

GET CONNECTED!

Morning Worship:

10:00 AM

Sunday School:

11:15 AM

Sunday Evening Worship:

6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Bible Study:
(with Youth and Children's programs)

6:00 PM

February Events...

- February 1 • Men's 1st Thursday at Wilmington Island Golf Club • 11:30am
- February 4 • Men's Devotional at GCI • 8:10am
- February 4 • Mission's Committee Meeting at GCI • 4:00pm
- February 4 • Women's Ministry Meeting at GCI • 4:30pm
- February 11 • Deacon's Meeting • 4:00pm
- February 19 • Session Meeting • 6:00pm
- February 23 • Boston Butt Sale

Upcoming Youth Events:

- March 2-4 • Youth Winter Retreat at Little Ocmulgee State Park
- June 11-16 • Ridge Haven Junior Camp • Brevard, NC
- June 26-29 • Youth Mountain Week at Big Canoe, GA

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

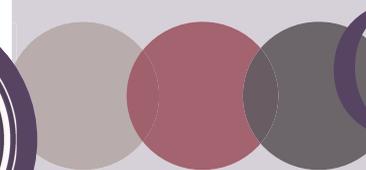
**GRACE AT HOME
FEBRUARY 2018**

**A monthly newsletter
from Grace Church of
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Friday, February 23rd

GCI BBQ



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HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS...

*"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- 1 John 3:16*

The Bible tells us that the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. The second greatest commandment is like the first, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:34-40)

If it is upon these two commandments that all the Law and the prophets hang, it is very important that we understand what it means to love God and what it means to love others. Thankfully,

Scripture interprets Scripture. In other words, the Bible defines what it is to love God and each other. 1 John 5:3 explains, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." We love our Heavenly Father through our

obedience to His Word.

1 John 3:16 explains what it means to love one another: "By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers." According



to this verse, we know love through what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross. Love is not just about feelings and emotions, although feelings and emotions are certainly a part of love.

Love is much more. There is a high cost in loving one another. It is the cost of the cross! What was involved in our Lord's love demonstrated on the cross? Pain...suffering...sacrifice. The love of God in Christ Jesus is a costly love.

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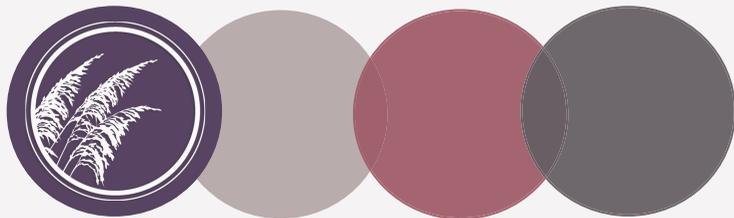
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Grace Church of the Islands PCA seeks to be a Reformed witness to Wilmington Island, Savannah, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the ordinary means of grace.

With His word as our authority, this body of believers seeks to glorify God through regular public worship, faithful preaching and teaching of the word, Christian Education, evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, and missions.



MUSIC NOTES by Gina Harrell • Director of Music

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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In this season when love seems to take center stage, it is important that the love we demonstrate as believers accurately portrays the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we seek to love our spouses and families, Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; may we not forget, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight; is not easy. It is actually more than we are capable of doing. That is why we are able to abide in the Word and sit under Biblical preaching and teaching. **Oh my soldiers, fight true and bold, Day to the next in the noble fought of old.** Yet, as costly as the victor's crown of gold, a harvest of joy for it is the way we were designed. It is what brings glory to our Heavenly Father. **Soon soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; May we ever seek to emulate His love of our Lord Jesus in order that the Body of Christ be built up, our marriages and families strengthened and that the world may know.** **But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!
 from earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 And singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Dale Hinely
 GCI Financial Administrator
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- Tithes and Offerings needed to reach Budget to date: **\$47,924**
- Actual Tithes and Offerings received to date: **\$37,404**
- Actual Income vs. Expenses: **-\$10,520**

When Valentine's Day approaches, our thoughts turn to love, hearts, and affection. However, the day historically was to honor at least one, or possibly more saints named Valentinus, all of whom were martyrs. Considering this, let us examine "For All the Saints", which turns our attention to God's faithful people throughout history.

"For All the Saints" was written by Bishop William How and was inspired by the Faith Chapter, Hebrews 11, which praises the faithfulness of the many saints who have gone before us. In this great hymn, we praise Christ for those who confessed His name to the world. As a matter of fact, the original title was "For All Thy Saints".

William How (1823-1897) was an Anglican bishop in England, known for his selfless work among the poor and industrial workers. He authored many hymns, sixty of which are still in use. The tune we sing with "For All the Saints" was written for these words by Ralph Vaughn Williams and published in 1906. Williams is one of the best-known English composers of the Twentieth Century. He has many symphonies, folk tunes, hymns and other works to

his credit. Many consider this tune to be one of the finest hymn tunes ever written.

"For All the Saints" praises Christ for his work on behalf of all the saints. We can pray verse 3 as Bishop How did, that we would be faithful, true, and bold. We can take great encouragement that our rest and reward is sure, as we see in verse 4. But one of the greatest truths we see in "For All the Saints" is the picture of the Universal Church - the entire nation of God's people from the beginning of time through eternity.

Let us be encouraged by the words of "For All the Saints". Let us thank God for those who lived faithful lives for us to follow and be inspired by their fierce love for Him. Let us look forward to that victorious day when we are gathered together with all the saints. Above all, may we marvel at God's great love for us that enables us to be called His people- His Church!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10 am - 12 noon at GCI

The Thursday morning study is on the Minor Prophets and led by Julie Veciana. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Women's Ministry will meet for their February Brunch on Saturday, Feb. 10th from 10am til 12noon at the home of Pam Welch, 131 Summer Winds Dr. (Mercer Place). The theme will be "Love Never Fails". Guest speaker will be Miki Allgire. she will share her families experience on adoption. Ladies, please mark your calendar's and join us for a great time of fellowship, food and fun!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

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| 13 | Bobby & Barbara Missroon |
| 22 | Harry & Dot Owens |
| 24 | Bill & Sandy Morris |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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| 1 | Stella Turner |
| 4 | Mason Love |
| 5 | Toni Rideout |
| 6 | Richard Towns |
| 7 | Buddy Gallaher |
| 8 | Jerome Watson |
| 15 | John Manders |
| 17 | Debbie Taylor |
| 18 | Bill Gustin |
| 20 | Hal McCarthy |
| 21 | Davis Hodge |
| 21 | Cathy Rulo |
| 22 | Dean Turner |
| 22 | Dot Owens |
| 22 | Jack Childress |
| 22 | Wils Childress |
| 22 | Rebecca Brunson |
| 23 | Greg Harris |
| 24 | Brannen Chapman |

GCI BBQ

BOSTON BUTT SALE

February 23rd

Tickets: \$25

See Brittany O'Meara in the Church office for tickets. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, February 18th. Checks should be made out to Grace Church of the Islands.

If you would like to help Feb. 21-23 to cook, deliver, or clean-up, please sign-up at the church or contact Ron Nichols.



STUDENT MINISTRY

CHARLIE TURNER • Associate Pastor

Featuring the Winter Olympics!

● WINTER RETREAT 2018 • MARCH 2-4
 LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK • McCRAY, GEORGIA



Parents of 3rd - 6th graders



Save the Date:
JUNE 11 - 16, 2018
 Ridge Haven is th PCA Camp Ministry.
 See Charlie Turner for more details!