

Preaching Christ and Building His Church

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## Give Thanks Unto The Lord!

### The Pastor's Pen



Beloved Ones in Christ,

Greetings in Jesus' wonderful Name (see Judges 13:18, NKJV). And indeed it is! Isaiah writes that the Lord is our Judge, our Lawgiver, and our King (Is. 33:22). As our Judge His judgments are always fair. As our Lawgiver His laws are always good. And as our King is sovereign and His decrees are always perfect. But that is not all the Isaiah says. He concludes the verse by saying, "He will save us!" The Great Judge, Lawgiver, and King is also the great Savior from sin! Oh, mighty, gracious Savior-King, may we bow and worship you always.

Dear Ones, please allow me to sermonize just a bit today. I have been gripped by a truth in recent months that so many of God's people need to hear. It spawns from 2 Peter 3: 17-18. Space will not permit us to include the verses here, so please take a minute to look it up and read it. (Finished?) Peter warns his readers in these verses to beware of falling from their own steadfastness by being led away by the error of the wicked. And then he makes the great contrast. **BUT**, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And here's the spiritual takeaway. If you are not growing, you are wilting! You are always either growing stronger or weaker in your commitment to Jesus.

I see this all the time. I see older Christians who once were active in church, once excited about their faith, and now they are just filling a pew or have dropped out of church altogether. They have numerous excuses, but the reality is that the fire for Jesus that was once aglow in their souls is now burning low.

I have a friend whose father was a pastor, and when my friend was about 12 years old her father left his family (a wife and five children) to begin a new life with a new wife. Well, things did not turn out as well for this man as he had hoped. He lost the loving relationship he had with all of his children. One of his children became a drug/alcohol addict and was shot to death in self defense by his own son. The man's new life with his new wife lasted only about 20 years before she died. And the man finally died of old age in a nursing home. But not long before his death he confessed to a grandson that he did not know if he even believed in God.

What happened? Just like Peter warned, somewhere, ever so slowly, even unnoticed by him, he began to drift away with the error of the wicked. And the end of the road was destruction.

Oh, beloved, never stop growing! Run to the Word each day. Run to the church on Sundays and Wednesdays. These two are both indispensable to your spiritual health. And as you do, the older you get Proverbs 4:18 will apply to you: "The path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines brighter unto the perfect day". That is, it gets brighter and brighter and better and better.

Much Love in Jesus,

Bro. Mike

### Musical Notes



On Nov. 22, Grant's Creek Baptist Church will host a community wide Thanksgiving Service during the evening worship time. Our choir will be singing, a choir from another church will sing, and all the choirs from the attending churches will join together to sing in a mass choir. What a great time of Praise and Worship! What a great time to become a part of the choir! Let me encourage you to sing with us, if you enjoy good music and fellowship with other Christians. Choir practice begins at 7:30 on Wednesday. Hope to see you there!

Bro. Jerry Keel



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## *Grant's Creek Baptist Church Staff*

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## *Service Opportunities*

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**SUNDAY ~**  
Sunday School—9:45 am  
Worship—11:00 am  
Children's Classes — 6:30 pm  
Evening Worship—5:30 pm  
Discipleship Training—6:30 pm

**TUESDAY ~**  
Men's Prayer Meeting—9:00 am CLC

**WEDNESDAY ~**  
Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm  
Youth/Children's Activities—6:30 pm  
Adult Choir Practice—7:30 pm

Wacky Wednesday - 6:15-7:15 pm

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## *For the Record*

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### October

Weekly Budget Requirement— \$ 5,705.49  
Average weekly offering — \$ 5,603.38  
Year-to-Date receipts — \$243,135.36  
Avg. Sunday School Attendance — 121  
Discipleship Training Attendance — NA

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## *Website*

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Audio files from the Sunday morning sermons are now available online.

[www.grantscreekbaptist.org](http://www.grantscreekbaptist.org)

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## *Activities and Events Calendar*

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**Nov. 11** Church Office Closed - Veterans Day  
**Nov. 15** Operation Christmas Child Deadline for Shoeboxes  
**Nov. 16** Community Wide Prayer Meeting  
**Nov. 17** B.A.L.L. Priester's Pecan Trip  
**Nov. 22** Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner at GCBC  
**Nov. 26-27** Office Closed For Thanksgiving

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## *Up Coming Events / Announcements*

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*Community Wide  
Prayer Meeting*

*Grant's Creek Baptist Church  
November 16th, 7:00 p.m.*

***B. A. L. L.***  
***November 17***  
***Day Trip To***  
***Priester's Pecans***  
***30 miles south of***  
***Montgomery***  
***Leaving at 8:30 a.m.***

*Community Wide  
Thanksgiving Service*

*November 22, 2015*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Grant's Creek Baptist Church*

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## Children's Activities Schedule

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### **Wacky Wednesday Nights**

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. — Children's and Preschool classes

### **Sunday Nights**

#### **1st - 6th grade**

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. — Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills in Bruce's large room Church Basement

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. — Music Makers in the youth room

#### **Preschool**

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. — Music in choir room

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. — Class