



And Also With You

MAY 2014

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MAY

SUNDAYS

- 10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)
- Children's Chapel
- MONDAYS**
- 6:30pm
Small Group
- WEDNESDAYS**
- 10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study
- 12:00 noon
Holy Communion
- FRIDAYS**
- 8:15 am
Men's Group

CHALICE BEARERS

May 4
Jane and Bob
Grafe

May 11
Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

May 18
Jan Bogue
Becky Johnson

May 25
Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry



Our Purpose



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

God initially called Abram to leave Ur of the Chaldees and go to a land that He would show him. This was all the direction Abram was given. The bigger picture would come later.

When Grace Church was planted fourteen years ago, we knew we had a purpose, yet, like Abram, God did not reveal the bigger picture at the time. It was not until recently that I ran across a verse in Proverbs that expressed what I believe to be the larger purpose and destiny of Grace Church.

Proverbs 21:22 (Passion Translation) says, *"A warrior filled with wisdom ascends into the high place and releases regional breakthrough, bringing down the strongholds of the mighty."* This verse articulates the call that God has laid upon both Grace Church and me.

Over the years, understanding spiritual warfare has been an important theme for our particular house. Wisdom has also been another reoccurring theme at Grace. We have come to realize that God's wisdom in our lives is far greater than fame or fortune. As James 1:5 says, *"If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who generously gives to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."*

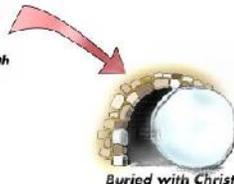
The reason why I mention spiritual warfare and wisdom is because of how Proverbs 21:22 begins: *"A warrior filled with wisdom ..."*. The next part of the verse says that the wise warrior *"ascends to the high place."* What is the high place that we ascend to? Ephesians 2:6 explains by saying, *"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..."*.

Since we, as wise warriors, are seated with Christ in the heavenlies, then two powerful actions occur; one action is positive and the other negative. The positive action that occurs when the wise warrior ascends to the high place is that he (she) can release "regional breakthrough."

We believe that we have authority in Christ to declare breakthroughs, especially within the territory that He has given us to live in and care for. For Grace Church and the wise warriors within, it is the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay from Spanish Fort to Weeks Bay. For

those of you in other places, the geographic area where you live is the region in which God desires you to exercise your dominion as a wise warrior and to decree regional breakthrough.

If wise warriors across the United States decree regional breakthrough over their communities, then I believe we will see our culture shift. I think where we go wrong is by spending time praying for the entire country and not enough time praying over our specific regions where God has given us dominion. There are Chris-



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tians in all fifty states and around the world who often forget that they can ascend to the high place whenever they want and can release regional breakthrough for their territories.

I love the word *breakthrough*.



Breaking through an object such as a wall takes effort and persistence, yet with effort comes

the pay off - breakthrough. Once we are able to break through a stronghold, the kingdom of God is released through the breakthrough opening. On God's behalf, you and I are called and have the authority to decree breakthrough for the brokenness of our world.

The last part of Proverbs 21:22 tells us what happens once breakthrough occurs. God's power working within the wise warrior brings down the strongholds of the mighty in the region. This verse expresses our hearts' desire and goal at Grace—to bring down strongholds and to release breakthrough. This is the plan for Christians everywhere. This is the plan for each congregation as an embassy of a greater kingdom.

I invite you to see yourself as a wise warrior who ascends to the high place in order to release breakthrough over your community, bringing down the strongholds that have long influenced and held sway over your particular region.

Blessings,
Father Scott +



St. Patrick's Breastplate



I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!

May Birthdays

- 2 Glenn Barger
- 5 Leo Smith
- 17 Tirra Clark
- 18 Kyle Roth
- 20 Norm Hastings
- 22 Olivia England
- 27 Hannah Pate
- 31 Gracie Roth



2014 Financials

1st Quarter Income:	\$50,098.84
1st Quarter Expenses:	\$49,847.76
Net	\$ 251.08
April Income:	\$14,144
April Expenses:	\$18,173
Net	\$ (4,029)



Congratulations to Madeleine Huhn, 2014 graduate of Fairhope High School. Madeleine is the granddaughter of Becky Johnson. Madeleine has been an active part of Grace Church since she began coming as a sixth grader. Of late, Madeleine has been one of our nursery helpers and she will be missed. She attends the University of Alabama this fall, and we pray many blessings on her new life in Tuscaloosa.