

# The Grant's Creek Baptist Messenger

Preaching Christ and Building His Church

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## God Is Love

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### The Pastor's Pen



Beloved Ones in Christ,

How good it is to write to you today in Jesus' wonderful Name. As we march on in to 2016 we have many praises and much to look forward to. Our Back2Basics basketball program is going great again this year. We are so thankful for the involvement of Coach Jerome Elliott and the Sipsey Valley High School girl's team. They are a joy to have around! And of course, many thanks to Marty and Jackie for doing such a great job running the program so well each year, and also for Bro. Jerry's help, as well as some of our youth. God is being glorified!

Please remember to get your tickets for our First Love banquet, which is on Sunday night, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker is Dr. Randall Ashley, from the Hartselle area. We will have a delicious meal and some good entertainment as well. It will be a treat for the whole family, and you can't beat the price (\$5 a ticket, \$15 for families). Each year we take an offering for a special need, and this year our offering will go to our proposed new church sign. The cost of the sign is about \$7000. I trust that you'll give a liberal gift to this worthy cause.

Easter will be early this year (March 27<sup>th</sup>), and Bro. Jerry and our choir are already working on an inspiring program to be presented on Palm Sunday evening. And we pray that Easter Sunday will be a great day of worship and salvation. Please be looking forward to this exciting time and get involved however you can in reaching people for these services.

We welcome Aron and Ashley Leonard to the family of God at Grant's Creek, along with Addison and Ayden as well. They've already been a blessing to us, and we look forward to more great days ahead.

Beloved, our King is forever worthy of all of our praises and love. May He find us faithful! It remains a joy and an honor to be your pastor.

Bro. Mike

### Musical Notes



#### A Few Definitions of Worship

Webster's - Extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem.

Wikipedia - Worship is an act of religious devotion usually directed towards a deity. An act of worship may be performed individually, in an informal or formal group, or by a designated leader.

Utmost.org. - ( I think this one is the best) Worship is giving God the best that He has given you. Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to Him as a love-gift. Take time to meditate before God and *offer the blessing back to Him in a deliberate act of worship*. If you hoard it for yourself, it will turn into spiritual dry rot, as the manna did when it was hoarded (see Exodus 16:20). God will never allow you to keep a spiritual blessing completely for yourself. It must be given back to Him so that He can make it a blessing to others.

Join us every Sunday as we worship the One who has blessed us so much.

Bro. Jerry Keel



## Grant's Creek Baptist Church Staff

Bro. Michael Griffin, Pastor  
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## Service Opportunities

**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

**1st & 3rd TUESDAY ~**  
Men's Prayer Meeting—9:30 am at the home of Tommy Wood

**2nd, 4th & 5th 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

## For the Record

Jan. 1 - Jan.. 30  
Weekly Budget Requirement— \$ 6,185.01  
Average weekly offering — \$ 5,024.77  
Year-to-Date receipts — \$ 20,099.06  
Avg. Sunday School Attendance — 121  
Discipleship Training Att. — 0

## Website



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

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

## Activities and Events Calendar

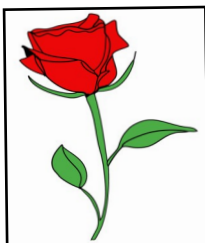
**Feb. 08** Women Alone Ministry  
**Feb. 09** B.A.L.L. - Going to El Patrons Mexican Restaurant  
**Feb. 14** First Love Banquet - Speaker: Randall Ashley  
**Feb. 26-27** GBEKA Base Camp

## Up Coming Events / Announcements



### Back2Basics

January 9 - February 28, 2015



### Women Alone Ministry

February 8, 2016  
at 11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Brad Law  
Moody Radio Station



**BALL** will meet for lunch at El Patrons Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, February 9 at 11:30. They are next to Fosters Food Land Supermarket. No bus since they are so close. Hope you will join us.



### First Love Banquet

February 14th at 6:00 p.m.  
Tickets will be \$5.00 per ticket or \$15.00 per family.  
Randall Ashley, speaker



## GBEKA BASE CAMP

Feb 26-27, 2016 COST \$30.00

## Children's Activities Schedule

### 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