Sabbath Rest (Everybody gets tired)

One morning a sleepy husband said to his wife, "I know it’s Sunday but I’m not going to church."

His wife replied, "Yes you are!" I’ll give you three good reasons why you are going to church:
1. Going to church is good for you. It keeps you connected to God.
2. When we married we agreed that in our family we go to church. It’s what we do.
3. Lastly, you have to go because - YOU are the preacher!

Everybody gets tired! Sunday School teachers, Youth workers, even Preachers... God built rest into the way things were meant to be.

I know when I mention Sabbath these days it sounds to our ears a little like Puritan talk, or Quaker speak. As in, “Brother Smith will you be present at Sabbath meeting next fortnight?” It’s not the way we talk, not the way we think; but just like vitamin D for our bones - we need Sabbath rest - whether we know it or not.

When I was coming along - state laws echoed scripture. Sunday was set apart for Sabbath rest. Nothing nonessential was open for business. The world was strangely still. We now have another script. Our culture has changed. The culture doesn’t do Sabbath anymore. The new message is no days are special. No one needs rest. No one needs to focus on God at all. Now there is very little down time and very little rest.

From African colonial history comes this interesting tale:
In the deep jungles of Africa a traveler was making a long trip. Native porters had been hired to carry the loads. The first day they marched rapidly and went far. The traveler had high hopes of a speedy journey. But the second morning the tribesmen refused to move.

They just sat as though in deep thought. When he inquired about this strange behavior, the traveler was informed that they had gone too fast the first day, and they were now waiting for their souls to catch up with their bodies.

We often drink more coffee when what we really need is rest!

I have a theory. I wager that at some point in the future some study of government officials will come out with a data driven report which will say, “In order to promote emotional health, physical health, connected families and a stronger nation – we should choose a day and shut down all but the most essential services and together as a culture REST!”

That’s when I will raise my hand and say, "O I don’t know... How about Sunday?!"

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jim Dennis, Jr.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY
This Service
This Sunday, May 7
at 11:00 in the Sanctuary
(Parents, please, more info inside Newsletter for your Children)

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Important Links:
www.gotgraceumc.org
http://tinyurl.com/GraceUMC-NA
www.gotgraceumc.info/talent/
**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: Making Young Disciples of Christ**

**Single Service, Sunday, May 7 at 9:45 a.m**  
All Elementary Children, 1st - 5th grade,  
Meet in the Sanctuary for Sunday School.  
We will prepare to lead in worship THIS Sunday at our  
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY Worship Service  
“The Parables of Jesus -  
“Everyone who has ears should pay attention”  
Luke 8:8 CEB

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
COMING JUNE 19 - 23 from 8:45 AM - 12:00 Noon  
“Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God”  
Registration info soon!  

**VBS WORKERS NEEDED!**  
Volunteers needed in all areas.  
Contact Beverly Blevins or Allison Outlaw to help.

**HEY ALL GUITAR CLASSES: Old and New**  
Join us THIS Sunday, May 7 in the Sanctuary at 9:45 AM. We will play for the children to sing during Children’s Sunday  
**YOU KNOW THE SONGS!**

**PRESCHOOL DEPT. for Children’s Sunday, May 7**  
Please bring your child to Sunday School at 9:45. They will practice and go over to the Sanctuary with their teachers. **Once they sing, they will sit with parents for the remainder of the service.**

**THIS SUNDAY May 7: CHILDREN’S SUNDAY**  
11:00 AM Sanctuary: Single Service “The Parables of Jesus”  
6:00 PM Wesley Center PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT  
**MOVIE:**

**Outreach Project:** Collecting items for patients at Children’s Hospital of Georgia  
**ADMISSION TO MOVIE, Please bring an item such as:**  
New & Used Dvd’s, XBOX games, playing cards, card games, & Spring & Summer craft kits.

**YOUTH: Passion for Christ | Passion for people**

**AMPED Activities:**  
**MAY 7**  
AMPED Scavenger Hunt  
**May 14 - 4:00 PM**  
Painting with Mom  
**MAY 21 - 11:00 AM**  
Graduation Sunday

**GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 21ST**  
11:00 AM - Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:00 PM - Graduate Luncheon, Wesley Center (Register)

**COLLEGE GRADUATION INFO NEEDED**  
Parents or family members of College Graduates please send to mike@gotgraceumc.org the following information:  
Student’s FULL Name  
College or University  
Degree and area of study

*These students will be lifted up during our Graduation Sunday on May 21 (see below) and listed in the Sunday Bulletin.*
HANDBELL CONCERT IN MAY

WINGS MEALS through May 31
Please make your reservation by Tuesday mornings.
TAKE A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING
On Wednesday evenings in MAY...
LET PAM, RODNEY, and the KITCHEN Crew pamper you with a wonderful “home-cooked” meal & enjoy the fellowship TOO!

Menus for May
Includes our Kid’s Surprise bags each Wednesday

May 10: Beef Stroganoff, vegetable, rolls, mixed salad, dessert
May 17: Chicken pot pie, vegetable, mixed salad, biscuits, dessert
May 24: Italian night, meatballs, pasta, Caesar salad, garlic cheese bread, dessert
May 31: Picnic night with Grilled burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings

COST OF MEALS:
$6 per adult, $3 for children 3 - 10, free for children under 3.
Family max cost: $20; First time visitors receive a free meal.
To-go boxes: Please make a reservation so we are prepared.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don’t let the kids have all the fun at VBS!
Vacation Bible School for “Grown-ups”
“The Gospel According to You”
Coming to Grace, August 28th-30th

Led By:
Singer/Songwriter Ed Kilbourne
Save the dates and watch for details!
For Senior Adults 50+

Receptionist Opening

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SIGN UP TODAY!

Wednesday afternoons
from 1:00 - 4:00.

We also are in need of Substitutes throughout the week for our weekly Receptionist.
Duties include:
Answering the phone, helping those who enter the office building, and odd jobs from time to time!

Contact Karen at 279-7525 or please come and see me!

DRAMA

What a great year drama has had at Grace!
We have grown and had fun and made friendships.

One of the things the Youth Creative Team has worked on this year is improvisation. Improv is a skill to think on your feet. That’s a skill we will always need. They are excellent at this!

So, this summer, do not let your kids say they are bored, they can make up anything!

SANCTUARY MUSIC

LOOKING AHEAD for Sunday Worship
May 14 - Wesley Singers will sing with Chancel Choir
May 21 - Chancel Bells providing special music.

HANDBELL CONCERT IN MAY
Please join us on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary for a performance by our Chancel Bells.

CHANCEL CHOIR AND CHANCEL BELLS
Rehearsals on Wednesdays in May
Bells - 6PM  Choir - 7PM

Come and support the many events we have planned for your enjoyment at GRACE UMC!
| **MONDAY, May 8** | 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, Asbury 5th grade class  
9:30 AM CDC Graduation Practice, Wesley Center  
1:30 & 2:00 PM Kids Club bus and Kids Club, Family Center Gym  
6:00 PM REC ing Crew Awards Program, Family Center Gym  
6:00 PM Education Committee, Conference room  
6:00 PM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym |
| **TUESDAY, May 9** | 8:30 PM Staff Meeting, Conference room  
9:15 AM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym  
9:30 AM CDC Graduation Practice, Wesley Center  
1:30 & 2:00 PM Kids Club bus and Kids Club, Family Center Gym  
6:00 PM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym  
6:30 PM Youth Worship Team Rehearsal, Wesley Center  
8:00 PM Men’s Basketball, Family Center Gym |
| **WEDNESDAY, May 10** | 9:15 AM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym  
10:00 AM GIFTS Morning group, Youth Wing  
10:00 AM Upper Room Encouragers, Home of Joe & Laura Lusk  
1:00 PM Newsletter Folding & Labeling crew, Conference room  
1:30 & 2:00 PM Kids Club bus and Kids Club, Family Center Gym  
4:30 PM Mission Friends, Asbury 5th grade classroom  
6:00 PM Chancel Bells, Bitchington Music room  
6:15 PM GIFTS Evening group, Wesley Center room C  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Bitchington Music room  
7:00 PM Worship Run-Through, Wesley Center  
8:00 PM Men’s Basketball, Family Center gym |
| **THURSDAY, May 11** | 9:00 AM Agape Pastoral Counseling, Lower level Wesley Center  
9:30 AM CDC Graduation Practice, Wesley Center  
11:30 AM Wisdom of the Ages, Conference room  
1:00 PM Library Committee, Library  
1:30 & 2:00 PM Kids Club bus and Kids Club, Family Center Gym  
6:00 PM Caring and Sharing, Lower level Wesley Center  
6:00 PM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym |
| **FRIDAY, May 12** | 9:15 AM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym  
10:00 AM GRU PA Honors Program, Sanctuary  
1:30 & 2:00 PM Kids Club bus and Kids Club, Family Center Gym  
6:00 PM Jr. Jazzercise Awards rehearsal, Wesley Center Gym |
| **SATURDAY, May 13** | 9:15 AM Jazzercise, Family Center Gym  
12:30 PM Jr. Jazzercise Awards, Family Center Gym  
1:30 & 2:00 PM Visitation and Memorial service Don Zippler, Wesley Center Parlor and Sanctuary |

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*From the website:*
“The amazing journey of a simple Shoebox gift… ...begins with YOU and results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.

*The interest is out there! We have members interested in organizing and/or working with a coordinator for Operation Christmas Child collections at Grace. Won’t you join them!*

*Please let the office know of your interest!*

This was once a vital ministry at Grace and we are exploring the idea of getting involved again! In the past, our congregation put together over 200 hundred shoe boxes.

It can become a family project, a missions project, any number of ways to come together and share God’s love by filling a box with fun items, everyday toiletries, and personal messages to show someone cares, even a world away!

**Prayer Cubes Available**

**Mealtime and Bedtime Prayer Cubes**

$2.00 each

These cubes will help families establish family prayers for both mealtime and bedtime. Purchase them for home, grandparents’ house or as gifts. Proceeds to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

See Allison Outlaw if you would like to purchase one.

**MISSIONS & MORE**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS!**

**JOB POSTING**

Kids Club is looking to hire a part-time leader, M-F afternoons. Please contact yolanda@gotgraceumc.org if you are interested or know someone who may be interested in learning more about this fun position.
OUR PRAYER and PRAISE REQUESTS: week of May 1, 2017
Walton Rehab: Lou Ann Sink  
At Home: Faye Phillips, Margaret Gibbs, Lonzo Gibbs, Larry Ellis, Suzanne Swygert  
Prayer Request: Susan Maxwell, Bobbye Rushton, James Dickens  
NHC Rehab: Mildred Weeks, Ruth Ballard  
OUR PRESENCE: April 30  
Worship: 499 Sunday School: 316

OUR SERVICE: May 7 (11:00 AM service only)
Acolytes: Evan Pickett, Logan Eidell  
Crucifer: Tyler Schaffer  
Count Team: 5/1 E.J. Holgate, Peggie Ruben, Henry Smith  
Offertory: Henry Smith  
11:00 Greeter(s): (Main) Bobbye Rushton  
(Ga. Avenue) Ginny Stewart  
Doorstep Visitation: Terry Billiter & Donna Conrad  
Flower Committee: Patsy Hatcher, Brenda Skipper

ALTAR FLOWERS for May 7
The beautiful flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in honor of the 66th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Julia Wise  
By Judy Garner

Memorials through April 30, 2017
IN MEMORY OF...  
Cathy Banard, sister of Betty Wilson  
Chip & Peggy Burnett, Bob & Barbara Sweeney  
Raymond Hargrove  
Chip & Peggy Burnett  
(Michael Hargrove Scholarship) Fran & Jim Bennett  
Jamie Hiott  
Walter Hughes, Jr., Kent & June Sullivan  
Dorothy Newman, mother of Linda Smiley  
Bob & Barbara Sweeney  
(UMW Scholarship) John & CJ Bigger, Martha Claire Farmer  
Amos Steedly  
Kent & June Sullivan  
Susan and Amos Steedly  
Andrea Littleton, Janet McDonald, Bob & Barbara Sweeney  
Don Zipper  
Beth Harper, Bob & Barbara Sweeney

IN HONOR OF...  
John Burnett  
(UMW Scholarship) UMW

Our Gifts: The Lord’s Treasury

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BAPTISM
We welcome Everett Jude Winfield to Grace who was Baptized on Sunday, April 30. He is the son of Brittan and Joseph Winfield, Jr.

BIRTH:
Ryan Alexander Hann, son of Jill and Gary Hann, nephew of Kate and Derek Lafont, born April 21

Grace Thanks YOU!
MAY STAFF ANNIVERSARIES
Susan Burgess  
May 7, 2014
Cameron Quinn  
May 9, 2013
Rev. Tyler Strange  
May 15, 2013

SINGLE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, MAY 7

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY, May 7  
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Please join us THIS Sunday, for our SINGLE Worship service put on by the Children of Grace. They are the future!  
Please come and enjoy CHILDREN’S SUNDAY. Show your support to their teachers, helpers, and all who give of their time to teach our youngsters to know Jesus.  
You will enjoy a service filled with music, speaking, lots of spontaneity, and lots of energy.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Programs and Activities:
- Children’s Sunday, Single Service, May 7
- Children’s Movie & Pizza night, May 7
- WINGS meal, May 10
- Epworth’s Children’s Home Mother’s day offering, Sunday, May 14
- AMPED, Painting with Mom, May 14
- Graduation Sunday, May 21
- Handbell Concert May 30

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Rev. Tyler Strange, Associate Minister
Dr. John M. Newell, III, Honorable Location
Dr. Joe Lusk, Pastoral Care Minister
Dr. John M. Youngjiner, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
Karen Rach Mays, Church Secretary
Allison Outlaw, Preschool Ministries
Beverly Blevis, Children & Family Ministries
Marianne Harlan, Church Administrator
Cameron Quinn, B/LAST Director
Susan Burgess, Choir Director/Organist
Barbara Seaborn, Special Services Organist
Michael Kelitz, Director of Contemporary Worship & Youth Ministry
Shannon Rose Forde, Director of Recreational & Sports Ministries
Jenny Lou Jones, Drama Director
Dana Lykins, CDC Director
Linda Dollar, CDC Finance
Pam Rawlinson, Kitchen Manager
Rodney Rawlinson, Kitchen Cook
Szemore Security Services

GRACE UMC PRESENTS
CHARITY LIP-SYNC BATTLE

Awesome performances. Hilarious judges. One memorable night raising money for The Bolivia Construction Team

TONIGHT, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
WINGS meal at 5:30
Lip Sync begins at 6:15

Contact Jenny Lou Jones for more information. Registration forms available at the church office

GRACE HIGHLIGHTS

19TH ANNUAL BOLIVIA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Midland Valley Golf Course
May 22, 2017

MAKE THE HOLE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Registration forms in the church office or at www.gotgraceumc.org

Contact Nic Collins at 803-397-7822 for more information.