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Thanks to an Academy Awards broadcast, we were reminded recently that existing in the public eye can mean that one's mistakes, challenges, and even weakest moments can be on display for the world to see. People everywhere can watch celebrities and other notable individuals melt down in real time, and then re-watch the same events over and over on news and social media feeds. Many who would never even have known the Oscars ceremony had occurred have now been repeatedly informed that bad behavior was on display during the event.

Explanations, apologies, analysis, and endless pontifications from every corner of the social and professional media landscape all point to an inevitable truth: actions have consequences. As you will have easily guessed, I have no special insight into the lives or backstories of the participants in the current hubbub, so I won't burden you with my take on that event. Rather, allow me to share with you an important and relevant theological truth for you and for me: *God forgives.*

Our actions do indeed have consequences. Sin can destroy relationships, create unnecessary hardships, and separate us from God. Bad decisions can result in harsh punishment. However, there is good news for all of us flawed and broken people, whether we live out our damage on live TV or not: *God forgives.*

Thanks to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, whose death, burial, and resurrection we celebrate this month, we have been forgiven of all our mistakes, errors, misdeeds, and sins. The cross of Christ and the empty tomb of Easter are our annual reminders that our wrongdoing is not the end of our story. Our worst moments, no matter how visible, are not our destiny. Because of God's love for humanity and Christ's obedience to God's will, we are defined not by our weakness and sin, but by our identity in Jesus Christ: *forgiven, redeemed, and reconciled*.

I've messed up. I've made mistakes. I have sinned. I have even experienced consequences for these actions.

We all have.

But Easter proves to us that we have been given another chance in Jesus Christ, and our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!



ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

The administrative team continues to oversee the financial and building challenges of our congregation. During this time, we:

- Approved a salary increase for all church employees. The pastor's call was changed and voted for unanimously by the congregation.
- Security team of the admin group continues to monitor all doors during church services.

- Worked with two window contractors to make a proposal to replace all the windows in the administrative/classroom building. This will involve replacing thirty-one large windows and six smaller ones. Paid for by the generous gift of a congregation member who wishes to remain anonymous.
- The administrative team is looking at the church sign on highway 53. We will make a recommendation to the session soon.
- The small food pantry house and the book nook that are side-by-side in the parking lot will be renovated.

Joe Fortune
Administrative Elder



EVANGELISM / MISSION TEAM

As we continue to deal with the effects of the pandemic on our church attendance, I am encouraged by the numbers of people who are watching our services online via our Facebook page, YouTube, and website. Even with the technical difficulties that we experienced for broadcast during January, the numbers still look good.

For the quarter we had 584 viewers.

Breakdown of that number is as follows:
294 on Facebook
32 on YouTube
258 on our website

Grace to you,
Mary Ann Sheehy



FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Fellowship Team continues our work of providing friendship, fellowship, and any needs of the congregation of which we are aware.

Also, hard work was provided by Peggy Thornton and our newest team member, Pat

Tracht. They gave up a Saturday to re-organize the kitchen and straighten up the storage room (a monumental task). They did a great job, so give them a high five when you see them.

Plans are under way for the Easter Celebration Brunch. The Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM Easter morning. The brunch is in lieu of the after church reception.

As always, if you have ideas or suggestions or know of a need the fellowship team can fulfill, please let any team member know. It doesn't have to be a church member.

Blessings.
Betty Powell



WORSHIP TEAM

Grace to you from the Worship Team!

The Worship Team is busy preparing for Holy Week. Palm Sunday is April 10th. Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7pm on April 14th , with Good Friday service at Noon the next day.

We will have a great celebration on Easter Sunday.

Our Choir Director has some great music planned for us in the coming weeks. If anyone is interested in joining or rejoining the choir, please see Gene Seese. The choir is a great group of fun people to sing and laugh with.

We have ordered a new camera and have a new encoder for streaming our services live. We hope to have the new equipment installed within a week or two. You should notice an improvement in the quality of the video and sound. A special thank you to Daniel Manke for his help and commitment to getting the best streaming picture and sound possible. Another special thank you to Crystal Seymour who worked with a lot of people to get the new camera and encoder.

Finally, a very special thank you to the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church for the financial support that makes all that we do possible.

God Bless You and Happy Easter!

Mark Hageli



GRACE NOTES

Hello Grace Family.

As we approach Holy Week, the choir is excited to share some special music in celebration of our Risen Lord! As always, your support of the choir is always felt and we rejoice in leading worship with our music.

After Easter, keep your eyes and ears open for a choir interest meeting to discuss how we can support worship and get the choir growing again. I am enormously grateful to our small (but mighty) ensemble for the work they put in every week, but we feel there are more of you out there who would like to join us. Let's sit down and discuss some ideas on how you can get involved with us. More information to come soon.

Grace2U, Gene



Bible Study:

Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 for prayer and 10:30-12:00 for study. We are a close-knit group of women who are anxious to welcome others to join us. We have studied many topics from "Screw Tape Letters" by C. S. Lewis to "Life in the Spirit" by Robertson McQuilkin, along with several books of the Bible. This year we are doing "10 Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado. There are no obligations to teach, and homework is negligible. We invite you to come check us out! -Carol Watkins



In Our Prayers: John Adams (Marsha Loftin), Francis and Ruth Ann Ball, Linda Clemons, Frank Duke (Kay Parrish), Lee Duke (Brother of Kay Parrish), Amanda Edwards (Grace Walden), John and Sandy Grimes, Howard and Paula Halteman, Paula Harris, Doug Jones (Margie's brother), Winfred Kelley, Lia Knowler, Shelby Lee, Mike Logan (Sarah Logan), Jeanne Luke, Jordan Permenter, Tom Quintrell, Dan Scott, Caleb Sprinkle (Marsha), Nancy Stamp (niece of Grace Walden), Brad Taylor, the family of Don Taylor, Glo Thompson (Paula Harris), infant James Henry Trim (Marsha Loftin), Timothy Wade (Brother of Shelby Lee), Wyatt, Tornado Damage Sufferers, pray for those with the Coronavirus and those who care for them, the Volunteers of Good Shepherd Clinic who are still serving the citizens in need by providing a healthcare home during this Pandemic .

Assisted Living: Marian Hopkins, Zoe Putnam, Betty Rhodes

Sympathy: The Family of Marjorie Howard (Lynette Steritz), The Family of Phyllis Nestor (Gene Seese)

USHER/GREETER/LITURGIST SCHEDULE



Liturgists:

Ushers:

April

April

4/3	Communion Servers: Bill & Joann Keller, Jim Hambright & Margie O'Byrne	
4/3	Sarah Hickman	Bob & Peggy Thornton
4/10	Chris Seese	Marsha Loftin & Betty Powell
4/17	Grace Walden	Jim Hambright & Margie O'Byrne
4/24	Joey Homans	Ron & Elaine Coker

April 10-17 Holy Week

May 8: Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Offering will be received

June 5: Pentecost Offering will be received

Liturgists:

Ushers:

May

May

5/1	Communion Servers: Carol Watkins, <i>Volunteers Needed</i>	
5/1	Margie O'Byrne	Bill & Joann Keller
5/8	Chris Seese	Dan & Jane Miller
5/15	Lauren Collins	Joey & Kristie Homans
5/22	Peggy Thornton	Marsha Loftin & Nancy McCue
5/29	Katie Schumacher	Mike & Joyce Ball



Liturgists:

Ushers:

June

June

6/5	Communion Servers: Bonnie Fry, Marsha Loftin, Nancy McCue, Grace Walden	
6/5	Anna Grace Martin	Gordon & Jeannette Brand
6/12	J.R. Banitt	Dan & Jane Miller
6/19	Susan Atkins	Nancy McCue & Betty Powell
6/26	Sarah Hickman	Ron & Elaine Coker

Sunday, April 10
Palm Sunday Service @ 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 14
Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.

Friday, April 15
Good Friday Service @ 12 noon

Sunday, April 17
Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.
Easter Service @ 11 a.m.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



April Birthdays

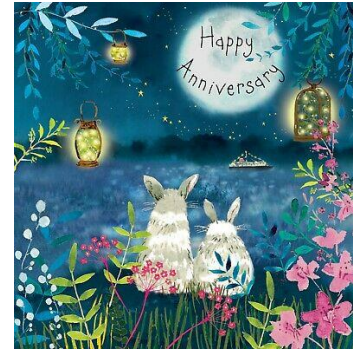
- 3rd – Judy Wadsworth
 10th – Pat Tracht
 11th – Dallas Kelley
 12th – Nathan Steritz
 13th – Daniel Miller
 13th – Dan Scott
 17th – Gretchen Blackwell
 20th – Jeanne Kendall

May Birthdays

- 3rd – Bill Weeks
 9th – Martha Lynn
 11th – Mickie Schaide
 14th – Warren King
 22nd – Sara Achuff
 24th – John Kinney
 26th – Barbara Crouse
 29th – Lauren Collins

June Birthdays

- 1st – Gene Seese
 7th – Mike Ball
 7th – Karen Permenter
 10th – Sharra Kelley
 14th – Bill Loring
 16th – Mary Ann Sheehy
 19th – Ann Riggs
 22nd – Ruby Lorenz
 24th – Betty Rhodes
 24th – Joan Davis
 26th – Bill Keller



April

- 8th – Jane & John Joh
 18th – Gretchen & Roy
 Blackwell
 25th – Judy & Dan Manke
 29th – Barbara & Tom Quintrell

May

- 7th – Joan & Randy Davis
 22nd – Christy & David Jordan

June

- 3rd – Joann & Bill Keller
 4th – Jeannette & Gordon Brand
 5th – Dana & Bill Loring
 6th – Elaine & Ron Coker
 8th – Judy & Sam Wadsworth
 12th – Linda & Andy Clemons
 14th – Fran & Paul Dimick
 14th – Margie O'Byrne & Jim
 Hambright
 17th – Sara & Chuck Achuff
 30th – Kristie & Joey Homans