

Grace Chapel Baptist

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Selah
"pause and reflect"

A Glance at Grace . . .



Church Events

- March 2—Men's Bible Study (p3)
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House of Agape Opportunities

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Pastor Ray's Review

The Shoe Man Poem

My alarm went off, it was Sunday again. I was sleepy and tired my one day to sleep in. But the guilt I would feel the rest of the day would have been too much so I'd go and I'd pray. I showered and shaved, I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat in a pew just in time. Bowing my head in prayer as I closed my eyes. I saw the shoe of the man next to me touching my own. I sighed. With plenty of room on either side, I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine, but it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father"... I thought, "This man with the shoes has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched even worse, there are holes on the side!" "Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet "Amen." I tried to focus on the prayer but my thoughts were on his shoes again. Aren't we supposed to look our best when walking through that door? "Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended and the songs of praise began. The shoe man was certainly loud sounding proud as he sang. His voice lifted the rafters, his hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering and what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out, what the shoe man put in, then I heard a soft "clink" as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me to tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man, for tears fell from his eyes. At the end of the service as is the custom here, we must greet new visitors and show them all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow and wanted to meet the shoe man so after the closing prayer, I reached over and shook his hand. He was old and his skin was dark and his hair was truly a mess but I thanked him for coming, for being our guest.

He said, "My names' Charlie I'm glad to meet you, my friend." There were tears in his eyes but he had a large, wide grin "Let me explain," he said wiping tears from his eyes. "I've been coming here for months and you're the first to say 'Hi.'" "I know that my appearance is not like all the rest "But I really do try to always look my best. "I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk. "But by the time I get here they're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain and I swallowed to hide my tears as he continued to apologize for daring to sit so near. He said, "When I get here I know I must look a sight. "But I thought if I could touch you then maybe our souls might unite."

I was silent for a moment knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison I spoke from my heart, not my head.

"Oh, you've touched me," I said, "And taught me, in part; "That the best of any man is what is found in his heart." The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know. Like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

- Leanne Freiberg

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.

God Bless—Junior Lipe

Men's Bible Study

Men, if you want to learn more about "The Bible", join us every Monday @ 7:30pm in the fellowship hall for our Men's Bible study. 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

Senior Adult Ministry-SAM's

2nd Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm

I Corinthians 1:9 KJV

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

We welcome you to come join us for good ole' home cooking and fellowship!

God Bless—Mike & Janet Long

YOUTH—S.T.O.R.M. Troopers

Student Training Out Reach Ministry

Happy March Grace Chapel
Grace Middle School & Youth...

We are so excited this month we will be having a Youth Sunday take over! Our kids will be working hard to make the service great! Stay tuned as we get our summer calendar together for great fellowship activities and chances to serve our church and community!

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions via email to etc.broomes@gmail.com.

Thank you!!!
Ty and Sarah Broome

OUTREACH

Upcoming Opportunities for Outreach:

March 14th @ 8:00am—Men's and Young Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to breakfast in the fellowship hall. If you are willing to help cook and/or bring the following items it would be greatly appreciated. **We will need** eggs, sausage, bacon, potato buns, liver mush, cheese, biscuits, and drinks. Please write down what you plan to bring beside your name on the sign up sheet. Also, if you are willing to do a 10-15 minute devotion please see me. I look forward to the fellowship with you and the young men of Grace Chapel!

Christmas Grace—Donations will be collected throughout the year to help families in need during Christmas. If you are interested in helping, please indicate on your tithing envelope or on your online tithing. Thank you!

F.E.E.D. (Feed Every Emergency Department) - We will be feeding our emergency department personnel during the months of **May** and **October**. Please prayerfully consider donating to help us raise money to FEED them for 26 hours and show our appreciation for all of their service and dedication to our community!

Thank you & God Bless —Gene Brumfield

Women of Grace

3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

It's hard to believe it's almost spring! We have a few things coming up for the Women of Grace that I would like to go ahead and get on your calendar! This month we will be having our fellowship here at the church as normal, on **March 17th**. I have a special guest coming to speak and we'll have all things green! Come join us at 6:30!

In **April**, I plan for us to go to Narrows to see "The Fourth Cross". The show is **April 18th** and the cost is \$40.00. I need a head count and \$20.00 deposit asap. Please sign up if you want to go.

In **May**, we have the Ladies Brunch on May 9th. I hope you make plans to attend. I have a great morning planned for us with good food and great fellowship!

I also wanted to go ahead and give you dates for the **2020 Women's Trip!!!** The destination is still being determined but the dates are Oct. 1st-3rd. I hope we have a great turn out again this year! I enjoy being with you ladies so much! I love and appreciate you all!

In His Service,

Emily Martin

Women's Bible Study

Our next Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, March 24 through May 26th which will be "Breathe, making room for Sabbath" by Priscilla Shirer. Please mark your calendar and join us for fellowship and study! Books are available at LifeWay, Shephards Fold, ChristianBook.com and Amazon.

Psalm 133:1 KJV Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

God Bless—Janet Long

Women of Grace Missions

Blessing Bags for House of Agape

We are in great need of toothbrushes/toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and deodorant. Also any snacks for their snack bags, as a special treat for them. Let's pour God's love on those less fortunate.

Psalm 100.2

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Working in Christ,
Linda Washington

Adopt a Youth

March sure has snuck up on us. Thank you, everyone, for your help with the youth program. The kids have really enjoyed it. Maybe a little more this year than last as they know what to expect. It's exciting for me because the kids come up to me and ask, "How can we thank them?" We are working on a way to do that. Keep praying for them because I honestly believe they appreciate that more than the gifts.

In Christ,
Jodi DeGraw

March Youth Birthdays
Anna Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 2—BIG Ministry 6:30pm
- April 4—Rain date for Vendor Fair (if needed)
- April 5—NO AWANA (Spring Break begins)
- April 9—SAM Ministry 6:30pm
- April 10—Good Friday Lunch @ noon
- April 11—Egg Hunt
- April 12—SONrise Service 10:30am
- April 18—Women of Grace—Narrowway (TBD)
- April 21—Women of Grace 6:30pm
- April 26—AWANA Closing Ceremony

Grace in Motion...



Spring Fling Vendor Fair
Saturday, March 28 from 9am-2pm
Rain date: April 4

We will be selling breakfast and lunch as a fundraiser for Grace's Kids/Youth programs so come eat and shop with us!!

This will give you an opportunity to buy gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, accessories for prom, baby and wedding shower gifts and much, much more! Please share this information with all of your co-workers, friends and even on social media so we will have a great turnout!!!

Relay for Life



We are so excited about Relay!! We have a few opportunities available for you to serve!!

First, we need your help with the **Survivor Dinner** on **March 28th** at the YMCA. We need help around 3:00 setting up and then around 5:00 to help serve dinner.

Second, we are setting up a tent again this year at **Relay on May 30th** at **York Middle School**. We need help at the tent, of course, but we also need baskets for a silent auction. If you would like to team up with another person and make a basket (example...car washing basket, cooking basket, tools basket, Clemson basket, Carolina basket, etc.) or do one yourself, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Tamera Tumblin or Emily Martin if you have questions or would like to donate your baskets. Sign-up sheets are available for the dinner and Relay. Thank you all for your support and for your help!
 Tamera and Emily

House of Agape Opportunities

Every Sunday you will see a small house on the stage. This small house is for donations to help offset the cost of meals and supplies to help feed the homeless at House of Agape. Our church has volunteers that feed at House of Agape **every Friday**.

Do you want to receive a blessing?

Volunteer to help serve and fellowship from 5pm—7pm
 839 Ashton Street Rock Hill SC
(5th Friday of the month) Academy Christian School and our Youth will partner together and serve)

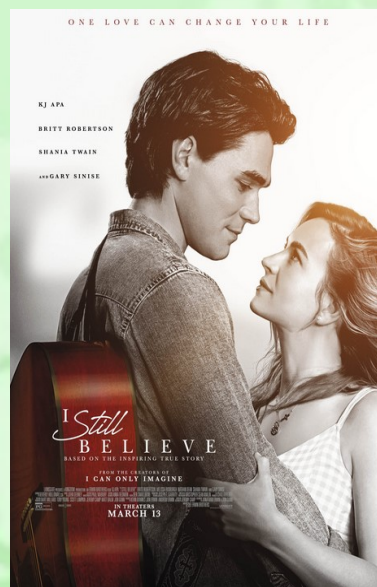


Hey everyone! Don't forget that we are collecting for Operation Christmas Child year around. This is a great time to take advantage of leftover valentine's day sales. Dollar General is a great place to stock up on items, cheap, after a holiday. Many of us start to clean out our homes and do a

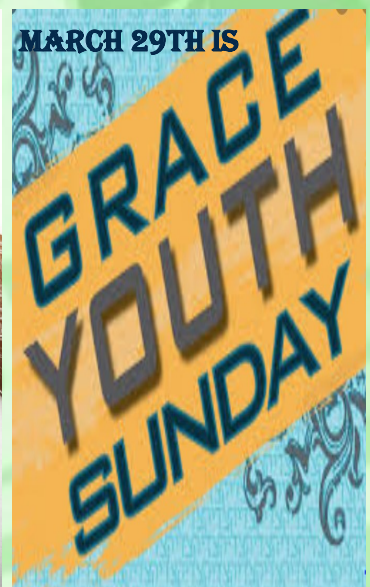
little spring cleaning as we enter warmer weather. As you begin cleaning out children's bedrooms keep in mind that we can collect items that are gently used but are still in great shape. Some examples of that will be small stuffed animals, that have been washed, and race cars. Here is something that we do as a family; whenever we go out to stores, whether it be Walmart, target, dollar tree, we are on the lookout for OCC items. We try to pick up one or two items a month for shoeboxes.

Thanks everyone for all that you do to support missions and making a difference in the lives of children around the world!

In His Service,
 Clay and Cherri Crisp



Join us March 15th for "I Still Believe" @ Regal Manchester. The movie starts at 4:10. We will leave the church at 3:15.



Come support our youth as they lead service through worship, testimony, & preaching. Join us after for a BBQ lunch hosted by the youth to raise money for activities.

WE THE PEOPLE

Trump tells ex-inmates that GOD made them for “A great purpose” at a ceremony at the Las Vegas metropolitan police department in Nevada, the President handed out diplomas to each of the 29 former offenders who were wearing caps and gowns to signify their passage through the non-profit program called (Hope for Prisoners). Trump said, “Made by GOD for a great and noble purpose.”
The Washington Times

Founding Fathers never discussed the wall of separation between church and state. School civics classes teach that the constitution guarantees the right to remain silent, freedom of speech, equal protection under the law, and a wall of separation between church and state.
The Washington Times

LOSING OUR RELIGION: FALL OF FAITH THREATENS AMERICA The Washington Times

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: Antichrist

Trump's Executive Order
Signed May 4, 2017

Promoting free speech and religious liberty the order eases IRS enforcement of the Johnson Amendment, which bans the churches from engaging in political speech. It also gives relief to companies that disagree with the affordable care act mandate on contraception in health care coverage.
NBC News

HEALTH

CORONAVIRUS:

- As of February 26, there were at least 60 cases confirmed in the United States
- NO vaccine at this time
- 3 vitamins that are best for boosting your immunity; Vitamin C, Vitamin B6 & Vitamin E *Source: Cleveland Clinic*
- 15 foods that boost the immune system; Citrus, bell peppers, broccoli, garlic, ginger, spinach, yogurt, almonds, turmeric, green tea, papaya, kiwi, poultry, sun flower seeds and shellfish *Source: Healthline*

GUN CONTROL

Psalms 46:1-3 GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. SELAH

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe

What does the Bible say about gun control?

1 Timothy 5:8 KJV

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. Provide WHAT? Protection

Luke 22:36 KJV

Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For WHAT? Protection

Must SEE YouTube video:

What Does the Bible Say About Gun Control

Real Life with Jack Hibbs

Welcome to Grace Chapel Baptist

*"Thank you for choosing to worship
with us today"*

Weekly opportunities at Grace...

Sunday Fellowship	9:30 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 am
Sunday Night Kids/Teens Choir Practice....	4 :00 pm
Sunday Night Adult Bible Study	5:00 pm
Sunday Night Kid & Youth Activities	5:00 pm
Sunday Night AWANA	5:00 pm
Sunday Night Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Monday Night Men's Bible Study	7:30pm
Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study	6:30pm
Wednesday Supper	6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Service	7:00 pm
Youth,RA,GA,Mission Friends and ACTeen..	7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Supper Menu:

- March 4**—Pizza Casserole, salad, bread, dessert
March 11—Chicken Pot Pie, Green beans, dessert
March 18—Soup Night
March 25—Sub Sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, dessert

***A donation bucket will be on the corner of the buffet table. The donations taken will help us purchase the meal for the following week.**

Grace Kids Nursery for March

- March 1**—Cheryl & Sherry Judd
March 8—Clay & Cherri Crisp
March 15—Pam Moffitt & Natalie Looper
March 22—Michael & Amy Huggins
March 29—Cary & Sandy Miller

We need your help!!! If you are interested in taking a Sunday in the nursery, please let Emily Martin know!

Grace Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9am-1pm

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Deon Curry 803) 984-2952
Mack Owens 803) 322-0805

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

March Anniversaries

- 6**—Richard & Joyce McCarter
19—Jamie & Tanya Demby
25—Mike & Janet Long
31—Jeff & Julie Mullis



If you are a member of Grace and your anniversary was left off the list, please notify the

Card Ministry

You can send cards to any church member at any time. We have a gorgeous, hand crafted box on the table in the foyer with a list of names on top of it. All you have to do is place your card in the box with the person's name on it and we will deliver it for you. If you have questions, please see Tanya Demby



March Birthdays

- 1**—Christian Isaacs
8—Wayne Archer
8—Julie Mullis
9—Anna Jones
10—Emily Martin
11—Jeremiah DeGraw
12—Connie Henderson
13—Jimmy Caulder Sr.
16—Mark McCarter
20—Tasha Alexander
23—Junior Lipe Jr.
23—Joyce McCarter
26—Lisa Mayfield
27—Tony DeGraw
30—Jacob Archer
30—Cheryl Judd

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