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A Gift to Fill Your Heart this Advent Season!

Our 2021 Advent Devotional will be available for download through December 25 in the email update and [on the website](#). This is a collaboration of multimedia devotionals written and compiled by a group of Grace Mills River members and staff. The PDF is printable but also includes video and music which can be accessed when viewed on a digital device. We pray this brings hope and joy to you this holiday season.

[Click here to download!](#)



Blessings in Boxes with the Storehouse

Grace Mills River has had the privilege of partnering with The Storehouse in Hendersonville's "Blessings in Boxes" for the past four years. This year, we are sponsoring gifts for 15 kids. We will have a Christmas tree with gift tags to pick up to sponsor a child this Christmas in the café area.

All gifts will need to be dropped off to the church by Sunday, December 5.

How to Participate:

- Visit the Blessing in Boxes table in the Info Area.
- Choose one or more gift tags from the Christmas Tree.
- Find your corresponding tag number(s) on the sign-up page and write your name and contact info.
- Bring your gifts back to the Blessing in Boxes table UNWRAPPED **no later than December 5!**

If you would like to have a gift tag emailed to you, or need to drop off a gift during the week, contact Jill at jill.lewison@gmail.com

[Join us for worship: Sundays at 10:30am](#)

This Sunday, our central text will be [Mark 6:30-44](#). Join us as we worship together as one body with

This Sunday, our central text will be [Mark 9:35-41](#). Join us as we worship together as one body with one worship service. (The online livestream will also be available on the website at 10:30am.)

Children's Ministry Update: Preschool & Elementary Classes

We are excited to offer an elementary (K-5) and preschool class (ages 2-4) during the 10:30am worship service. **Registration for Children's Ministry classes is no longer required. However, there is cap on each of our classes.** On Sunday morning when you check in at the Planning Center touch screens, if you are prompted with a "class is full" message, we ask that your children attend service so that we can stay within our ratio of volunteers to students to ensure their safety.

Our heart is to have a space for every child on Sunday morning. However, we need more volunteers to do so. Please contact Christen (christenbstewart@gmail.com) if you would like to serve.

Please Note: At this time, masks are recommended, but not required in the regular worship service and in all children and youth programs.

***If you choose to sit in the balcony, please wear a mask. This allows a space for those who desire to be with others who are masked.**

If you or anyone in your party are experiencing symptoms commonly related to cold/flu or Covid-19, or if you think you may have been in a high-exposure setting recently, we invite you to participate through our [online worship service](#).

[Click here for all the details.](#)



Men's Saturday Breakfast - December 4

The Saturday Men's Breakfast Group meets the first and third Saturday of each month, from 8am - 9:30am in the GMR Café. All men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, Bible based study/discussion, and prayer. For details contact Dave Bokmiller MenofGMR@gmail.com.



2021 Year End Giving

Your gift will be shared 50/50 by the Black Mountain Home for Children and Grace Mills River general budget.

Thank you for your generosity! We ask that year-end gifts be above your regular tithes and offerings.

[Read more details here](#)



Ways to Give

While we know many may continue to face a financial burden during this time, we humbly ask those who can to please continue to give financially so that we can keep paying the bills in a timely fashion. You may give online, by text, or mail-in.

Weekly Giving Update:

Year-to-Date Budget: \$288,462

Year-to-Date Actual: \$184,569

BEHIND: (\$103,893)

**Please note: This report reflects giving through 11.22.2021. The current fiscal year began September 1, 2021.*

[See Details About Ways to Give](#)



Current Sermon Series Begins:

Follow – Learning from Mark about Jesus' most misunderstood command

Of all the commands Jesus spoke, perhaps the most misunderstood was the call to follow Him. The misunderstanding stemmed from a similar misunderstanding of who he was, what he was coming to do, and what following him would, and would not, require. Throughout this series we will ask the simple question: What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Weekly Ways to Connect

- **Sundays**

**Communion is served on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month*

- [Connect & Fellowship](#) Cafe opens at 9am
- [Watershed Youth](#), 9am, Youth Room
- [Encountering God's Word Together](#), 9-9:40am, Rm 307
- [Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering](#), 9:45am, Rm 305
- [Indoor, In-Person Worship Service](#), 10:30am
- [Preschool Classes](#) 10:30am
- [Children's Classes](#) 10:30am, K-3rd grade, 4th & 5th grade
- [Online Worship Service](#), 10:30am livestream on [the website](#) and [Vimeo](#)

- **Tuesdays**

- [Gentle and Lowly Book Study](#), 1 pm, on Zoom
- [Community Bible Study](#), 6:30pm, room 307

- **Wednesdays**

- [Youth Group](#), times vary by age-group. Contact Greg.
- [Men's Bible Study](#), 6pm, Contact gracejimpearce@gmail.com
- [Gentle and Lowly Book Study](#), 7:30pm, on Zoom

- **Thursdays**

- [Women's Bible Study: Book of Solomon](#), 10am in room 307

- **Saturdays**

- [Men's Breakfast](#): 1st & 3rd Saturday, 8am at GMR
- [Women's Study in the Book of Psalms](#): 10am at the Pavilion at GMR

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