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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon., Wed., Thurs.

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Thursdays 7:00 pm

Sundays 5:00 pm

October 05 Noon

October 07

October 08 1:30 pm

October 10 7:00 pm

October 17 7:00 pm

October 20 11:00 am

October 22 4:00-7:00 pm

October 25 10:30 am

October 28

Noon Devotional on Facebook Live

Bible Study on the Maskils

Facebook Prayer Meeting

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Choir Rehearsal

GPBC Book Club (Searching for Sunday)

Family Hour

ROMEO's Lunch at Southbound Sandwich Shop

Fifth Quarter following Williams High School Football Game

Youth Gelly Ball (Meet at Ground Zero)

Finance Committee (in person)

NC Baptist Singers & Orchestra Worship Concert at GPBC

SIA Program and Lunch

Fall Festival

Properties Committee

Fifth Quarter following Williams High School Football Game

The Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH | OCTOBER 2022

It is estimated that Americans will spend \$3 billion dollars on candy in celebration of Halloween this year. Yes, \$3 BILLION! What an amazing amount of Reece's Peanut Bars and Kit Kats children (and adults) will have to satisfy their sweet tooth and we really have one man to thank for this, Milton Hershey. Milton Hershey is the namesake founder of a chocolate empire located in the gently rolling meadows near Harrisburg, PA. I recently read an amazing biography of Hershey and discovered several amazing themes throughout his life that would behoove us to imitate. First, Hershey dreamed big dreams. Anyone who has ever visited Hershey, PA is struck by the fact that the town only exists because it is where Hershey decided after much exploration to build his chocolate factory. Yet, he did not simply build a factory, he built an entire town, by designing and financing its public works, roads, schools, businesses, churches and placing in the center of it a home for children from difficult and broken backgrounds.

Now, some may say point to other "factory towns" and philanthropic endeavors and ask what's the big deal, this should not be defined as dreaming big. Yet, when it is understood that Hershey began buying the properties and building his first factory before he had even discovered the recipe for the milk chocolate that made him famous, it becomes apparent that he not only dreamed big, he dared greatly. How foolish some may think, but is not this the life of faith? Are we not instructed again and again throughout Scripture to dream big about what God can do in our world and to dare greatly to achieve that? Such is the prayer of Paul to Ephesus when he states, "Now unto Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" and do we think that very same power is absent from our lives? Let us resolve to ask God to give us big dreams for God's Kingdom and dare greatly to achieve them with every Hershey kiss we unwrap.

It should be noted that Hershey never employed big marketing hijinks that were common practices in his day to increase his product's market share. He relied on the quality of his product and would never shrink from making every effort to ensure his chocolate had the finest ingredients. In fact, he was so concerned about his ability to get quality sugar that he scouted and later purchased two huge areas of Cuba to grow sugar and went so far as to build a railroad to these locations so that the sugar could be shipped to Hershey efficiently. Again, I can hear you think, Marc that's just business. How is it that we can understand this concept through the eyes of business and fail to understand the exact same thing through the eyes of faith. We are called to give our very best to God and that includes the product of faith, evangelism, and service in our lives. It never ceases to amaze me how often people contribute things they wouldn't eat to food drives but expect others to just because they are in difficult circumstances. God desires us to make every effort to have the finest fruits of faith.

Finally, the thing that shocked me most about Hershey is that his entrepreneurial spirit never dimmed. He never grew upset at what many of us would consider a "waste" of resources as he sought to create new products, he just kept trying. Even more impressive to me is that he kept experimenting with the creation of new candies and products right up until his death. Many of us quit trying new things the older we get. Quite honestly, we grow set in our ways, or at least I do, with set ideas about what we like and do not like and pity the person who offers something new. One of the hardest things I have encountered so far as I have returned to school is the increase in technology use over the last 20 years. It has left me grumbling often to Eliza and yet, when I look at Hershey's life and the lives of so many saints I know, I get that ever so slight shove to go and try new things and experience God's grace in new and deeper ways. I hope as you bring your candy to the church for Fall Festival and even indulge in some delectable chocolates yourself, you will think of these themes from Hershey's life, a life shaped by deep faith, and seek to incorporate them into your faith journey and experience a fresher and sweeter walk with God.

Grace Abounds, Marc

Join us for a

WORSHIP
CONCERT

Led by the

NC BAPTIST
SINGERS &
ORCHESTRA


Monday | 17 October 2022 | 7:00 pm
Orchestra prelude begins at 6:45 pm

Grove Park Baptist Church
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Seniors In Action Program and Lunch

Please join us Thursday, October 20th at 11:00 p.m. for knowledge and lunch!! Our guest speaker will be Tammy McKee, Care Manager/Family Caregiver Support Program, with Alamance ElderCare. Alamance ElderCare is committed to helping our community age well. Their programs and services are intended to maximize the health and well-being of older adults.



Lunch at Noon from Chic-Fil-A. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, or you can call the church office. 336-227-2910. You must sign up no later than October 16 so we can place our order.

Ministers On Call for the Month of October:

Sept. 29 thru Oct. 2

Deacon Jim Etheridge

Oct. 06 thru Oct. 09

Deacon Larry Dodson

Oct. 13 thru Oct. 16

Deacon George Britton

Oct. 20 thru Oct. 23

Deacon Earl Hudson

Oct. 27 thru Oct. 30

Deacon Marian Brewer

(Our Known)

October Birthdays

Bob Andrews

October 03

Nancy Webster

October 03

Michelle Bruner

October 04

Jennie Palmer

October 04

Donna Lawson

October 06

Bob Webster

October 07

Sharon King

October 10

Janna Davis

October 11

Joan Smith

October 11

Randy Dunn

October 15

Tyler Beam-Lawson

October 16

Julie Bogart

October 21

Luke Haithcock

October 21

Diane Stalls

October 24

Wallace Wood

October 24

Mitchell Denard

October 26

Jean Vines

October 26

George Britton

October 27



Audience (Part Two)

In last month’s article, we talked about a common misconception about who is the correct audience in worship. The people in the pulpit are not performing for the audience in the pews. Rather, all of us, both in the pulpit and the pew, are performing for our Audience of One. When we sing, we sing for Him. When we pray, we pray to Him. When we talk, we are sharing His message. When we listen to people speak, we are listening to hear what He is saying to us. When we fellowship, we share His love.

If we want to please our Audience of One, it would be wise to find out what kind of worship He enjoys and what He doesn’t.

Let’s start with what God does not look for in worship. I am convinced that He does not care at all about our style of music. We may have strong opinions about whether we like traditional or contemporary music. We may enjoy a quiet, contemplative environment or a loud, expressive experience. That matters to us, but it simply does not matter to Him. If you don’t believe me, look at the Psalms; they talk about praising Him with loud, clashing cymbals (Psalm 150:5) and about calming and quieting my soul (Psalm 131:2).

What does God care about in our worship? Jesus tells us in John 4. During His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well, she asks Him about worship. He replies, *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him* (v. 23). God wants true worshipers; that’s what He cares about the most.

To truly worship, we need to worship Him in spirit. To me, worshiping in spirit means we worship from the deepest part of our being. Let’s be honest; much of our worship never reaches this level. We often worship without truly feeling anything. That’s not good. Worshiping in spirit involves elation and sadness, grief and joy, peace and upheaval. Now, I’m not advocating for worship that is all emotions, all the time. That’s as much of an error as not having any emotions at all.

To truly worship, we need to worship Him in truth. Worshiping in truth means we worship with our minds. It involves taking the time to learn what we believe; deeply thinking about the messages that are expressed through preaching, music, prayer, and conversation; applying those messages to what we are experiencing in our daily lives; and even changing our beliefs and actions as God speaks to us through worship. Worship must not be coldly analytical, but it also must not be brainless.

Worship without emotion is not what God enjoys. We are emotional beings, and if our emotions are never expressed in worship, we’re leaving out part of ourselves and not giving Him our all.

Worship without thought is also not what God enjoys. One of the things that separates us from lower creatures is our ability to reflect on our lives and to change our behavior based on that reflection. If we don’t do that in worship, we are leaving out part of ourselves and not giving Him our all.

To give Him our all in worship, we need to engage minds and hearts, spirit and truth. That is the kind of worship that our Audience of One truly enjoys.

Dale



FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

4PM - 7 PM

WE NEED PEOPLE TO WORK IN CANDYLAND, AS GAME ATTENDANTS, GREETERS, AND FOOD ATTENDANTS!

SIGN-UP TO HELP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



JUST FOR
CHILDREN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Gelly Ball / Meet at Ground Zero at 1:30 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Make plans to stay after church for lunch and then travel with us to Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill.

No Family Hour at 5 pm. on November 13th.