



GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
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We extend our warmest welcome
and invite you to join us each week
in praise and worship.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Bible R.E.A.D. 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.



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From the Pastor:

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.” C. S. Lewis

A few weeks ago, Jim and I rented the movie “The Case For Christ.” It is based on the best-selling book, a true story, written by Lee Strobel. Lee was a self-proclaimed atheist. In an interview with Lee, he said “as an atheist, I had concluded that the best way to live life was as a hedonist. Just pursue pleasure; this is all you get in this world. So, that was my number one goal in life, to bring maximum pleasure into my life. And so, I lived a very immoral, and drunken, and profane, and narcissistic, really self-destructive kind of a life. That was my life.”

Lee Strobel wrote the book (of the same name) after his almost two year quest to disprove the existence of God and Jesus. The story begins while expecting their second child when his wife Leslie began to search for meaning after their young daughter asked “who is Jesus?” Lee explained that many people believe in stories about him, but he and Mommy were atheists. The young girl proclaims, “I guess I’m an atheist too.”

A friend kept inviting Leslie to church; finally she agreed. It was a new church that met in a movie theater. That church is now a mega-church: Willow Creek. Leslie felt the touch of God on her life and eventually gave her life to Christ and was baptized.

Lee was angry that his wife was becoming very involved with church and her faith and told her that he didn’t know if he could continue in the marriage if she was a Christian. This led him on an almost two year quest to disprove God. As a journalist, he believed in the facts, so he interviewed more than a dozen well respected authorities for the evidence of the historical Jesus. Some were believers and some were not.

What is not in the movie is that after becoming an award-winning investigative journalist who was promoted to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune, Lee left journalism in 1987, taking a 60 percent pay cut to work as a teaching pastor at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. He eventually became the host of the PAX TV program *Faith Under Fire*, in addition to writing numerous faith-based books and appearing as an inspirational speaker. His most notable book is his bestselling autobiography *The Case for Christ*, which chronicles his transformation from an atheist into a believer and provides the basis for the movie. (From *DailyHerald.com*).

The Deacons plan to sponsor a Dinner and Movie night featuring the Case for Christ, a movie that tells the dramatic journey of Lee Strobel and his wife Leslie. It offers heart and a human touch on the in-depth research Lee Strobel conducted. It is a moving story that will inspire everyone who sees it: believers, those who are searching for answers, and even those who are where Lee Strobel once was.

Once the date is confirmed, it will be announced and advertized. It will be a perfect opportunity to invite family and friends.

Peace

Pastor Wendy

From the Deacons

The Deacons of Greenville Baptist Church are part of the spiritual care of our community. If you are in need of a visit or prayer, please contact one of our Deacons. Sue G is the current Chair of Deacons.

The Deacons oversee the Ministry of Christian Caring – trained lay leaders who are available to visit and pray with you. If you would like a visit from one of our trained Caregivers, inform Ginger or Ann who are the Co-coordinators of the ministry, or Sue G.

The Deacons also coordinate ushers, greeters and lay leaders. If you would like to share your gift of hospitality or be a lay leader in worship, speak with one of the Deacons. Taylor is the head usher for October.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At our September meeting we were joined by Joseph McGinn, Jr., a partner in the firm of Brown Lisle/Cummings, who is the broker that handles our investment account. After Mr. McGinn presented an update on our portfolio the conversation centered on the length of our relationship with his firm and the steps that might be taken to more effectively fulfill our fiduciary responsibilities in the area of our investments. Investment Guidelines, Asset Allocation Policies, Social Investing Parameters, and going to a Full Investment Advisor relationship were among the subjects discussed. The board decided to carry this matter forward for further discussion at our October board meeting. (This summary of the presentation and discussion was prepared by John Tucker.)

The church membership, at our December 2016 Business Meeting, approved a budget figure of \$13,125 for an interim pastor during Pastor Wendy's sabbatical in 2017. This budgeted amount was based on general guidelines that were provided by ABCORI. The actual compensation paid to the Rev. Dr. Donald Rasmussen for the period of the sabbatical leave was based on discussion with him after he agreed to fill the interim position. His total compensation for the three month period was \$3,652.50.

Letters have been sent to the appropriate boards and committees to request 2018 budget data. These letters were delivered or sent on September 11th and replies are due no later than October 20th. Pastor Wendy reported that the 2018 pledge cards will be received on October 29th.

FROM THE MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board will be serving at the **St. George's Soup Kitchen October 1st**. We will need volunteers to make sandwiches following worship on that day. Also, volunteers are needed to bake and/or serve lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Carla.



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The Mission Board is assisting the American Baptist Women of Rhode Island in coordinating the assembling of hygiene kits to go to Church World Service. On Sunday, October 8th, following worship we are asking for volunteers to help with the assembly. On that Sunday there will be no food served at coffee hour. It will be coffee and tea only. The purpose of eliminating the food on that Sunday is to show support to all the people and areas which have been affected by the various hurricanes and earthquake. These people are going weeks and months without fresh water, food, and electric power. Please come and show your support by volunteering to assemble hygiene kits.

The next Mission Board meeting will be October 15th following worship. Please note change in date. The Board members have been busy delivering window fans, sheets, blankets, and pillows to the Community Care alliance in Woonsocket. The canned goods that were collected by Rachael have been distributed to the Woonsocket Food Pantry. Others have continued to serve hot food to the homeless in Providence through Breadline Ministries. Starting in January members of the Mission Board will be cooking for Breadline Ministries while others take the food to feed the homeless.

The Board continues to be very active helping those in our church as well as the greater community.



Opportunities for Outreach

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS – Lunch with Friends will be held Tuesday, October 24. Join us, 11:30 – 1:30 for food and fellowship. Bring a friend!

Nursing Home Ministries:

- Every Sunday at 12:45 pm at the **Lodge at the Village at Waterman Lake.**
- First and third Tuesdays at 10:30 am at the **Courtyard at the Village at Waterman Lake.** First Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm and every other Thursday at 2:30 pm at **Cortland Place.**
- Every other Friday at 10:30 am at **Brookdale Smithfield.**

Would you be interested in helping with one of the nursing home ministries?

Speak with Janet about the Tuesday Courtyard Services

Wayne about the Sunday Lodge Services

Ginger about the Cortland Place and Brookdale Services

Your presence can make a difference to the residents!

Opportunities for Growth

Daily devotional booklets are available:

The Secret Place – September/October/November edition available.

The Upper Room – September/October edition available.

The Adult Sunday Class meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room.

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm in the Church House.

The Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office.



50 Years Ago at GBC

It was October, 1967 and the Junior Class and the youth groups collected for UNICEF on Halloween. On October 30th an area Mission Rally was held here at GBC with Rev. Stanford Kelly of Haiti, and Rev. Claiborne Erickson of South India speaking about the work being done in both Mission Fields. The organist, Vivian Fanning, realized that there were not enough youth attending choir rehearsals, so it was decided to discontinue their choir at that time. It was noted the Junior BYF listened to a recording of "Noah and the Ark" followed by a discussion of the same. Lois Shaw, Church Clerk reported that our total membership was 616.

October was also a very busy time for the Senior High BYF. They met with Rev. George Daniels and learned about his interests and hobbies and what he expected from them and how he could help. A Bowling Party was held on October 8th, a paper drive on the 18th, (9 tons of paper was collected) a hayride and dance on the 21st and hosted a BYF group from Lakewood Baptist on the 22nd. More notes to come in November's newsletter. Jeanie, Church Historian

Harvest Breakfast Saturday, October 21st 7:30 am-10:30 am

Sign ups for donations and ticket sales will start at Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 8th. We will be making pies on Friday, October 20th. Plan to come and bake, or bake your own at home.
Thank you, Kelly



Jeanie is looking for more pictures of Veterans – any relatives or friends from any war – to put on the Bulletin Board in November. I would like to have these pictures to honor all that have served. All pictures will be returned. I have the pictures previously posted and will put them back up in November.



Day of Healing – Just for You!

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
On the corner of Putnam Pike and Smith Avenue

Saturday, October 28

8:30-4:30

Healing Service at 2:30

To register: email: djohnson@travel-odyssey.com for call 401-33-0510

WORKSHOPS:

1. A Healing Toolkit for the Inquisitive
2. Hearing the Voice of God
3. Healing through poetry
4. Tapping into God's power for Healing and Living
5. Are you what you eat?
6. A Question and Answer Forum Relating to Healing Prayer

Cost \$15. includes Coffee, Snacks and Lunch



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Adult Class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:15 am Pastoral Relations 12:45 pm Village 2:30 pm Cortland Place	2 7:00 pm Quilting	3 10:30 am Village 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 7:00am MPB 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	5 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Free at Last	6 9:00-2:00 pm Thrift Shop	7 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop
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