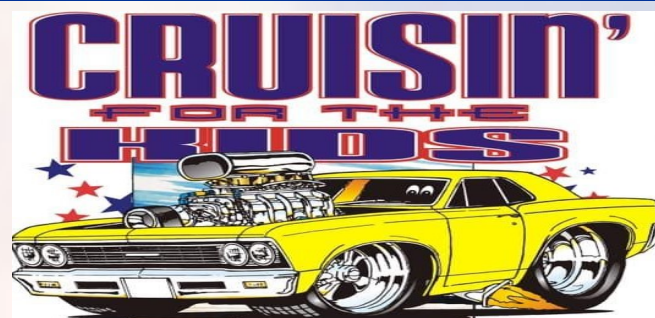
Please sign up by 9pm on the Sunday before the meal to attend.

We have missed the fellowship of Wednesday night suppers so much! We hope you can join us at 6:00 on May 5th for our first Family Night! If you have questions please see Emily Martin

May Menu

Chicken casserole, green beans, pasta salad, dessert, rolls

A HUGE "THANK YOU" to anyone that has volunteered your time at our church. We appreciate everything you do! From the smallest things to the biggest, from cleaning to building items, it ALL is noticed and appreciated.



Saturday, May 22, 2021 10:00am - 2:00pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Open to Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles

\$15 to pre-register by April 22, 2021
 \$20 late registration (upon availability)

Awards given for Best Modern Muscle, Original Classic, Truck, Street Bike, Custom Cruiser, 4X4, Squatted Truck, Best in Show & MORE!

*Local Vendors, Silent Auction, and more!
 Food available to purchase from the GCBC kitchen*

All proceeds will go to help with the cost of youth and kid's summer camp

For more information or to register, contact Emily Martin at mickeyfreak428@gmail.com You can also register and pay through our website at www.gracechapelbaptist.net

House of Agape - Donation house



We know everyone's time is valuable and we are studying about focusing on our families but we wanted to remind you that we, as a church family, have agreed to serve our community by feeding the homeless every Friday. If you are not available to give your time, please consider giving a donation to help our other families with the cost of the food. There is a small house on the table near the foyer for donations. Thank you for being the hands and feet!



Women's Bible Study
Sundays at 3:30pm
Led by Melissa Wyatt



Middle School/High School Tutoring

Several of our "teacher" members are offering tutoring to our students. If your child needs help in Science, English, Math or History please contact the office for more information.

Weekly opportunities at Grace Chapel

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Women's Bible Study	3:30 pm
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 pm
Sunday Night Student Ministry	6:00 pm
Monday Night Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Service	7:00 pm
Wednesday GA's	7:00 pm
Wednesday Mission Friends	7:00 pm
Wednesday RA's	7:00 pm
Wednesday Student Ministry	7:00 pm

Grace Office Hours

COVID days/hours will vary during the week
Office Phone: 803 818-5683

DEACONS

Mack Owens	(803) 322-0805
Wade Tumblin	(803) 627-1112
Ray Judd	(803) 371-8219
Deon Curry	(803) 984-2952
Jamie Demby	(803) 322-7391

Please feel free to contact any of these men if you have a need or concern.

Church cleaning crew – (volunteers)

We are blessed that we already have so many families that volunteer their time to serve the Lord, but we are in need of more in order to keep each family on a every other month schedule. Please let us know if you are willing to get on our rotation and help us keep our church "so fresh and so clean".

April 2 - McCarter, Barton, Carpenter, Boyd, Demby
April 9 - Archer
April 16 -
April 23 -
April 30 - Melton, Alexander (5th Friday's)
May 7 - Crisp
May 14 - Henderson, Washington
May 21 - Curry, Westbury
May 28 - Brumfield, Martin, Tumblin
June 4 - McCarter, Barton, Carpenter, Boyd, Demby
June 11 - Archer
June 18 -
June 25 -
July 2 - Crisp
July 9 - Henderson, Washington



Please contact our cleaning crew coordinator, Christal Curry, if you are interested.



Grace Kids Nursery for April/May

APRIL

4 - NO NURSERY
11 - Ray & Cheryl Judd
18 - Wade & Tamera Tumblin
25 - Wayne & Lisa Archer

MAY

2 - Clay & Cherri Crisp
9 - NO NURSERY
16 - Sandy & Danielle Miller
23 - Ray & Cheryl Judd
30 - Wade & Tamera Tumblin

We need your help!!! If you are interested in taking a Sunday in the nursery, please let Ray Judd know @ rjudd@prgrealstate.com!

Grace GC3 Children's Church for April



4 - No GC3
11 - Linda Washington
18 - Wendy Lipe
25 - Wendy Carpenter

We need your help!!! If you are interested in helping with Children's Church on Sunday, please let Emily Martin know!

April Anniversaries

14 - Kevin & Tasha Alexander
30 - Michael & Amy Huggins



April Birthdays

4 - Gracie Lipe
4 - Lander Tritt
5 - SeanWilliam Huggins
6 - Taylor Carpenter
7 - Annette Boyd
9 - Andy Miller
11 - Jeremiah DeGraw
11 - Lisa Goforth
11 - Jason Melton
14 - Lisa Isaacs
17 - Peyton Parker
18 - Gabby Crisp
19 - Jason Parker
19 - Nico Westbury
21 - Deon Curry
23 - Jeremiah Martin
27 - Justin Anderson
28 - Allie Miller



If you are a member of Grace Chapel and your anniversary or birthday was left off the list, please notify the church office.