




The Beacon



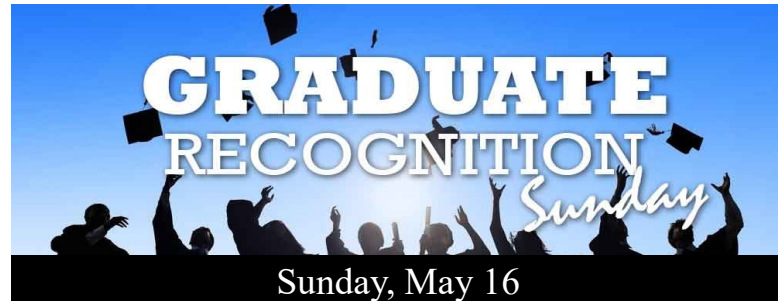
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Mission Statement: "Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ."



**National
Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 6
in the Social Hall at
6:30 p.m.



**GRADUATE
RECOGNITION
Sunday**

Sunday, May 16

High School Graduates
Rachel White— Lakeside High School
Cheyenne Chandler— Cross Creek High School



**HAPPY
Mother's
day**

Sunday, May 9

An offering for the Georgia Baptist
Children's Home will be collected.

*The Mission of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home:
We are a Christian caring ministry of
services designed to promote the spiritual, physical,
and emotional well-being of children, youth, and
families.*



Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.
Meet at The First Baptist Church
(outside, near the baseball field)



Sunday, May 16

3:00 p.m. Financial Management Board Meeting
4:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting



The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, May 31.



Dear Church Family,

A few weeks ago I shared an interesting statistic with the deacons. A recent survey done in April found that only 37% of adults feel comfortable attending a religious service. This means that over 60% do not feel comfortable! This statistic tells me two things. First, people are going to be slow in returning to the in-person Sunday worship service. Second, one of the best ways for us to reach people is going to be online.

We've all had to learn how to use technology over this past year and that's not going away. Rather than seeing it as a burden, we need to see it as an opportunity. We need to get accustomed to not only inviting people to join us for our in-person worship gatherings but also inviting them to watch our online service. We need to not only invite them to our Wednesday Evening Bible Study but also to participate online using Facebook or Zoom. Other ways we can help them take a next step is to invite them to join our email list, like our Facebook page, and subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Before the pandemic, many of these ways to connect with people were not on our radar. Now Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, and Livestreaming are terms that everyone knows. Let's make the most of these tools and invite people to take their next step to connect with our church.

In summary, here are some action points.

- Invite someone to watch our worship service online using our website (www.thehillbaptist.com), our Facebook page (TheHillBaptist), or our YouTube channel (to access our YouTube channel, go to our website and click on the YouTube slide).
- Invite someone to join our email list. They can join by going to our website and clicking on "Subscribe to Receive Weekly Updates" which is located at the bottom right of the page.
- Invite someone to join our Wednesday Evening Study by joining our Facebook Group "Wednesday Evening Bible Study" or by joining through Zoom (the Zoom information is sent out every Wednesday in the Mission Update email).

In Christ,

Pastor Ron Jones



Message from The Financial Management Board

Collecting a special offering for Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries on Mother's Day is a good way to honor the caring women who have meant so much to our church and its members throughout its 91-year history. Consider making a donation to the offering in honor or memory of your mother and/or another nurturing woman who has made a difference in your life.



 **Children's Home Day**

A special offering to support the children and families at Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

Sunday, May 9th

Through care at Georgia Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries, thousands of children have found healing from their pasts and gone on to achieve countless successes such as graduating college, starting families, joining churches, launching businesses, serving in communities, and so much more.



IS GRACE ENOUGH?

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus, greater than all our sins, How can my tongue describe it, where shall my praise begin. Taking away my burdens, setting my spirit free; for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me". This

hymn text answers the question posed in the title of this article! But what is grace and how is it demonstrated in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ?

"Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt; Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was split"

God riches/favor at Christ Jesus' expense! That's what GRACE truly is! Easter puts an exclamation point on how much GRACE we receive! We are recipients of Jesus' love and care for us each and every day and in every circumstance of our lives.

How do we demonstrate/show that GRACE to other Christians and fellow humans? Let's reminisce on our occupation/career paths. What amount of information have you learned in order to become proficient in your chosen career? In my vocal music studies, I spent six years of study and instruction and then have had many more years of practical experience implementing those instructions and skills. So, where do we learn the essence of God's grace and how to share that with others?

Our pastor has challenged each of us to read books of the Bible each month. The Bible is God's instruction manual for our education about who He wants us to be and what he wants us to do. How might our spiritual understanding improve should we treat our Bible like we treat our "smart" phones? We'd learn how to share spiritual information with others, we'd take scripture with us wherever we go (maybe a Bible app might help?); we'd learn ways to share scripture's encouragement and life lessons for hope and joy with others and the list can continue.

As we seek God's grace for our lives, the next question is, "how do we share this love and care with others?" Here are two suggestions that help me and others along this journey. One, share your unique talent with others that need you. We each have different talents and personalities. Some of us have a talent for hospitality, helping others. Write notes of encouragement, share a meal with a neighborhood family, enjoy an outdoor/indoor game with youth or adults are just a few examples. Let your imagination be God's instruction booklet!

Secondly, support the ministry of The Hill Baptist Church with your time, talent and service. Our congregation is the talent pool for every facet of ministry, Our music ministry has shown how this is done. We have reached out to Augusta University college students to come and have their lives enriched spiritually by singing in our choir

and becoming a part of our fellowship. Just recently, we have ministered to a small group of instrumentalists who have enriched our worship experience. These musicians need us as much as we need them. The pandemic affected their income and opportunity to utilize their talents. We helped them financially and spiritually. This has been wonderful to see and hear as God has worked his GRACE in and through us all.

In closing, please be open to God's abundant grace in every situation and opportunity in your own life and the life of this, your church. As we continue this year 2021, renew your spiritual fervor by reading God's word and using God's talents to reach out to those who don't know that they can enjoy God's grace. We'll all be blessed with "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."

Floyd Montgomery
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on call, please call the deacon of
the week.

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May 2
Steve Mullins

May 9
Roy Jones

May 16
Ed Stalnaker

May 23
Clay Bagby

May 30
Charles Kee

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