



“BUT WE HAVE  
THIS TREASURE IN  
JARS OF CLAY,  
TO SHOW THAT THE  
SURPASSING POWER  
BELONGS TO GOD  
AND NOT TO US.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:7**

GET  
CONNECTED



GET  
INVOLVED



GIVE  
GENEROUSLY



## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 22:22-28*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

*Let the Nations  
be Glad*

## **BAPTISM**

*Ken Hicks  
John Hodge*

## **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

*How Sweet and  
Aweful is the Place  
(Hymn #350)*

*Yet Not I  
but Through  
Christ in Me*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

*\*Children dismissed.*

*My Hope is Built/  
The Solid Rock  
(Hymn #381)*

## **PREACHING**

*2 Corinthians 4:7-14*

## **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**

*Afflicted Saint to  
Christ Draw Near*

## **COMMUNION**

## **COMMISSIONING PRAYER**

*The Neese Family*

## **BENEDICTION**

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

## **DOXOLOGY**

# CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 22:22–31*

*Leader: I will tell of Your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:*

**Congregation: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!**

*Leader: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,  
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!*

**Congregation: For He has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and He has not hidden His face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to Him.**

*Leader: From You comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.*

**Congregation: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live forever!**

*Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.*

**Congregation: For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
and He rules over the nations.**

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

# CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Let the Nations be Glad*

Let the glory of the Lord  
Forever be our joy  
May redemption be the theme of our song  
For by grace we have been saved  
And by grace we shall proclaim  
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

*Chorus*

Let the nations be glad  
Let the people rejoice  
For salvation belongs to our God  
Let the whole earth be filled  
With the praises of the Lord  
For salvation belongs to our God  
Let the nations be glad

*Chorus*

Through the ages gone before  
Through the trial and the sword  
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died  
Still we're holding out the cross  
Crossing oceans, suffering loss  
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

*Chorus*

As Your holy church goes forth  
In the Holy Spirit's pow'r  
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim  
Now we pray, "Your Kingdom come"  
And we pray, "Your will be done"  
For the honor and the glory of Your name

*Song by: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell*

# CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*How Sweet and Aweful is the Place (Hymn #350)*

How sweet and aweful is the place  
With Christ within the doors  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast  
Each of us cry with thankful tongues  
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear Thy voice  
And enter while there’s room  
When thousands make a wretched choice  
And rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in  
Else we had still refused to taste  
And perished in our sin

Pity the nations, O our God  
Constrain the earth to come  
Send Thy victorious Word a-broad  
And bring the strangers home

We long to see Thy churches full  
That all the chosen race  
May with one voice and heart and soul  
Sing Thy redeeming grace

*Song by: Isaac Watts*

# CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus,  
my Redeemer  
There is no more for Heaven now  
to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness,  
and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep  
and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is  
only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine,  
I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ  
in me

The night is dark, but I am  
not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior,  
He will stay  
I labor on in weakness  
and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power  
is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd  
will defend me  
Through the deepest valley,  
He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I  
shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ  
in me

No fate I dread, I know  
I am forgiven  
The future's sure, the price,  
it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for  
my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow  
the grave

To this I hold, my sin has  
been defeated  
Jesus, now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released,  
I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ  
in me

With every breath, I long to  
follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will  
bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will  
renew me  
Until I stand with joy before  
the throne

To this I hold, my hope is  
only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat  
"Yet not I, but through Christ  
in me"

# CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*My Hope is Built/The Solid Rock (Hymn #381)*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name**

*Chorus*

**On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand**

**When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My Anchor holds within the veil**

*Chorus*

**His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Supports me in the 'whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my Hope and Stay**

*Chorus*

**When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne**

*Chorus*

*Words by: Edward Mote; Music by: William Batchelder Bradbury*



# SERMON NOTES

*2 Corinthians 4:7-18 // Our Weakness and the Power of God*

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# CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near*

**Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near,  
Your Savior's gracious promise hear;  
His faithful Word you can believe:  
That as your days your strength shall be.**

**Your faith is weak, your foes are strong,  
And if the conflict should be long,  
The Lord will make the tempter flee  
That as your days your strength shall be.**

**So, sing with joy, afflicted one;  
The battle's fierce, but the victory's won!  
God shall supply all that you need;  
Yes, as your days your strength shall be.**

**Should persecution rage and flame,  
Still trust in your Redeemer's name.  
In fiery trials you shall see  
That as your days your strength shall be.**

**When called to bear your weighty cross  
Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,  
Or deep distress or poverty,  
Still as your days your strength shall be.**

# COMMUNION & DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD

FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW  
PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW  
PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOST

PRAISE FATHER,  
SON AND  
HOLY GHOST,  
*Amen!*

*Come down the center aisle to get your bread and juice, then return to your seat.  
If someone is already at the center table, break off to either side to get the elements  
from side tables.*

*From the balcony, go down the stairs to your left, retrieve the elements and go back  
up the stairs to the right.*

## EQUIPPING HOUR NOTES

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- **NEESE FAMILY**

Pray for Taylor and Anna as they prepare to move to Poland.

- **KING'S FELLOWSHIP**

Pray for our sister church and new church plant in Gadsden. They had their first official meeting this past Sunday at Noccalula Falls and had over 140 people! Praise the Lord for His blessing over KF, and their members!

- **FAMILIES AND TRAINING**

Pray for the families of Grace Fellowship as they raise up their children and train them in the Word. Also, praise the Lord for the new additions to three families in our church:

- Nic & Averi Dutton: Ann Harris
- Gabriel & Anna Kathryn Hackney: Juliette
- Jake & Madison Henry: Everett

- **EMMAL FAMILY**

Pray for Cameron and Lindsey Emmal. Lindsey was expecting and they found out that it was an ectopic pregnancy. Lindsey had surgery last week. Pray that God will surround their family in peace and comfort. Pray that He will heal Lindsey's body.

- **BUILDING PLANS**

Pray God gives wisdom to the Elders and congregation on the decision for expansion.

- **WORSHIP NIGHT**

We will be having a worship night full of singing in the next couple of months. Pray that God will bring this together through JM and the worship team so that it encourages the congregation. Pray for the worship team as they meet together to write worship music for Grace Fellowship. Praise the Lord that He has given us a body full of members who can write, sing, and play music to lead others to glorify the Lord!

- **LUKAS HOLCOMB'S SISTER**

Pray for Lukas' sister Kennedy and her husband Vince as they try to have a baby. Pray that God will open Kennedy's womb, and give them trust in Him during this process.

*If you have a prayer request you want added to the prayer email or bulletin, please email Ely at [administrator@grace-fellowship.com](mailto:administrator@grace-fellowship.com).*

- **HEATH AND HIS MOM**

Thank the Lord for Heath and his servant's heart towards his mom. She has been ill, but is doing better!

- **UNITY AMONG ELDERS, DEACONS, AND STAFF**

The Lord has been so good in giving us men who serve faithfully as Elders and Deacons, and men and women who work diligently on staff. Pray that God would bring greater unity to these groups of people, and that they would seek Him in all they do to lead and serve the church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EASTER SERVICES**

Easter is coming up soon! Here are the different services we will have Easter week:

- 4/17 Maundy Thursday – 6:00PM at Grace Fellowship
- 4/18 Good Friday – 6:00PM at Redeemer Church (Childcare provided)
- 4/20 Easter Sunday – 9:30AM at Grace Fellowship (No Equipping Hour)

- **GRADUATING SENIORS**

Below is a list of our graduating seniors. If you have a senior you would like added to the list to be recognized, please contact Ely Vaughn.

- John Mark Davis – Coosa Christian
- Lena Johannson – Weaver High School
- Jonathan Kramer – Faith Christian School
- Lily Weathers – Homeschool
- Noah Weathers – Jacksonville State University

- **FCA POWER CAMP**

This Summer Grace Fellowship will host the Cheaha Valley FCA Power Camp, June 24th-26th. This will be from ages 7-13. There was a great turnout last year and the kids loved it! Mark your calendars now! More details to come.

- **FRIDAY MORNING CHAPEL**

Friday morning chapel is at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join! Come sing 2 songs hear a 15 minute sermon that previews what will be preached on Sunday.

# MISSIONARY REPORT

*David, Holly, Raenan, Nathan, Jayken, Jairus Porch // West Africa*



Hello Grace Fellowship! We are David, Holly, Raenan (11), Nathan (10), Jayken (8), and Jairus (4) Porch a.k.a "the Patio tribe." I (Holly) came to Christ while in college at JSU in 2005. Grace Fellowship was the first church I attended as a new believer and was where I began to experience deeper discipleship. We have lived in West Africa since 2019 with the goal of sharing the good news among the unreached.

Our country is unique because it is a majority Muslim country and yet we have the freedom to live and share openly as believers, which is not the case in many of the surrounding nations. We spent the majority of our first term (3 years) learning French and the local culture. Now, we are working on learning the language of the major unreached people group here while serving in various ways. David's main work includes Bible translation, teaching at a local seminary and at our local church. Holly's main work includes supporting birthing and breastfeeding women at a local hospital and a prayer ministry with the ladies of our local church. We both strive to be intentional in our neighborhood, and we spend most evenings at home with our children, as we are convinced that they are our primary disciples. We long to see the kingdom of God advance in our lives and in this place and we are thankful for all who are partnering with us for the same goal. May His name be praised!

## • PRAYER

- Pray for our upcoming home ministry assignment in the U.S. from July-October as we connect with our partners and families. We look forward to spending time with you.
- Pray that we would have patience with our children and that we will point them to Christ.
- Pray for our children's transition to a new school next year and for the extra funds needed for that.
- Pray for Holly's involvement at the hospital to lead to opportunities to share the Word.
- Pray for the BWBA (Bible translation) project to advance and that many will hear the Word and believe.
- Pray for the local church to grow in evangelism and discipleship.

## • SUPPORT

If you would like to support the Porch's, go to [www.crossworld.org/give/support-a-disciple-maker](http://www.crossworld.org/give/support-a-disciple-maker) and type in David and Holly Porch.







# Foundations Of Grace

4/6

**WH:** The Trinity

**EH:**  
Prayer Service

4/13

**WH:** Moral  
Attributes

**EH, Story 116:**  
The Death of Christ

4/20

**WH:** Family  
Worship (Easter)

**EH, Story 117:**  
The Resurrection

4/27

**WH:** Family  
Worship

**EH, Story 120:**  
The Great Commission

\*WH – Worship Hour // EH – Equipping Hour\*

## Memory Verse

"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him." 1 John 3:4

## New City Catechism

**Q24.** Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**A24.** Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By His substitutionary atoning death, He alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

*2 Corinthians 9:7 // April 06, 2025*

**<sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

Weekly Giving	April 6, 2025
Actual Giving:	\$14,370
Budgeted Giving:	\$20,888
Difference:	<i>-\$6,518</i> <i>-31.20%</i>

Year to Date	
Actual Giving:	\$208,026
Budgeted Giving:	\$292,433
Difference:	<i>-\$84,407</i> <i>-28.86%</i>

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# Grace Fellowship

ANNISTON, ALABAMA

*We are glad you joined us this morning! If you have any questions about the sermon, church or in general, contact Elyona Vaughn at the email address below.*

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

*9:30AM-10:45AM*

## **EQUIPPING HOUR**

*11:00AM-12:00PM*

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