

# GRACE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## GRACE BANNER

April, 2006

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**Vision Statement: A People of God Worshipping, Serving and Loving Together**

**Mission Statement: “To know Christ better and to make Him better known” – through Worship, Discipleship, Service, Evangelism and Fellowship.**  
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What a wonderful season this is – honoring the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a solemn but joyous occasion. He died for our sins which is something we never want to forget.

We are planning a special Easter here at Grace. Our Sunrise service will be at 7:00 AM. Moses Stith will be leading the service.

There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

This will be followed at 10:00 AM with a breakfast.

Regular service will be at 11:00 AM.

There will be a children’s service during the adult service.

We are looking for a reliable teenager to babysit during the 11:00 AM service.  
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### **Calendar**

April 5<sup>th</sup> – The WOC will have an outing on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Marietta Museum of History, 1 Depot St., Marietta, GA. The museum is next to the Marietta Welcome Center and across from Dupree’s Antiques. Meet at the museum at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$3.00 per person. We will have lunch afterwards on the square.

April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM, Men’s breakfast in fellowship hall. We have good food, sharing, and a bible study.

April 8<sup>th</sup> – There will be a meeting on Saturday, at 6:00 PM at the church. Our Trustees will be bringing us up to date on the sale of the property

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

April 16 – Easter Sunday. Services starting at 7:00 AM

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**Ongoing**

Planning Board meetings on Monday at 7:00 PM at the church

Small group meetings are being held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM here at the church. Please join us for food, fellowship, scripture study, sharing, and worship.

Scripture readings is here at the church on Sundays at 6:00 PM.

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Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Grace was privileged to host North Georgia Church of Christ's Quarterly Musical Worship Service. The service was from 7:00 PM until around 10:00 PM. With over 250 participants and the acoustics of Grace's sanctuary, the music was quite uplifting and beautiful. What joy there is in worshiping the Lord in song, especially with so many talented people. Thanks go out to Hal and Nina Landrum who coordinated and monitored the event. Perhaps we will be blessed with hosting North Georgia Church of Christ's next Quarterly Musical Worship.

For those members and friends who participated in the March 25<sup>th</sup> cleanup day, thank you so much. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We were able to do some of the work outside on the grounds. This included trimming the Crepe Myrtles and cutting down more of the pines along Sewell Mill Road. With spring, the church will need volunteers for lawn maintenance. Please contact me if you are interested.

The Red Cross is in need of both blood and platelet donations. Please take the time to go by and make a donation. One of the closest centers is at the East Lake Shopping Center on Roswell Road. You may contact the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Jim Graham

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**Notes**

A refreshment sign-up calendar is in the narthex. This is for the refreshments we enjoy immediately after the Sunday morning worship service. We need some more volunteers to take responsibility for a Sunday.

Please remember to fill out the name tags in the narthex. This is to introduce ourselves to our visitors.

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during the commencements – not by choice but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine....until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them suddenly SNEEZED!!!

The student said “God bless you every one.”

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God’s blessing on their future with or without the courts’ approval.



If you have an idea or a note to put into the newsletter, please let me know.

And – GOD BLESS US EVERYONE.

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