



Words of Grace



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We welcome our new Interim Student Minister

Aileen Lawrimore

Aileen and her husband Jay live in Asheville, NC with their three teenagers, Trelace, Baker, and Margaret, and a beagle named Charlie. In addition to her own youth group of three, Aileen has worked with the youth at First Baptist Church of Asheville and has served the youth of First Baptist Church of Marion as Interim Youth Pastor. She loves people, books, and Diet Mountain Dew served over ice.

Years ago, I was a volunteer working with a group of teenage girls at my church. I was a young newlywed without kids, and the other volunteers were the girls' moms. We adults were at a training session; the leader started off with, "Name some qualities of teenage girls."

The moms needed no further encouragement:

"Moody!" "Needy." "Self-absorbed."

The critical adjectives just kept coming. After awhile, I raised my hand and said, "Well, I think they are *fun*." The moms, once they recovered from their shock, assured me that when I had my own teenagers, I would feel differently.

And they were right.

Now that I have my own three teenagers and spend much of my life with them and other teens, I do feel differently. Teens are not just fun. They are serious and playful; passionate and confused; hope-filled and desperate. Some are transparent, some are more complex than anyone realizes, some are angry, and some are hopelessly optimistic. They are scholars, athletes, musicians, politicians, and more. Really, teens are just like people of all ages. Only teenagers are lots more fun!

I love getting to know students and journeying with them into deeper faith and more intentional ministry. So I'm just thrilled to be here at Grace. And I'm looking forward to growing right along with you.

Peace, Grace.

Aileen

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SCHEDULE—STARTS JUNE 6: (for June only)

NO WED NIGHT SUPPER and NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Girls of Grace—5:30

Children and Youth—6:00-7:00

IMPACT reh—6:30

Sanctuary Choir—7:00



Looking Ahead...

July 4th Celebration. Indoor picnic...inflatables outdoors for the kids & adults...great food, great fun and great fellowship.

Mark your calendars for

Wed, July 4th!!!

Begins at 5:00...Eat at 6:00

Fun and fellowship 'til 8:00.

We will need your help in funding this community outreach event. Projected costs are approx. \$1,000.00 This is a "non-budgeted" event. Mark your gifts, above your regular offering, July 4th.

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Your Church Staff

Nathan Pruett, Pastor

Rick Ramsey, Minister of Music / Church Administrator

Aileen Lawrimore, Interim Minister to Students

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There will be a special called church conference at the end of our morning worship service on June 3 to elect the Youth Pastor Search Committee.

We will have baptism on Sunday June 3.