

APRIL 2023

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

*April*

NEWSLETTER

*Easter Services*

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RISE  
7AM

BREAK  
FAST  
8AM

SMALL  
GROUPS  
9AM

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SHIP  
10:30  
AM

BORN AGAIN TO A

*living Hope*

# IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

## BIRTHDAYS

Sherman Johnson	4/1
Loydene Wilcoxson	4/03
Jere Womble	4/4
Yvonne Beasley	4/07
Charles Marcussen	4/9
Kelly Clower	4/13
Darlene Nicklow	4/14
Kettely Mauricette	4/14
Hannah Hunt	4/16
Amy Ferman	4/19
Traci Johnson	4/19
Janice Marcussen	4/21
Kimberly Foskey	4/22
Everette Copeland	4/23
Toby Dalton	4/23
Scott Jackson	4/24
Clarence Davidson	4/26
Tim Gallops	4/26
Tommy Moon	4/27
Beverly Sparkmon	4/29

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## Ladies Fellowship 04/18

*More Info on Highlights page*

## ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Janice Philippi	4/09
Jeff & Christy Parker	4/12
Ron & Suzanne Mohammed	4/13
TJ & Miranda Mitchell	4/14

PALM  
SUNDAY 4/02



**STAFF MEETINGS  
EVERY MONDAY  
10AM**

*If you can't reach us please leave a message and we will return your call promptly.*

# HIGHLIGHTS

Here's what's happening at Grace this month!

## Parent's Evening Out

APRIL 15th 3:00pm - 7:00PM

Parents, enjoy an evening out while your children enjoy an afternoon of activities and learning about God's Creation and new life as Spring unfolds!

Children will be fed dinner, so that you can continue to enjoy the evening when you get home!

PLEASE RSVP ON OUR WEBSITE

## Ladies of Grace

APRIL 18 11:30AM

*We will be making cards!*

BRING SCISSORS & GLUE  
BRING COVERED DISH LUNCHEON  
BRING A FRIEND!

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## Jubal Brass CONCERT

APRIL 13, 6:45PM

AT **GRACE** FELLOWSHIP

FREE ADMISSION

*Feat. The Grace Fellowship Choir*

RSVP TO OUR FACEBOOK EVENT ON OUR PAGE **GRACE FELLOWSHIP GREENSBORO**

Jubal  
Ministries

## EASTER EGG-HUNT and FAMILY FUN DAY! *April 8th 10:00am-11:30am*

**KONA  
ICE**

**COOKIE  
DECORATING**

**BOUNCE  
HOUSE**

**EASTER  
CRAFTS**

# GF YTH NEWS LETTER

GRACE FELLOWSHIP YOUTH

Wednesday Night Youth Service: Dinner & Fellowship at 6pm Service from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.  
Kids @ Grace Every Sunday from 9am - Worship

## KIDS COVE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please email Penny Callaway to help  
with nursery on Sunday Mornings

[penny@gracefellowship.ws](mailto:penny@gracefellowship.ws)

*Don't forget  
to sign-up!*

Feed the Youth Group  
on Wednesday Nights!

There is a calendar located in the church kitchen with  
wednesdays available to help us feed the youth group.

It's all hands on deck, and we are so grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers and  
want to help our church family get to know our Youth!

## HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Check calendar in Church Kitchen
2. Find an open Wednesday
3. Pick out your favorite meal
4. Cook, serve, have fun!

**You are welcome to bring all your supplies and use to Church Kitchen  
to prepare your food, we just ask that you help clean up after. Dinner  
starts at 6pm every Wednesday. We have some known allergies so we  
ask you to avoid nuts, peanut oils, and dairy!**  
Thank you so much for your willingness to serve!

If you have any questions please email [emily@gracefellowship.ws](mailto:emily@gracefellowship.ws) pg4

# ELDER UPDATE

## **Elder Communication for the April 2023 Newsletter**

The Elder Council met on March 14th. The Elders present were Brett Hansen, Bobby Thomas, David Torbert, Luke Miller. and Randy Scott. Nolan Callaway and Dave Christenson joined virtually. Staff present were Jimmy Long and Kevin Smith. Luke Miller led the devotion from Romans 6. February meeting notes were approved as submitted.

## **Financial Summary**

The elders reviewed the January Financial Statement. The elders discussed the recent Silicon Valley Bank collapse and implications that might result from this collapse as regional banks come under additional pressure. The elders agreed to ask the Financial Team to discuss and provide a recommendation back to the elder council regarding any changes to our current banking practices.

## **Family Assignments and Prayer Concerns**

The elders entered into a time of discussion of needs and prayer for the church body. The elders also discussed reactivating/reestablishing the Membership Restoration Team to reach out to those members who are no longer active.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Jimmy Long - Senior Pastor**

Planning is in full swing for Easter weekend. Our Evangelism/Outreach Team has taken the lead in scheduling a Community Egg Hunt. The event will take place on the Saturday before Easter from 10:00-11:30 am. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be activities like cookie decorating, and the plan is to have the Kona Ice truck here to treat all our guests. Of course, the heart of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus, and we will share that story with all the families who attend. This event will require the whole church join in by providing pre-filled candy eggs and volunteering.

On Easter Sunday, we will have a sunrise service communion service at 7:00am under the pavilion. The Dominican Republic Mission Team will provide a pancake breakfast before small group time, and donations will be accepted for those wishing to help the team members on the trip. In addition to a worship service celebrating the victory of Jesus, we will have a spot for families to take photos that day.

I have been working closely with the search teams seeking our two new staff positions. I am grateful for their commitment to prayer and their diligence in seeking out and evaluating candidates. Kevin Smith has been instrumental in helping us get job descriptions to the various institutions and outlets. I am deeply grateful for the prayers of the Grace family as we move forward in faith.

Our church and denomination are during our Easter Offering Emphasis named for Annie Armstrong. Our church goal is \$8000, and we hope to exceed this goal by Easter Sunday. All the funds raised through this offering go directly to missions efforts in North America with no associated overhead costs. In addition to the offering, we will have weekly video promotions in the worship services and a prayer guide has been made available.

# ELDER UPDATE

The message series for January focused on our mission, vision, and strategy. It was here that the newly revised strategic plan was shared with the church at large. A copy has been placed on the church website where it is accessible to members and guests at any time. My hope is that this document will be a key piece in moving Grace Fellowship forward.

Dates for the Wears Valley and Dominican Republic mission trips have been calendared, and we are working to complete our full summer schedule. This will include an evaluation of past ministry opportunities and an openness to doing new things in new ways.

## **Kevin Smith - Administrative Coordinator**

February was a normal month of business administration, meetings, building repairs (new water heater, roof repair, air conditioner repair), new cleaning company. Each week is always a wonderful week of ministry activities that are led by volunteers.

Grace fellowship has many members that serve on various teams and ministries that keep the church in great shape and always willing to minister in anyway. Let me encourage you to say thank you and pray for the following teams as they work through the year. You may not know the team members names, that's ok. Pray for each Team and their ministry area. It has been a blessing to work with all of these individuals and teams.

## **Financial Review Team**

The Financial Review Team has met and is moving forward on the fixed asset inventory. Joyce Glover has taken the leadership role with the team.

## **Search Team Updates**

The Discipleship Pastor Search Team has concluded its solicitation of resumes and is narrowing down its search to the most qualified candidates. The Worship and Community Outreach Pastor Search Team is continuing its search and making contact with candidates. Please continue to pray for God's leading for the search teams and for the candidates.

**Randy Scott** adjourned with prayer.