

# Grace Life

Grace Life Church of the Shoals

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## Holiday Schedule

Mark your calendars for these events upcoming this holiday season. Please be in prayer for all of those involved. You are encouraged to invite your family and friends to join us.

- November 24 .....Mid-Week Service in the Old Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.  
No other activities
- November 25 .....No service or other activities
- November 26-27 .....Thanksgiving Holidays/Church Office closed
- December 13 .....Shoals Christmas Praise in the Auditorium at 6:15 p.m.  
Love Offering for Jesus will be received all day
- December 20 .....Children's Choir Christmas Program in the Auditorium  
at 6:15 p.m.
- December 22 .....Mid-Week Service in the Old Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- December 23 .....No service or other activities
- December 24-25.....Christmas Holidays/Church Office closed
- December 27 .....Morning Service ONLY in the Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.  
No Small Groups
- December 28-January 1.....Church Office Closed



## Calendar of Events

November 1 ..... Daylight Saving Time ends  
 November 8 ..... Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper  
 November 11 ..... Veterans Day/S.N.O.W.  
 November 24 ..... Mid-Week Service  
 November 25 ..... No service or other activities  
 November 26-27 .... Thanksgiving Holidays/  
    Church Office closed  
 December 13 ..... Shoals Christmas Praise/  
    Love Offering for Jesus  
 December 20 ..... Children’s Christmas Program  
 December 22 ..... Mid-Week Service  
 December 23 ..... No service or other activities  
 December 24-25 .... Christmas Holidays/  
    Church Office closed  
 December 27 ..... Morning Service ONLY/  
    No Small Groups  
 December 28- ..... Church Office Closed  
 January 1  
 January 1 ..... New Year’s Day  
 January 3 ..... No Small Groups  
 January 16-18 ..... Student Winter Retreat  
 January 24 ..... Discovery Class  
 February 17 ..... Prayer service for  
    True Church Conference  
 February 18-21 ..... True Church Conference  
 March 14 ..... Daylight Saving time begins  
 March 26-27 ..... High School Camp Out  
 April 4 ..... Easter  
 April 10-16 ..... Student Mission Trip  
 April 18 ..... Discovery Class  
 April 18, 25 ..... Parent Training  
 April 23-24 ..... Couples’ Retreat  
 May 2 ..... Parent Training  
 May 9 ..... Mother’s Day/Children’s Parade/  
    Baby Presentation  
 May 12 ..... Children’s Choir Skate Celebration  
 May 16 ..... Senior Recognition

## Upcoming Student Events (Grades 6-12)

- **S.N.O.W. (Student Night of Worship)**

**Wednesday, November 11**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Youth Room**

Our next S.N.O.W. (Student Night Of Worship) will be on Wednesday, November 11, in the Youth Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Reach out to your friends and invite them to join us to hear the preaching of the Word followed by food and fellowship.

- **Student Fellowship & Game Night**

**Tuesday, November 24**

**Following the service until 10:00 p.m.**

**Youth Room**

All students are invited to join us for an evening of fun and games. Bring card games, board games, and finger foods. Drinks will be provided.

## Small Group Bible Study Lessons

### *The Book of Joshua*

**Lesson 5**

November 1 ..... *Memorial Stones* ..... 4:1-24

**Lesson 6**

November 8 ..... *Preparing for Victory* ..... 5:1-15

**Lesson 7**

November 15 ..... *Victory at Jericho* ..... 6:1-27

**Lesson 8**

November 22 ..... *Sin Leads to Defeat* ..... 7:1-13

**Lesson 9**

November 29 ..... *Punishment for Sin* ..... 7:14-26

**Lesson 10**

December 6 ..... *The Conquest of Ai* ..... 8:1-35

**Lesson 11**

December 13 ..... *The Deception of God’s People* .... 9:1-27

***The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God***

# Music Notes

The Shoals Christmas Praise is getting closer! As I write this article it is only eight Sundays away. Please make every effort to invite folks to this event. It is an especially good time to follow up with those who came with you or you invited to Friend Day and/or Fall Outreach. The presentation will be on Sunday, December 13, at 6:15 p.m. In preparation for SCP, we will have extra rehearsals on Sundays in November from 4:45-5:45 p.m. A complete rehearsal schedule will be available soon.

Many of you have asked me about the performance schedule with the Nashville Symphony Chorus in December. The performance schedule follows:

Rachmaninoff *The Bells*/Stravinsky *Symphony of Psalms*

- December 3 ..... 7:00 p.m.
- December 4 ..... 8:00 p.m.
- December 5 ..... 8:00 p.m.

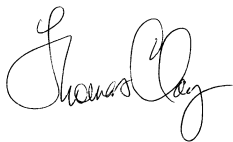
Handel's *Messiah*

- December 17 ..... 7:00 p.m.
- December 18 ..... 8:00 p.m.
- December 19 ..... 8:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by going to [www.nashvillesymphony.org](http://www.nashvillesymphony.org) and click on "Concert & Tickets" and scroll down to the event or by calling (615) 687-6400. I would suggest you attend Handel rather than Rachmaninoff/Stravinsky as it will be music that is more familiar to you.

*Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion;  
Declare among the peoples His deeds.  
— Psalm 9:11*

In Christ,




Bro. Tom  
Associate Pastor-Director of Music Program

## Our Financial Support of the Great Commission

| Giving totals for . . .   | Weekly needs  | October 4   | October 11  | October 18  | October 25  |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Local Operating Budget    | (\$45,602.00) | \$47,383.50 | \$23,700.35 | \$23,956.56 | \$25,933.95 |
| Faith Commitment Offering | (6,258.65)    | 6,908.00    | 4,583.00    | 2,738.10    | 2,358.00    |
| Total Giving              | (\$51,860.65) | \$54,291.50 | \$28,283.35 | \$26,694.66 | \$28,291.95 |

“. . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” — Matthew 6:21

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# Missions Report

Dear Family & Friends,

Hello again from Zambia. Thank you for your continued prayers. We especially thank you for your recent prayers concerning our water. It continues to be very challenging. The water company borrowed a hose from the fire brigade and filled our tank. They did this upon request by Sean and Shannon. Then the next day there was enough city water pressure to run water up into our reserve tank. We haul water in from our outside faucet (city water) and try to keep three trash cans (water cans for us) filled in the house. The water that runs in the house comes only from the reserve tank. We are thankful for the mornings that we have city water. Sometimes it will last a couple of hours. For the past two days though we have only been able to run about two liters from the city faucet. I tell you this to give you a little picture of one of the daily things we deal with.

With all of that said, I believe the Lord is preparing us to make the move out to the bush. I once heard a sermon preached by Chuck Swindoll when we were trying to discern if God was wanting us to move. He said that when God wants us to move, He will make it harder for us to stay than to go. So we are making plans to be out in the bush more than we are in Livingstone. We will soon begin work on our pavilion. It will have two kitchens, two bathrooms (Wow! with running water), two dining/living areas, and two storage rooms. Shannon has designed a layout that can be converted to one large kitchen and dining area for when we have outreach teams come later. We will be using this pavilion while we are building our homes. Of course, we will be sleeping in our safari tents. While we are working on the pavilion, we will be staying at a camp site at Mutemwa Lodge 15 minutes away. They have running water and bathrooms with a SHOWER! (we are so excited) The owners of the lodge are Gavin and Penny Johnson. They are a sweet Christian couple. They have three little girls Shan, Kayla, and Tammy, with whom our girls quickly made friends. They really enjoy spending time with them. We have also thoroughly enjoyed the times we have spent with Penny & Gavin. What a blessing from the Lord to have another Christian brother and sister just 15 minutes away. We have also met two International Mission Board Missionaries that are about two and half hours from our land. Their names are Daniel & Skye Scott. They let us all come and stay a week with them to train us in PILAT Program in Language Acquisition Techniques. This is a program that will hopefully help us learn to speak the language of the Lozi, which is Silozi (more about this later). Our visit with Daniel & Skye went great. We truly enjoyed the fellowship and will also be blessed to build a relationship with them for many years to come.

Sean and Shannon went on a teaching trip to the bush last week. They took three men from our church in Livingstone with them: Mr. Alfred Mumba, Mr. Alfred Sinyangwe (both are deacons), and Mr. Enoch Munjoma (who is Lozi). They had more teaching time on that trip than any in the past. They were also able to question the men that they have been teaching further to see if they are truly saved. Please continue praying for the Lord to save Vincent, Jethro, Evans, Clement, Masiye, Concelia (Dominic's wife), Chief Ilwendo, Godfrey (Dominic's father-in-law), Concelia's mother, and their families and many others. Pray also that we will be able to learn to speak Silozi so that we can better communicate with these and all who we will live among. We have begun the PILAT Lessons with Enoch (remember he's the Lozi man from our church) as our helper. It is very challenging.

Please email us at [snjreece@gmail.com](mailto:snjreece@gmail.com); we would love to hear from all of you. We love and miss you.

In His care,

Sean, Joyce, Michael, Alicia, and Emily Reece



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