

# The Gran's Creek Baptist Messenger

Preaching Christ and Building His Church

Where There's A Place For You!

## AUGUST 2016

### Praise The Lord!

#### The Pastor's Pen



Dearest Ones in Christ,

It is hard to believe that summer vacation is almost over! My goodness, how time flies when you're having fun. I trust that you had some time to get away or at least kick back and relax a bit during these days.

As always, at this time of the year we are gearing up for the new church year in coming weeks. The new church year is always a good time to make new commitments to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of you have taken on responsibilities to serve Him through your church. I pray that you will do whatever you do with all the zeal of your heart for the glory of God! Beloved, He is worthy! And what a privilege He has given us to be His co-laborers (2 Cor. 6:1).

This Sunday (July 31<sup>st</sup>) we begin our annual children's camp. We have a camp full – about 25 campers and 10 counselors. PLEASE pray that God will move in a mighty way in the lives of these precious children. And I praise God for a church and staff that sees the value of such times to make it happen!

Precious brothers and sisters, these are perilous times for followers of Jesus, I mean, those who are taking up their cross daily to follow Him (Luke 9:23). So let us all heed the words of Jude today, "But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 20). Amen and amen.

Much Love in Jesus,

Bro. Mike

#### Musical Notes



There is an old song that we sing occasionally called "Old Time Religion". One of the verses says that when I accept Christ it "Makes me love everybody". Not just those who love me (that's easy) but those who don't love me, those folks I don't like, even those folks who have hurt me.

Listen to the challenge in the first line of this old hymn *I Love Thee, I Love Thee*:

*I love Thee, I love thee, I love Thee my Lord,  
I love Thee my Savior, I love Thee My God  
I love Thee, I love Thee and that Thou doest know;  
But how much I love Thee, my actions will show.*

Lord help us that the songs we sing are reflected in the lives we live. Help us to love everybody!

Bro. Jerry

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
John 13:34-35

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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

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

July 01 - July 24

Weekly Budget Requirement— \$ 6,185.01  
Average weekly offering — \$ 5,181.01  
Year-to-Date receipts — \$ 178,599.16  
Avg. Sunday School Attendance — 99

## Website & Facebook



Audio files from the Sunday morning sermons are available online.  
[www.grantscreekbaptist.org](http://www.grantscreekbaptist.org)

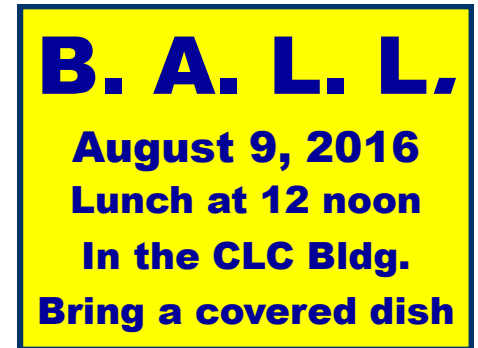


Sermon Video of the Sunday morning sermons will be posted to Grants Creek facebook page

## Activities and Events Calendar

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| <b>Aug 01-03</b> | <b>Kidz Kamp - Camp Tuscooba</b>                        |
| <b>Aug 09</b>    | <b>B.A.L.L. -- Lunch at 12:00 noon in the CLC Bldg.</b> |
| <b>Aug 15</b>    | <b>Community Wide Prayer Meeting—Zion Hill AME</b>      |
| <b>Aug 24</b>    | <b>Business Meeting</b>                                 |
| <b>Aug 26</b>    | <b>Women Alone Ministry</b>                             |

## Up Coming Events / Announcements



*A representative from the Sheriff's Department spoke at our last meeting. He provided useful information about the Yellow Dot Program and how to keep our homes safe from intruders. We look forward to seeing you on August 26th.*

## 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 large room of 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