



ALL THE GOOD NEWS

GRACE CHURCH

September 2026



Sincerely, Sharon

Fall is a busy season, full of football tailgates, trips to the mountains with friends to see the leaves changing color and falling, and the joyful celebrations of Halloween and Thanksgiving, when parties frequently revolve around connecting with others (and usually over food). In the season after the hustle and bustle of the summer, with our attempts to squeeze every ounce of sunshine out of each day before school starts back, I think it's only natural that we attempt to slow down and seek out meaningful, intentional connection with others. During the fall, we often do that by enjoying the wonder of God's creation, whether that's through enjoying the beauty of the outdoors or simply taking a walk because it's finally cooled off enough to enjoy it!

Humans are social creatures that crave connection with others – God designed us that way! After the creation of the world, in Genesis 2:18 God says, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Eve isn't just a helper for Adam, she also serves as his companion, and in God's design they work, learn, and grow together – even when it doesn't turn out the way they expect. Even Jesus, who is sent to repair the broken relationship between God and man, doesn't complete the work of His ministry in isolation. He intentionally builds and participates in community, from the wedding at Cana to the Last Supper to the ascension.

This fall, I invite you to participate in the community of believers at Grace and forge connections with others. Beginning September 13 we will offer two Sunday School classes at 9:15am. Our Lectionary Class will meet in the library, inviting you to explore the stories of Scripture according to the lectionary from the Episcopal Church. Our Season of Creation class will explore the ways we can celebrate and honor the world that God has created. The Season of Creation class will meet in the classrooms by Fr. Jack's office, and is open to all ages. I invite you to experience the joys of community as we learn and grow together.

Sincerely (and prayerfully),

Sharon

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour





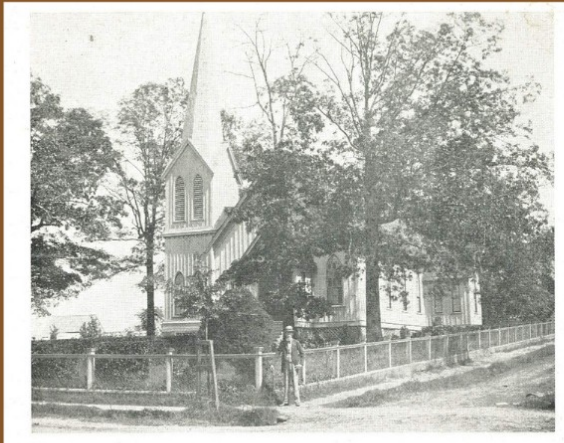
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NEWSLETTER



Grace History

This is the first structure to serve the Episcopal Church in Anderson. The Church was partially destroyed by fire and was finally torn down and replaced by the present structure in 1904.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Grace Annual BBQ**
Saturday, October 10th from 5 PM - 8 PM at the Anderson Farmers Market.
- **Grace Fall Festival**
Sunday, October 18th after the 10:30 service.
- **EYC Holiday Vendor Fair**
Saturday, November 7th from 9 AM - 2 PM at Grace. If you are interested in having a space, please talk to Sharon Dorsey. (864) 978-6265.



ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD

Saint Catherine's Guild will meet again at noon at the church on September 14th, which is the second Monday. We usually meet on the first Monday, but that is labor day. As usual, we will bring sandwiches, and dessert and drinks will be provided. We always welcome all to our meetings! For more information, please call Anne Martin (864) 561-2187.

OUTREACH

Outreach Committee will be collecting hoodies during the month of October. Children's sizes will be donated to the children at Homeland Park Elementary School and adult hoodies will be donated to South Main Chapel and Hope Missions. Bins will be set up in the gathering area at the back of the church beginning in October.

Outreach will meet Sunday, September 13th in the parlor after the 10:30 service..



SPECIAL COFFE HOURS

Grace Life is having an Ice Cream Social Sunday, September 13th durning coffee hour. All are invited to join us and enjoy some wonderful ice cream.

Pastoral Care will be celebrating long time member Linda Hoffman on her 90th birthday on Sunday, September 20th durning coffee hour. Everyone is invited to come help us celebrate this amazing lady.



*May this month be filled with prayer, joy, and the peace
that comes from walking with God.*



*Grace Church, thank you so much from the bottom of our
hearts for all the love, gifts, and prayers that you have sent
to my family. We truly appreciate everyone of you.*

-With love from Nikki Price and Family





Families @ Grace

Join us for Sunday School!

This is Sunday School like you've never seen it before! Beginning September 13, join us each week to learn about God's creation and how we as Christians can honor and celebrate the Season of Creation! This Sunday School class will meet at 9:15am in the classrooms by Fr. Jack's office. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Please talk to Sharon for more information.

Playground Days

Join us on the playground at Grace from 9-10am on September 5 for fun and popsicles!

Get in Touch!

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Young Adults @ Grace

Stay Connected!

Want to stay in the loop about events for young adults at Grace? Talk to Sharon to join the group chat so you don't miss anything coming up soon!

Young Adult Brunch!

All 18-30 year-olds are invited to join us for brunch on September 5 at Fig's Cafe in Anderson at 11am. Bring a friend and enjoy a great time of meeting other people!





Youth @ Grace

It's Fall, Y'all!

It's certainly a busy time of year. Remember that the EYC Retreat is October 8-11 in Highlands, NC. We still have room, so if your teen wants to join us, please talk to Sharon ASAP. The cost is \$150 per person. EYC will be traveling to Spartanburg on September 13 to attend Large Episcopal Area Fellowship (LEAF), a diocesan event where youth groups from around the diocese join together for fun and fellowship.

We will leave the church at 2:30pm and be back between 7:30 and 8pm.

Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for a way to get involved with youth at Grace? Look no further! We are in need of the following volunteers:

People to sponsor a meal for
approximately 8 people on Sunday
evening
Chaperones/Drivers

If you are interested, please talk to Sharon
so we can get you safe church trained!

Upcoming

9/13 - LEAF, 4-6pm, Church of the
Advent (Spartanburg)

10/1 - Retreat Payment Due

Contact

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GATHERINGS AT GRACE



WOMEN, WINE, AND WISDOM

Save the date: WWW returns Tuesday, September 8th! We'll kick off a new year together in the parlor with *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a beautiful reflection on nature, gratitude, and reciprocity that feels just right for the harvest season. We meet most Tuesday evenings during the school year from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. Whether you're a longtime member or curious about joining us for the first time, there's always room at the table.

FIBER, FRIENDS, AND FELLOWSHIP

We meet every Tuesday, from 10 AM - noon in the parish hall. Join us as we knit, crochet, and get to know one another. Bring any portable project you want to work on or we do have supplies available. For more information contact Lisa Mattison at lisamattisonrn@gmail.com

GRACE LADIES PRAYER GROUP

The Grace Ladies Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10 AM in the parish library. All ladies are welcome to join.

GUY'S GATHERING AT GRACE

GGG will meet again Thursday, September 17th at 6 PM.

BRIDGE CARD GROUP

If you are interested in playing or learning how to play Bridge join us every Wednesday from 3 PM - 5 PM in the Grace library. For more information contact Debbie Hand at (316) 617-2409 or at handrab@yahoo.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

Grace Grief Support welcomes anyone who may be in a journey of loss to meet once a month at Grace for a time of conversation, fellowship, and sometimes lunch. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 24th at 10 AM. For more information contact John Taylor at newberryjohn@yahoo.com





1 st Cory Trotter	15 th Nancy Devine
2 nd Dixie Harris	15 th Cari Baker
2 nd Nicolle Lent	16 th Royce Brown
3 rd John Cullen	18 th Linda Hoffman
3 rd James Scott Taylor	18 th Julien LeBrun
3 rd Nolan Bostick	18 th Nathanael Burden
4 th JoCarol Titmas	19 th Jim Boyer
6 th Martha Gregory	19 th Brett Dixon
7 th Eril Erlenkeuser	19 th Joey Oppermann
9 th Beth Cheek	21 st Betty Gurrad
9 th Donovan Colman	21 st Jane Williams
11 th Dixie Smith	23 rd Rosalind Hammett
12 th Gloria Byrd	25 th Brent Kinley
13 th Dena Cullen	28 th Layla Sisler
13 th David Burden	29 th Don Cleveland
14 th Fay Theriot	29 th Vicki Raymond
14 th Dylan Bilbrey	30 th JT Cooper
15 th Norman Avinger	

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Joey & Ashton Benson

STEWARDSHIP

As of 7/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue: \$258,572

YTD 2026 Expenses: \$276,931

YTD 2026 (Dedicit): (\$18,359)

MEMORIALS

Recieved July 16, 2026 through August 15, 2026

In Memory of Rebecca Castles By:

Faithfully Fit Small Group

Charlotte Castles

Rebecca C. Robinson

Anne and March Seabrook

In Memory of Thyra Elizabeth Castles by:

Charlotte Castles

Rebecca C. Robinson

In Memory of Thyra Gowdy Castles By:

Charlotte Castles

Rebecca C. Robinson

In Memory of Daniel Lyles Castles By:

Charlotte Castles

Rebecca C. Robinson

In Memory of Daniel Lyles Castles Jr. By:

Charlotte Castles

Rebecca C. Robinson

If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium

Baptismal Newbirth Days

2nd Lukas Bostick

10th Cary Hughes

11th Melissa Langford

12th Amy Cox

13th Dena Cullen

14th Patty Cleveland

15th Beth Ehlert

15th Jack Heeney

15th Tracey Lidlow

17th Ben Dixon

19th Pat Bradham

21st Ken Langford



PRAYER LIST

John Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Karlann Bostater: by Kathy Bostater
Bill & Anne Jameson: by Kathe Harris
Michael Bays - Cancer
Jean Wilson: by Pam & Joe Herold
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's Mother
Robyn Bundy: by Stuart Adamo
Mary Oppermann: by Joey Opperman
Matt McAlister: by Marty Jenkins
Mary Anna Scott - Pat Bradham's Sister
Mitchell Fullerton: by Susan & Steve Fullerton
Dewell Garner: by Linda Hoffman
Tammy Chamblee: by John Heeny
Lake Morris: by Lynne Prince
Carroll Price: by Heather Morhardt
Doctor Rajeev Malik: by Gill Powell
Rogers' Family: by Sara Cheek
Stephen Heeney: by John Heeney
Bonita Glover - Healing: by John Heeny
Erwin Karl: by Pam & Joe Herold
Beckham Owens: by Maxwell Jeffers
Stephanie Flaherty: By Jackie Lenhart
Larry Strong: by Jodie Webb
Irene Rose: by Pam & Joe Herold
Lola Josey: by Linda Hoffman
Millie Chamberlean: by Lisa Tucker
Elaine Junkins-Suzanne McMahan's sister
David Bradham: by Pat Bradham
Sutton Jeffers: by Maxwell Jeffers
BHS' 67 gals: by Pam & Joe
Riley Gilbert: by Jackie Lenhart
Bill Shaver: by Linda Hoffman
Jeff Nelson: by Kirri & Brent Kinley
Pam Herold: by Joe Herold
Sam & Cayce Baker by Cindy Baker
Jeane Dixon by Brett & Rebecca Dixon
Ruby Eppler: by Cindy Baker
Captin Tracy Pumford by: Janet Rippy

Matthew Sharkey
Susan Fullerton
Linda Wilson
Joe Ball
Mason Winarski
Joshua McMillan
Amelia Hanks
Diane Obright
Connie Whiteside
Alex Gundry
Missy Parson
JoAnn Watson
Kervin Family
Bill Speer
Eddie Benenati
Sandy Sloan
Greta Jacobsen
Bob Cooper
Suzanna McMahan
Vivian Fink
Gary Bechert
Lib Christeson
Frederick Hall
Sarah Reeder
William Moore
Rick Schlup
Debi Frantz
Judy and Mark Blakenship
Kathy Benson
Martha Gregory

Those in the Military

Xander Melecia
Matthew Robertson
Stephine Kern