



December 2018

Key Events

December 9
Children's Rehearsal

December 16
Children's Christmas Program

December 16
The Mill Christmas Party

December 16
Stockings for Spring Arbor Due

December 22
Live Nativity at Spring Arbor

December 23
Family Worship Service

December 24
Glow service

January 6 & 13
Dominican Republic Mission Interest Meetings

January 27
Discovering Grace Begins

Service Times:
9:00 (203 Upstairs)
10:30 (Sanctuary)

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We are in the season of Advent. Let us prepare Him room as we anticipate the awaited Messiah.



Grove Christmas Program: Come hear the Good News of the Savior's birth in acting and song.

- December 9 - Rehearsal from 6-7:30. Snacks provided.
- December 16 - Program during the 10:30 Worship Service. Kids report to the Sanctuary at 9:30am. Party to follow

Family Worship Service: We will have one combined service for the adults and children at 10:30am on Sunday, December 23rd. There will be no 9am service or Grove. (Seed Patch Nursery will be provided)

December 24th, Glow Service: This 5pm service is the perfect way to celebrate on Christmas Eve. The one hour service is geared toward all ages and will end with a celebration of light to honor The Light Of The World!

Stockings for Spring Arbor: We are excited to share the love of Christ with all the folks at Spring Arbor of Kinston again this year by filling stockings with goodies! Stockings and info available at the table in the Gathering Hall on December 2nd to be returned by December 16th. The stockings will be distributed at Spring Arbor during a Live Nativity on the 22nd.

Mission Trip Interest Meetings: We are going back to the D.R. next summer! There will be meetings, for those interested, held after the services of January 6th and the 13th (same meeting). If you want to know more, plan to attend. Contact ben@gracekinston.org

Discovering Grace: Interested in learning more about Grace Fellowship Church? Join us for this 7 week course starting January 27th at 9am (Sundays) to discover more about our vision, doctrine, core values and leadership. Contact Susan at susan@gracekinston.org to sign up.

Student Ministry

December - Book of James Series concludes

"A Real Faith is an Active Faith"

December 16 - The Mill's Christmas Party

Visit our website or QR code
for info on all events.



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Children's Ministry

Parents of young children, please visit the Children's Welcome Center for important information. Classes for newborns through age 3 begin at 10:30am. (The Seed Patch)

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are dismissed during the worship service to their classes (The Grove). If you are interested in serving, please call Kelly at 559.9229.

Club 345

This is a fun-filled ministry for grades 3-5. They meet each Sunday evening at church from 6-7:30pm to dive into Scripture and enjoy deepening friendships through games and great fellowship. Contact kent@gracekinston.org.

The Mill (Student Ministry)

The Mill Gathered: students in grades 6-12 gather at Grace on Sundays at 6:00pm (upstairs) for a time of Bible study, discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Come and join in the fun!

The Mill Scattered: The Mill facilitates one-on-one/small group mentorship between its students and older, mature Christians of the same gender. To learn more about being mentored, or if you are interested in serving as a mentor, contact Ben at the church office (522-5799).

Early Career Ministry

Seeking to connect recent high school graduates, college students, and 20-somethings beginning their careers and families to the life of Christ and the body of Grace. To learn more about this ministry, including upcoming functions, contact Austin@gracekinston.org

HouseChurch

A small group of adults growing together in Christ. Looking to join a HouseChurch? Contact Susan McKnight (522.5799) or any leader listed below.

Sunday Groups:

9:00am Jarman/Foster (521.5332)
6:00pm Fader (286.7096)

Monday:

7:00pm Edwards (560.9473)

Tuesday:

7:00pm Outland/Burge (522.5892)

Wednesday Groups:

7:00pm Tilghman (521.9077)
7:30pm Austin/ Albritton (527.0146)
7:30pm McArthur (747.8473) (Snow Hill)
7:30pm Gannett/Shepard (521.2653)
7:30pm Owens/Henderson (468.4714)
8:00pm Johnson/Corrigan (521.3533)

Grace Financial Update:

There is so much to give thanks for in 2018!

(1) Strong giving in the final quarter of the year, so far. We were \$98,000 behind budget at the end of August. As of end of November, we are now only \$66,000. We have put off some of the budgeted expenses, but others will need to be met. Pray for strong giving through year-end! And thank you for your continued support.

(2) Vision 2020 giving is \$539,000 in the last two years! We have one year left on this journey - let's watch as God does miracles. (debt free in 2019?)

(3) Our mortgage balance is down from \$550,000 2+ years ago, to 170,000 right now. This means a huge savings in our interest payments each year. And we are close to re-allocating our full monthly payment to ministry needs.

(4) We are closing in on launching the first two church planters (Gannetts and McDaniels), and they are already receiving funds for their plants-both from inside the body and from friends outside.

(5) As the Elders pray through the budget for 2019, we are anticipating that the Lord meets all of 2018's needs; but also that He directs us for next year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of November 28, 2018

General Giving:	\$585,989
Budget:	<u>\$652,300</u>
Excess/(Shortfall):	\$ (66,311)

V2020 Financial Update:

2016-17 Received:	\$416,433
2018 Received	<u>\$122,559</u>
Total V2020 Giving:	\$538,992

Mortgage 01/01/18	\$ 289,006
Mortgage 11/28/18	<u>\$ 170,745</u>
Principal Reduction	\$ 118,261

Online Giving

Give online securely at gracekinston.org.

Jason McKnight - Lead Pastor

Kent Henderson - Associate Pastor

Ben Hendrix- Pastor of Student Ministry

Kelly Taylor - Director of Children's Ministry

Austin Gannett- Pastor of Early Career and Church Planting

Susan McKnight- Director of Mobilization and Housechurch

April Goff - Administrator [admin@gracekinston.org]

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GFC Website:

Visit us at www.gracekinston.org to watch a sermon, connect to serving, see upcoming events and learn more about GFC! There are also links to Jason's blog, Facebook and Instagram.