The Story Continues: HOPE IN THE DARKNESS: “Seeds of a Nation”

Read Pages 13-27 in “The Story”
Scriptures: Genesis 12-36, Romans 4:1-12 & Hebrews 11:12-14

We Look Forward to Sharing in Worship with you this Sunday!

A Called Congregational Meeting & members of the corporation for the purposes of electing elders, deacons, & directors of the Corp Sunday Sept. 22nd after worship.

Church Events
- Sept. 24th -- Bible Study Fellowship at 6:55 PM
- Sept. 25th -- Men’s Prayer Breakfast is at 7 AM, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 AM, AA meets at noon, The Story @ 5:30 PM, Ensemble 6:15 & Choir at 7 PM
- Sept. 26th -- Pres. Women’s Council meets at 9 AM
Sunday Servants:

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Liturgists
- Wynne Beale
- Barbara Fahrion
- Cyndy Moore
- Louise Theberge
- Deb Shelby

Acolytes
- Mac McDonald
- Katherine Gibson
- Joshua Julian
- Nikko Meideros
- Jack Gibson

The Story

As we continue this week with the Story, whether or not you are coming on Wednesday evenings or just on Sundays we want you to know you can stay current by following along with the video links.

Here is the link for the first session, “We’ve Only Just Begun”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36vUIC5VIQ

Here is the link for the second session, “Seeds of a Nation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWNv1IbUjG8

We want to thank Jim Wesson and his team for the award-winning BBQ from Scoots last Wednesday and we look forward to the Men’s Prayer Breakfast fixing the meal tonight!

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they should be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore, do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

News: Next Movie Night!

You're invited to a
FREE FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
FEATURING
INCREDIBLES 2

Friday, October 4th
Seating starts at 6:30 pm
Movie starts at 7:00 pm
Grace On Main
6740 Main St. Gloucester
FREE and open to the public!
FREE popcorn, soft drinks & water!

QUESTIONS - Contact Becky Lazos at (804) 693-2071
or email: becky@gracecovenant.us
Notes:

Our Annual Halloween Hotdog giveaway and all-around good time is coming up soon! We are still working out details on just how we are going to do that this year. Last year we had tons of hotdogs left over... but stay tuned to the newsletter for information once we get planning on this!

Also, if you signed up to go to either John Crist on November 22, or Chris Tomlin on December 8 and have not paid for and reserved your tickets, now is the time to do that! You can call the church office if you have any questions.

Fall, Leaves, Fall

*Emily Brontë*

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night’s decay
Ushers in a drearier day.
CALLING ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF GRACE ON MAIN

Did you know that all women of Grace Covenant are members of Presbyterian Women? Being a member of this organization entitles you to attend any of the Women’s Circles, giving you an opportunity to enjoy Christian growth and fellowship with other women of faith.

We currently have three circles. Mary and Rachel meet on the second Tuesday of the month and Martha meets at 7PM on the third Thursday of the month. Each circle chooses their own programs that include bible study, Christian books and service.

We are focused on mission work and support local, national and international organizations. Some of the local projects are:

- Supplying the ladies of Cary House with haircuts once a month at Gloucester High School
- Collecting school supplies and distributing them to all the elementary and middle schools in Gloucester and Mathews
- Providing supplies for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle health clinic and donating to their pharmacy account
- Collect items for the USO and making gift bags that are taken to the Newport News/Williamsburg airport to be distributed to traveling soldiers
- Supporting the Salvation Army Angel Tree by gifting to two needy children a year.
- Donating to the Marion Medical Mission who install wells in African villages that have no clean water.
- Hosting the American Red Cross Bloodmobile once a year.
- We have a kitchen crew who cleans the kitchen monthly
- Providing snacks for Cary House when the Deacons go on their visits.
- Donating annually to the Friends of Barnabus and Union Presbyterian Seminary.
- Contribute all the supplies for funeral receptions.
- We also have an emergency fund that we distribute for disasters that occur throughout the year, both locally and nationally.
- Supporting the Prayer Shawl ministry that knits shawls for people who need a hug and love that a warm shawl gives; to date this group has distributed 799 shawls. They meet at the Church at 10AM on the first Tuesday of the month.

As you can see, we are a very busy group and are always open to new members. We would love to have you join us if you are not an active member. You can talk to any of our circle leaders to find out about meeting locations. Mary Circle- Sarah Finney and Eva Mullins, Rachel Circle – Barbara Fahrion and Martha Circle- Luann Nagle or Sandy Pait, Moderator of the Circles.
Fund Raiser Golf Tournament:

Below is the link to register for the Above golf tournament:

CLICK TO REGISTER NOW!!

YOUTH NEWS:

Attention middle school and high school students. Youth on Main will be meeting at church to go to Cookout at 5PM on September 29 for dinner. After dinner we will head to Yorktown for miniature golf and arcade games at Play A Round Family Fun Center. We will be returning to church after. Please contact Jared Fregin if you are interested in going. (757) 286-0853 or jared@gracecovenant.us
Choir News:

We are kicking off our 2nd year of our **Youth Music Ministries @Grace on Main Music**. Last year was exciting! We are blessed with energetic and talented youth as well as loving and caring families and community members supporting the program. Come visit and make a joyful noise with us!

**Grace Notes Choir:** Pre-K-3rd grade, plus youth not in bells:
Brief rehearsals after lunch and before church when they perform. Easy to memorize songs and movement. Grace Notes choir often sings with Inspire Choir too! Parents are invited to sing as well.

**Inspire Choir:** 3rd grade and up! Rehearses after bells and before church when they perform. Introduction to music theory and modern and traditional hymns and songs. Movement @ Music also planned. Inspire also joins Adult Choir on special occasions. We may even ask parents to join in the fun!

**SCHEDULE:**

- Lunch- after church to 12pm
- Grace Notes Choir: 12-12:15pm
- Genesis Ringers (bells): 12-12:30pm
- Inspire Choir: 12:30-1pm
- Youth Instrumentalists: TBA by Service

**Genesis Ringers:** 4th grade and up
Rehearsals after lunch and before church when they perform. Introductory bell pieces rehearsed and performances several times a year and on special services.

**Instrumentalists:** We are blessed with talented youth musicians and had several performances last year on with Ivar on recorder, Jack, Mac, Ivar, Bradyn, Joshua on drums, Bradyn on piano and, of course, our many talented bell players. We will continue to schedule youth instrumentalists again this year! You do not need to be in choir to present a musical offering (although we would love you to join). Just let us know if you want to play.

**Adult Choirs:** Grace on Main is blessed to have a wonderful choir that offers musical support of our worship every week. We have three groups, "The Ensemble" (tenor + bass voices) (rehearses Wednesdays at 6:15), "Women’s Ensemble (soprano + alto voices) (rehearses Sundays at 9:15), and the main choir (rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00). We welcome anyone who wishes to join us. Each group sings at least one anthem each month, and we prepare special music for larger events, to include the annual Christmas Cantata (December 15 this year). This year’s cantata will have a Celtic theme, and we plan to have a small Celtic musical group for accompanying. We will also prepare another Lenten Tenebrae service for Holy Week, as our service last year was well-received. A large thank-you to members of the choirs and the bells for improving our worship at Grace on Main!

--John & Caroline Peabody
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**Prayer Concerns:**

Pray for Wesley and Betty Wilson, Dana Gilmour, David Guthrie, E J Rowe, Virginia Wilkinson, David Lipps, Eva Towell, and Pat & Bert Perkins.

If you have a prayer request, even if it is unspoken, you may call the church office and your prayer request will be placed here.

Gloucester House: Wayne Gates
Brookdale, Williamsburg: Virginia Powers, & Barbara Tremblay
York Convalescent & Rehab: Virginia Wilkinson

**IN OTHER NEWS:**

Virginia Wilkinson recently fell. If you wish to send her a card, here is her address:

Virginia Wilkinson
c/o York Convalescent and Rehab Center
113 Battle Road
Yorktown, VA 23692