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Upcoming Opportunities:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat.

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
at 7:00 pm**

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

March 01 at 11:30 am

March 02 at 6:30 pm

March 06 at 5:00 pm

March 06 thru 13

Noon Devotional on Facebook Live

1 & 2 Thessalonians Bible Study led by Pastor Marc

Facebook Prayer Meeting

Zoom Prayer Meeting

GPBC Book Club led by Pastor Marc

Widows / Single Women Luncheon at Harbor Inn

Ash Wednesday Service

Deacon Meeting via Zoom

Week of Prayer for North American Missions



***Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead
one hour on Sunday, March 13th.***



I have a rather short list when it comes to the number of things I truly despise. Daylight Savings Time features very prominently on that list. The unlimited hubris humans possess to believe we can fiddle around with time is astounding. Some of you may be thinking “slow down Marc, time is a human construct” and I would agree with you partially. The uniformity we seek through human constructed time zones is meant to enable better communications and facilitate commerce. Yet even time zones lack immunity from our hubris. A great example is China which spans five geographic time zones while only recognizing one time zone for the entire nation. It should be noted though that regardless of what time we may say it is, the processes of nature are never bound by our clocks. We are powerless to hasten the sun’s rise or delay its setting. One farmer put it succinctly during a Congressional debate on Daylight Savings Time when he stated that the dew would evaporate on Standard Time whether we are on Savings Time or not. Clearly then, nature operates on an unchanging rhythm to which we would do well to align ourselves.

Why am I choosing to speak to this you may be wondering with more urgent matters facing the world? The simple answer is that our playing God with time is not limited to the time to which we set our clocks. We are continuously trying to turn back time to a supposed easier sphere of life or we are trying to push time ahead with the ease of simply resetting a clock. By doing so we fall prey to the same problems which perpetuate Daylight Savings Time. The argument is often made that Savings Time is necessary to conserve energy and lessen traffic fatalities, yet studies consistently show this is not the case. How can these fallacies continue to be maintained in light of such evidence? Our answer is found in the basis for why we still refer to the “good old days” that were neither good nor easy. They were filled with as much suffering and affliction as now; we simply choose to ignore them as we do the science against Daylight Savings Time. We prefer to fiddle with our memories as much as we do time.

Likewise, studies continuously show the physical, mental, and emotional toil that jumping back and forth in time each Spring and Fall cause us. Our body clocks simply cannot handle such desynchronization. If our emotional well being is so tied to these clocks, imagine the toil we are imposing when we are always seeking and failing to advance the clock ahead so that we may escape trouble, hard work, and difficulties. We all desire for things in life to improve over night, but our failure to mark time to the rhythm that God has set will only leave us frustrated and angry. It is particularly true when it comes to church culture and church growth. Yet, if we choose to leave time to the Ancient of Days and allow ourselves to be continuously in the present, we will find the sweet nectar of God’s grace abounding in and through us. Let us resolve to do just that and find ourselves made whole, leading lives of abundance as we seek to irradicate spiritual Daylight Savings Time from our lives. And if you choose to write legislators to legally repeal Daylight Savings Time, I would be eternally grateful. ☺

Grace Abounds,
Marc

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was started in 1895 by Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU’s first national executive leader. Today, over \$1 billion has been given through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. All gifts—100%—support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries across the U.S. and Canada. Every dollar given goes to train and resource thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

The annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is officially the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday, March 6-13, 2022. The 2022 theme is “United”. The scripture verse is 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

We have enclosed the 2022 Prayer Guide for your use.



What Is Lent?

The Lenten season from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday is set aside in the Christian year as time of reflection and renewal. It is marked by prayer, repentance, and fasting from things that distract us from our pursuit of sanctification. It is intended to mirror the 40 days Jesus spent in the Wilderness and it prepares us to receive afresh the news of the risen Christ on Easter Sunday. We will begin our observances during our Ash Wednesday service on March 2. Let us take time now to renew ourselves as we prepare for a glorious Easter.

New Members

We welcome Diane and David Stalls to our GPBC family. They joined the membership on February 06, 2022.

Their address is: 2633 Keck Drive
Burlington, NC 27215
(336) 226-2559

Birthdays are: David September 15
Diane October 24



New Staff Member

We welcome The Reverend Dale Cain to our church staff as Interim Pastor of Worship Arts.

Dale is a native of Alamance County and became a member of Grove Park in 1977 and left in 1986 after college. He rejoined in 2014 where he has been active in a number of areas including music, technology and even pulpit supply. Dale has an undergraduate degree in Religion from Campbell University, a Teaching Certificate from Greensboro College and Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has ministry experience as a Senior Pastor as well as in Music and Youth. Dale's passion is music and worship where he has a wide swath of styles he enjoys. In addition to his numerous years in ministry, Dale has spent the last 20+ years in public education working for Alamance-Burlington as a technology teacher and a technology coordinator / webmaster.

Dale believes that all worship should be Christ-centered while offering a blended approach to reach broad demographic groups. He views the role of ministers in the local church is to lead people, both inside and outside the church, into an ever-deepening personal relationship with God. Ministers fulfill this role through a balanced program of personal growth, congregational service, and community evangelism. While staff ministers are called to lead in specific areas of ministry; their ministries must always be seen as a component of the overall mission of the church. He is excited to support Marc and minister to the entire congregation.



Senior Adult Lunch and Learn Series

“Get the Scoop” - Alamance Eldercare
Come Find out What you may be Missing!

Thursday, March 3rd
11:00 am—1:00 pm
Holly Hill Baptist Church
2818 Edgewood Avenue, Burlington

Sign up is required!

Deadline to sign up is February 28th

336-226-0249

Important: If Leaving a Voicemail Message
Please leave your name along
with a contact number,
and the number attending.



They will be serving boxed lunches from Chick-Fil-A, so they must know how many are coming to place the order for lunches. ALSO, the people at Alamance Eldercare bring goodies, so they need to know how many folks are coming so they have enough swag to give everyone who attends.

Ministers On Call for the Month of March:

March 03 thru 06	Deacon Jim Etheridge
March 10 thru 13	Deacon Bob Webster
March 17 thru 20	Deacon Joan Smith
March 24 thru 27	Deacon Earl Hudson
March 31 thru April 03	Deacon Marian Brewer

(Our Known)
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jerome Moore	March 02
Alton Apple	March 05
David Helms	March 05
Marian Brewer	March 08
Shelly Sapp	March 08
David Johnson	March 09
Ellen Andrews	March 11
Chuck Fujiwara	March 11
Pat McIntyre	March 11
Karen Auth	March 12
Derek Denard	March 14
Rosemarie Goslen	March 14
Joy Cain	March 17
Larry Canada	March 17
Eliza Turner	March 18
Caleb Warren	March 19
Gracie Williamson	March 19
Lindsay Denard	March 20
Betty Joplin	March 20
Kay Dunn	March 24
Howard Hayes	March 25
Shirley Bentley	March 26
Anne Latham	March 28
Reid Abernathy (103rd)	March 29

