



# And Also With You

APRIL 2014

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## APRIL

### SUNDAYS

9:00 am  
Redemptive Gifts Class  
10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)  
&  
Children's Chapel

### MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham  
Cooke Group-  
Information 455-5940

### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am  
Women's Bible  
Study-  
Information 990-2973

12:00 noon  
Holy Communion

### FRIDAYS

8:15 am  
Men's Group-  
Information 422-3169

## CHALICE BEARERS

**April 6-Lent V**  
Becky Johnson  
Jan Bogue

**April 13-Palm  
Sunday**  
Kitty Barksdale  
Janic Terry

**April 17-Maundy  
Thursday**  
Bob and Jane  
Grafe

**April 20-Easter**  
Jan Bogue  
Becky Johnson

**April 27-Easter 2**  
Janic Terry  
Kitty Barksdale

## The Green Zone Within the Red Zone



The Rev'd Scott Davis

Author and speaker Graham Cooke says, "Grace is the country you live in." Someone else has said, "Jesus did not come to get us into heaven but to get heaven into us."

Both statements are similar in meaning. Grace, which is the lifestyle of heaven, is meant to become the lifestyle of earth, where we begin to realize that we are actually not merely *servants* of God, nor simply *friends* of God, but are actually *children* of God.

There is a big difference between being a servant or friend as compared to being a son or daughter. Because of our standing as an actual child of the Most High, we are given privileges beyond those of servants or even friends. One of the privileges of calling God our father is that we are allowed to live in His country called Grace. The best part of living in a country called Grace is that we do not ever have to leave if we do not want to. Often times Christians travel in and out of Grace but the truth of the matter is that it is a country that you never have to leave. It is our choice to dwell within or to move out of.

I was talking with a friend about this, and he reminded me that I had recently

preached in a sermon that we were born behind enemy lines and live our entire lives in a war zone. He went to ask, "Then how do we live in a country called Grace and also live in a war zone?" Before I could answer, he replied that during the Iraqi War Baghdad was a dangerous place unless you lived in the "green zone." The green zone was the nickname for the International Zone which was a highly fortified part of the city where bombs and rockets seldom exploded. It included a small area of the city (3.9 square miles) as well as the area surrounding the airport. The rest of Baghdad, however, was a "red zone." It was red hot with skirmishes occurring night and day.



Grace is the country you live in. Yes, we do live behind enemy lines. Yes, we live in a war zone, yet Jesus gives us the option to live each day in the green zone within the red zone.

For many years I believed my lot in life was to tough it out in the red zone. I justified this by saying that we live in a fallen world and that bad things happen even to good people. I believed that it was our duty to duke it out on a regular basis, fighting the enemy wherever we could. Our reward would come after we died as faithful soldiers for Christ and went to heaven.

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God, however, has another plan. He provides His sons and daughters with access to the green zone.

*“Grace is a country you live in.”*

*Graham Cooke*

Yes, we fight spiritual battles. Yes, we keep pushing back the darkness with light, yet we

are much more powerful when doing so out of our place in the green zone. It takes faith to live in a country called Grace. It especially takes grace when we hear bombs going off in the not too distant part of our world. We have to take extra precautions to live in the green zone just as in Baghdad. A country called Grace must be well guarded to work. There must be extra attention to what is allowed into the green zone and what must be kept out. To work, it must be a place with high security. It must have lives lived with intention, in order to protect.

Once in the green zone, however, a Christian is empowered to work and live, minister, and love out of peace and security. Occasionally a bomb will get through the security and explode. Once in a while a rocket will crash within the green zone. We live in a fallen world. However, the green zone of Grace is far different from the red zone full of constant fear and barrage.

Being a son or a daughter of God and desiring to live in that peace (not as the red zone gives), coupled with faith that God really will guard our hearts, allows us entrance into the green zone. They become our passport to a country call Grace. Fear quickly expels us back into the red zone. Where would you prefer to live?

 Pot Luck-April 6  
(following worship)

Main Course:



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



- 2 Kitty Barksdale
- 8 Cheri Kriner
- 12 Rosemarie Hall
- 25 Beverly Terry
- 27 Patricia Goldsby



Holy Week Schedule

April 13-Palm Sunday-10am

April 16-Maundy Thursday-6:30pm

Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar

April 17-Good Friday-12:noon

Liturgy of the Cross-No Communion

April 20-Resurrection Sunday-10am

From Our Missionaries in France

Grace Church sent \$700+ to the Rileys this Christmas and this is their reply: Hello Grace Anglican!!! I wish we could be hugging you all in person, but until that day, we wanted to say a HUGE thank-you for sending your continuous love and support from across the ocean. You have no idea what an essential blessing you have been to us. Your support makes our being in France possible, and you blessed us again at Christmas. We will be using the money to buy a small sound system for our outreach events—Thank You! The new year has started out great and it has been both humbling and amazing to be able to start ministering in French. Through it all we are reminded that we cannot do this in our own strength and we appreciate your prayers. The kids are sick today, but in general all are doing very well and have already made quite a few friends. This makes for happy parents. We love you all and look forward to seeing you in person. Love, The

