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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat.

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

at 7:00 pm

at 7:00 pm

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

May 03 at 11:30 am

at 6:00 pm

May 04 at Noon

May 05 at 11:00 am

May 08 at 10:00 am

May 15 at 6:00 pm

May 16 at 7:00 pm

May 17 — 6:30am-7:30pm

at 7:30 pm

May 22 at 5:00 pm

Noon Devotional on Facebook Live

2 Thessalonians Bible Study led by Pastor Marc

Facebook Prayer Meeting

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Choir Rehearsal (unless otherwise noted)

GPBC Book Club

Widow's / Single Ladies Luncheon at Harbor Inn

Deacon Fellowship in Lamplighter's Class

ROMEO's (Real Old Men Eating Out) Lunch at

South Bound Sandwich Shop

Older Adults Ministry Lunch & Learn at FBC-Graham

Baptist Women's Day

The Churchmen Bluegrass Gospel Concert with

Guest Speaker Retired K-9 Officer Sean Houle

Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom

Statewide Primary Election

Alamance Chorale "Peace For The Soul" at First Presbyterian

Church, 508 W. Davis St., Burlington

Quarterly Church Conference

The Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of Grove Park Baptist Church | May 2022

Recently, North Carolina's best defensive player, Leaky Black, announced his return to next year's team by reading a letter to his freshman self. I thought about that letter as I was on campus last week attending a band alumni event and wondered what I would say if I wrote a letter to my freshman self from this point 25 years in the future. The idea of such a letter has expanded in my mind over the ensuing days as I thought of the number of letters I could write at any given point in time. For instance, as I approach the end of my fourth year at Grove Park what would I say to the newly arrived pastor in 2018. To be sure, there are always going to be specific instances you may want to point out, but overall, I have realized that the letters could all have basic points that each of us need to hear. To that end, here is a letter from some point in the future to today's Grove Park.

Beloved,

What an adventure you are about to go on! I could share all the details, but really you would not believe half of it if I told you. So, let me share a few things you need to remember that will help you not simply get through, but thrive in these coming years. First, its going to be better than ok. There are going to be days where you wonder if it will be, but trust me the same God who brought you this far so faithfully will be the one who carries you so faithfully through all of this. Your ability to trust His plan will be supremely important.

Secondly, you may believe you know the whole plan, but be honest you do not. There is a tremendous amount of mystery when it comes to faith walking and you must be comfortable with that (see previous point). Rest assured, there will be many unexpected events occurring. Resist the urge to demonize all of them and determine to find the opportunity God is affording in each. There has never been an instance where light has remained obscure even amid pitched darkness (John 1:5), we must simply be open to perceiving it.

Some of the things you will be encountering will be scary, especially because some you have relied on in the past no longer will be present to help you now. Remember what Mr. Rogers said during times like this, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." God will always provide helpers; we must simply be open to allowing them to help. Likewise, we should ever recall that lamenting the loss of previous helpers encumbers and hampers those God has placed to help us now.

Finally, let me assure you that the best is yet to come. The things God is going to do through our fellowship defy understanding, some I still do not understand how He did it. Be encouraged Grove Park, be encouraged. I wish I knew at the time you are at presently what I know now, that your path is bright and verdant. Obstacles are even now being removed that have previously slowed you. Keep the course. Oh, I would be remiss if I did not add one last thing. I know it might seem trite, but I know now more than ever....

Grace Abounds,
Marc



Tempo

One of the more challenging things in music leadership is establishing the correct tempo for the song. A slow song played fast seems out of control, while a fast song done slowly just drags. All the notes can be exactly correct, but if the tempo is wrong, the whole song will be off.

I like it when the composer gives an idea about what the tempo should be. Some give general directions, like “moderately fast.” Others give very specific directions, like a quarter note = 70 beats per minute. The more exact the directions, the more likely I am to lead at the correct tempo - and the song works better.

Galatians 5:25 says, *If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.* For me, this verse is talking about tempo. Keeping in step with the Spirit means we move at His tempo, not ours.

It's so easy to go faster than God wants. This happens when we get an idea or direction from God, and we immediately take off without checking to see if the timing is correct. We do the right thing, but at the wrong time - and the result is that we don't get the full result God has in mind.

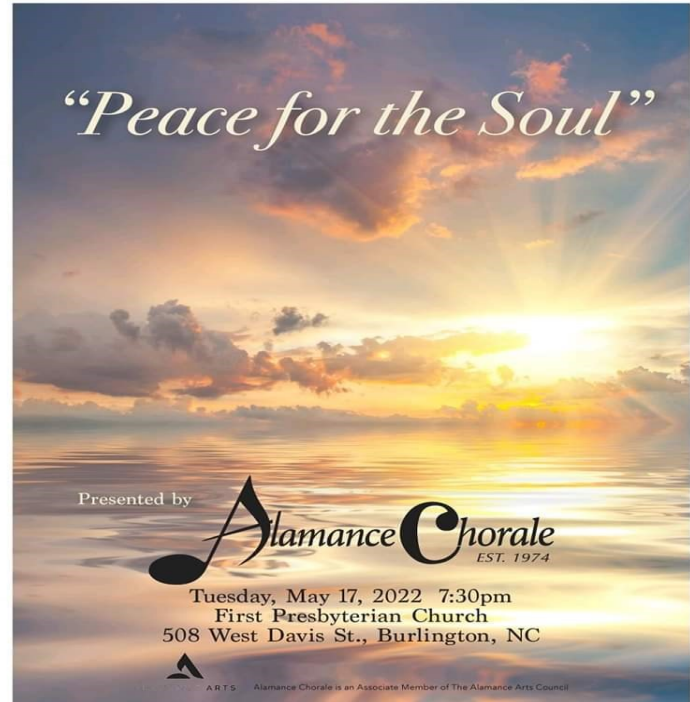
The other way we can err is to drag behind His timing. We can sense His leading, but we just don't move when we should. By the time we get moving, the moment has passed, and again, we don't get the full result God has in mind.

I wish I could tell you how to avoid either dragging behind or running ahead of God. I struggle with this myself. My best suggestion is to make this a matter of your daily talk with God. “God, please show me what to do - and please show me when to do it. Help me not to run ahead or to drag behind You. Help me to keep in step with the Spirit, walking at Your tempo and not mine.”

When we follow our Composer's directions, doing what He wants, when He leads, things work so much better.

Dale

“Peace for the Soul”



Presented by
Alamance Chorale
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Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
508 West Davis St., Burlington, NC

ARTS Alamance Chorale is an Associate Member of The Alamance Arts Council

The Alamance Chorale is proud to present their spring 2022 program, “Peace for the Soul”, on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 508 West Davis Street, Burlington, NC.

The program will consist of the “Requiem” by Gabrielle Fauré, arranged by John Rutter, as well as other accompanying pieces.

First Presbyterian Church has a magnificent sanctuary pipe organ comprised of 51 ranks of pipes (approximately 2,400 pipes) and this beautiful instrument, along with the various orchestral instruments will combine with choral singing in a performance you won't want to miss!

THE CHURCHMEN

<http://thechurchmen.com/>

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH AT 6 PM

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Guest Speaker: Retired K-9 Officer Sean Houle

Now A Chaplain with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team

Enjoy an evening of music, fellowship, and inspiration.

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The SOUND of MUSIC

June 10th - July 24th 2022

GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH S.I.A.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 - MATINEE

Leave Grove Park Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. and return around 6:00 pm.

Cost: \$57 (checks payable to GPBC) due on or before May 1st


Includes: Meal, Show, Tax, Gratuity

If you should have to cancel, you will need to find someone to take your place or, if we have a waiting list, we can pull from there.
(SIA is obligated for 20 seats and we cannot refund.)

Sign up and pay Mrs. Pat McIntyre on or before May 1st to reserve your place.

We want to be able to recognize our graduates in June.

Please let the church office know of any graduates we have, where they are graduating from and degrees they are receiving. This information needs to be received no later than May 15th.



•BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY•

Please join us on May 8th at

10:00 a.m. for


Baptist Women's Day.

Mrs. Eliza Sanders will be

our morning speaker.

ROMEO's

We have a new lunch group, the ROMEO's (Real Old Men Eating Out). They will meet at Noon on May 4th at Southbound Sandwich Shop. Southbound is located at 3328 South Church Street in the Correct Time Plaza. If you are male and reading this, you qualify as a ROMEO, so make plans to join. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Webster.



WIDOW'S / SINGLE WOMEN SUPPORT LUNCHEON


The Widow's / Single Women Support Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at Harbor Inn.

All widows and single ladies are invited. Please make plans to join us on the 5th of April.



Ministers On Call for the Month of May:

May 05 thru May 08	Deacon Jim Etheridge
May 12 thru May 15	Deacon Bob Webster
May 19 thru May 22	Deacon George Britton
May 26 thru May 29	Deacon Joan Smith



(Our Known)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Traci Williamson	May 02
Michele McIntyre	May 05
James Rudd	May 05
Gene Willets	May 09
Hazel Latham	May 10
Charlotte Fitzgerald	May 11
David McMillan	May 12
Ivey Toy	May 22
Rodger Roach	May 23
Judy Roach	May 25
Lynnette Warren	May 28
Steve Shambley	May 31

