## Grace Chapel Baptist

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### Pastor Ray's Review

# Every Sunday Should Be Resurrection Sunday

(warning: this article has a lot of scripture references that you should read... proceed with caution)

Easter is coming! Resurrection Sunday is only about two months away. Resurrection is the very foundation of our Christianity. If you remove the resurrection then you destroy Christianity. Paul says in Romans I0:9 "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

However, when it's not Resurrection Sunday, we often neglect the resurrection in our preaching, reading, conversations, and even in our personal testimonies throughout the rest of the year. Usually if we mention the resurrection at all it's in regard to Easter or we're arguing in a debate that it actually happened. It's good to be able to explain why Jesus is alive, but it's also important for us to remind ourselves of the many implications of the resurrection. The preaching of Acts is centered on the resurrection, which is credited with accomplishing The sending of the Spirit (Acts 2:33), Physical Healing (Acts 3:15-16), The conversion of sinners (Acts 3:26), Salvation by union with Jesus (Acts 4:11-12), Jesus' role as the leader of His church (Acts 5:30-31), Forgiveness of Sin (Acts 5:30-31), Comfort for the dying (Acts 7), The commissioning of gospel messengers (Acts 9;10:42), Freedom from the power and penalty of sin (Acts 13:37-39), Assurance that the Gospel is true (Acts 17:31), Our own resurrection (Acts 17:31) and Jesus' future judgement of the world (Acts 17:31).

No wonder Paul said, "It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial" (Acts 23:6), and his judge summarized: "They had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive" (Acts 25:19).

The resurrection plays a crucial role in our salvation, which we often forget. Romans 4:25 tells us that Jesus was "raised for our justification." Often times we assume that it was the Cross alone that accomplished the forgiveness of sins.

The resurrection of Jesus also leads directly to a resurrection inside each of us (Ephesians 2:4-6, 2 Timothy 2:11, I Peter I:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17). This means that the very same power that raised Jesus from the dead is pulsating inside the arteries and veins of every true Christian. God puts the risen life of Jesus in us so that we have a new desire to kill sin (I John 3:9, Romans 6, Colossians 3:I-II) and begin to truly change (2 Corinthians 3:18, Revelations I).

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter, let's resolve to make every Sunday a Resurrection Sunday, living in all the good that the resurrection accomplishes for us each day.

In HIS name,

Pastor Ray

#### Brothers in Grace – B.I.G. 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm

Stuart Tinker will be sharing with the men on Thursday, March 4. 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

Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

God Bless - Mike & Janet Long

#### Women of Grace 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

The months sure do go by fast. It seems faster and faster these days. I am so excited for spring and the newness it brings. I am planning new things for our Women of Grace. New structure, new mission projects, new fellowships, and hopefully gain some new faces along the way! I am also currently planning "Women's Trip 2021" and so excited to see what the Lord does there! More information coming soon on this!

This month's fellowship is March 16th. We are meeting at Big Boy's Country Cooking (1735 Heckle Blvd. Rock Hill) at 6:30. Please sign up by March 10th if you plan to attend. The sign-up sheet is on the board near the fellowship hall. I cannot wait to fellowship with you all!

Don't forget . . . Women's Bible Study every Sunday @ 3:30pm

In His Service - Emily Martin

#### **OUTREACH**

**Upcoming Opportunities for Outreach:** 

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, March 20th @ 8am in the fellowship hall.

**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. Please 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 so 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

What a wonderful February we had! We celebrated and had so much fun last month. It was great for everything to go back to normal and to see all of you regularly again. You mean so much to us.

We've been studying through the book of John on Wednesday nights. We've made it through chapter 2 and will start chapter 3. Be in prayer for us as we continue our journey through that book together.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported and came out to our fundraiser and who helped with the Valentine dinner for our students. Both events were so much fun, and I know the students truly felt special to be honored at the dinner.

In March, we plan to go to the Big E in Gaffney on Saturday, the 27th. We will leave the church at 4 PM. Students will need money for food, to bowl, watch a movie or play arcade games at the Big E.

We have an important event coming up in April. On April 9-11, we will be doing a Disciple Now (DNOW) weekend for our students. This will be a time for us to focus on a specific passage from God's word for the weekend and do some fun activities. We will have a service and an activity on Friday, Saturday morning and Saturday night. We will give you more info as the time gets closer.

We're excited about what God is doing in the lives of our students. We appreciate all of your prayers and support.

With grateful hearts - Michael and Melissa Wyatt

#### Adopt a Youth/Student

Quarantine is starting to ease up a little and while this has been a "different" (to say the least) situation for our Grace youth, now they face another difficult situation. In everyday "normal" life, school is hard and comes with a list of challenges. This year is even more challenging with all the COVID regulations and rules. I want to encourage you (even if you don't sponsor a youth) to spend extra time in prayer for them.

Thank you for always showing them that they are loved. Thank you for supporting them, not only through your 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

#### **March Student Birthdays**

9 - Anna Jones 11 - Jeremiah DeGraw

#### **Missions**

We all think of mission as going on a trip or sponsoring children. But God has given us all a mission, to love, care and serve others. God has given us a great opportunity to do this in 2021. COVID may have changed the way we have done missions in the past, but it has also increased the need for missions. To reach out and help those in need. Many find themselves lacking daily needs. So let us pray and ask God to show us how and what to give as we love, care and serve in the mission field called life. Let us be salt and light.

God bless you - Stanley DeGraw

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

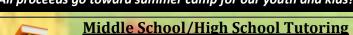
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April 9-11 - Youth DNOW weekend

May 22 - Cruisin for the Kids Car Show

#### Grace in Motion . . .







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.



#### Women's Bible Study

Sundays at 3:30pm Led by Melissa Wyatt



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!

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

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

For more information or to register, contact Emily Martin @ 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!

#### Weekly opportunities at Grace Chapel

Sunday School
Sunday Morning Worship
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
Wednesday Mission Friends 7:00 pm
Wednesday RA's7:00 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
<b>Wade Tumblin</b>	(803)	627-1112
Ray Judd	(803)	371-8219
Deon Curry	(803)	984-2952
		322-7391

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 Chapel and your anniversary or birthday was left off the list, please notify the office.



#### **Grace Kids Nursery for** March/April/May

- 7 Wade & Tamera Tumblin
- 14 Wayne & Lisa Archer 21 Clay & Cherri Crisp
- 28 Sandy & Danielle Miller

#### **APRIL**

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

#### <u>MAY</u>

- 2 Clay & Cherri Crisp 9 Sandy & Danielle Miller

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

#### Grace GC3 Children's Church for March



- 7 NO GC3
- 14 Wendy Lipe
- 21 Linda Washington 28 Sunny Tritt

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

#### **March Birthdays**

- 1 Christian Isaacs
- 8 Wayne Archer
- 8 Iulie Mullis
- 9 Anna Jones
- 10 Emily Martin
- 11 Jeremiah DeGraw
- 12 Connie Henderson
- 13 Jimmy Caulder, Sr.
- 16 Mark McCarter
- 20 Tasha Alexander
- 20 Donna DeRuvscher
- 23 Junior Lipe
- 23 Joyce McCarter
- 23 Michael Wyatt
- 26 Lisa Mayfield
- 27 Tony DeGraw
- 30 Jacob Archer
- 30 Cheryl Judd
- 30 Wesley Tritt

