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Missions Conference 2010

March 5th, 6th & 7th

“Till the Whole World Knows”

“Go, tell the people the full message of this new life.... Never stop teaching and proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is the Christ.”

Acts 5:20,42

Our annual Missions Conference will start **Friday, March 5th**, and runs through **Sunday, March 7th**. This is a special time when we endeavor to learn more about the missionaries and ministries we help support around the world. It is also a time when we open our hearts as a church and as individuals to seek God's call on our lives and to ask how He wants us to respond to His great commission of taking Christ to a lost world.

This year, **Andy Bowen**, Missionary with WGM in Paraguay, will be our main speaker. Andy ministers at the Guarani-Jopara Institute for Missionaries in Escobar. He also has a ministry with the youth and leads worship in two churches.

Andy's wife, Lizet, and their two sons, Timothy and Lucas, will also be coming to the conference. Lizet helps volunteers learn Spanish and oversees the accounting responsibilities of the field.

Andy was born and raised in Kenya to missionary parents. He attended Asbury College in Kentucky, majoring in French and Spanish. He was appointed as missionary to Paraguay in 1992. After a two-year term in Paraguay, he returned to Kenya for a graduate degree in translation at the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology. In 1999, he began a Guarini language study program for English-speaking missionaries who wish to learn the heart language of the people of Paraguay.

Lizet grew up in Bolivia, with Christian parents. Her parents became pastors and later went as missionaries to Paraguay when Lizet was 15. In Paraguay, Lizet studied at the Wesley Biblical Institute. Andy and Lizet met in 1999 while Andy was ministering at her father's church.

We are also excited to have **Esther Cann**, OMS Missionary in Indonesia, joining us. Esther serves at Wesley International School. She teaches elementary classes working with children from many countries to provide a Christ-centered education and has taught there for nearly ten years. Before going to Wesley, Esther taught in schools for missionary children in

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Brazil and Haiti, as well as in a Christian school in the U.S.

Mark and Julie Coleman are with *Operation Mobilization* in the Middle East. Their two sons, Ethan and Evan, will also be coming with them. Mark is director of personnel and team leader for field support ministries for over 90 missionaries in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq. Julie is the field communications facilitator. They both are involved in training new laborers.

Also, joining us for the weekend will be **Jerry and Pat Wiley**, with *Eagles Nest Ministry* in Mexico. The Wileys oversee nine native pastors of 25 village missions as well as *Eagles Nest Orphanage* in Soto La Marina. They have also founded *Mercy Wings* to reach the unreachable by air. In 2003 *Eagles Nest Church* was founded with a vision to reach the city of Soto La Marina and the surrounding area.

Services for the Missions Conference will be held at **7:30pm Friday, 7:00pm Saturday, and at regular times on Sunday**. Also, **30 minutes prior to the services on Friday and Saturday evenings, we will have a *Spotlight on Missions* presentation** where our missionary guests will have an opportunity to show slides or videos and share about their mission fields. Throughout the conference, we will hold other special activities that will give the church a chance to get better acquainted with the missionaries and their ministries. Please take note of all the Missions Conference events and plan to join in as many as you possibly can.



24-Hour Prayer Vigil:
5:00pm Thursday, March 4th through 5:00 pm Friday, March 5th, in the church sanctuary.

Foreign Foods Supper: 6:00pm Friday, March 5th, in the Chapel — Please **BRING 2 large covered dishes** filled with your favorite foreign foods.

Men's Breakfast: 8:30am — Saturday, March 6th, in the Chapel — Men, you are invited to gather for a hearty breakfast with the missionary men. Food will be provided.

Ladies Lunch: 12:30pm, Saturday, March 6th, in the Chapel — Ladies, you are invited to enjoy lunch with the missionary ladies. Food & childcare will be provided. Bring a sack lunch for your child.

Sr. High Youth Supper with Missionaries: 5:00pm, Saturday, March 6th in the Chapel. Food provided.

Sandwich Supper: 8:15pm Sunday, March 7th, in the Chapel — Everyone is invited to **BRING sandwiches and finger foods** for a farewell supper with all the missionaries following the conclusion of the evening service.

Please Note: In order to give families time to prepare for the Missions Conference weekend, we will not be holding our regular Midweek Ministries at the church on **Wednesday, March 3rd**. Most Care Groups and Children's Ministries will not be meeting that night, and we will not be serving and evening meal. The **Focus4 Youth do plan to meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm** to kick-off the Mission Conference — Middle School Style.



MISSIONARIES IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday morning, March 7th, we have invited some of our Mission Conference Missionaries to share in several Sunday School classes.

- ◆ All adult classes will meet in the sanctuary to hear from Jerry & Pat Wiley, missionaries to Mexico.
- ◆ All Jr. & Sr. High classes will meet in the Chapel with Mark & Julie Coleman, missionaries to Lebanon.
- ◆ All Elementary & Pre-school Children's classes will meet in their regular classrooms with their regular teachers.



SPRING QUARTER Starts in March

We will begin a new quarter of Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday, March 14th following the Missions Conference. Here is what is being offered each week at 9:45am:

Foundational Christianity: study & discussion of basic Christian beliefs to help you in your walk of faith; Taught by Rick Lipira ; Meets in Room 204.

Membership Class: Scriptural study of the "Body of Christ" relating to the mission and ministry of Grace Evangelical Church; Taught by Pastor Darrell Jones & Tom Richmond; Meets in Upper Room.

Through the Roof: Class for teens and adults with physical and/or cognitive disABILITIES; Taught by Glynda King; Meets in Room 203.

Sanctification, Is It Important?: Study of the word of God concerning this command to be made holy; Learn how to live a Christ-like life and see how faith, spiritual works and true fruit are able to be manifest in all our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit; Taught by Roger Mann; Meets in the Chapel.

Living Devotions: Learn how to study scripture and approach devotions in a fresh way; Taught by David Bodenhausen; Meets in Room 202.

Growing Older and Wiser: Study of scripture to learn how to do a better job dealing with one of life's certainties....GROWING OLDER; Taught by Jim Connors & Terry Carlson; Meets in Room 206.

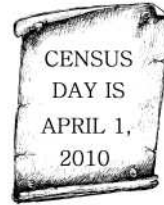
Ladies Class: This class for women will finish their study of the book, *Change Your Heart, Change Your Life*, and will then begin a new book by Charles Swindoll titled, *Living Beyond the Daily Grind*; Taught by Pam Clary; Meets in Library.

FIREPROOF Marriage Class: Class is specifically on the topic of marriage and all the up's and down's that come with it. The curriculum is compatible with the Fireproof movie; taught by David & Sarah Montgomery; Meets in Room 200.

Next Gen's (18-30 year olds): Scriptural study of life issues relating to young adults; Taught by Pastor Ken Maxey; Meets in Room 205.

Youth & Children: We also have age-appropriate classes for Jr. & Sr. High Youth and for children from age two through 6th grade.

Let's All Be Counted!



Governments have been taking census counts since before Jesus' birth. Luke 2 tells us that the first census took place while Quirinius was governing Syria and that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary had traveled there in order to be counted in a census that had been ordered by Caesar Augustus.

The United States takes a census every ten years. In 2010, the U.S. census will define who we are as a nation. The census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. As a faith-based organization, we are dedicated to serving the best interests of our community, and therefore, we are partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to convey the importance of participating in this census and to help ensure that no one goes uncounted. Each household will soon be receiving a Census Questionnaire by mail that will ask only a few simple questions. We encourage you to complete this questionnaire and return it by mail to the Census Bureau. Your information will be kept confidential and only used for its defined purposes.

We encourage everyone in our congregation to participate in the 2010 census because the results will be used to determine our state's representation in the U.S. Congress as well as the allocation and location of many government funded projects in our community. By answering the 10 simple questions on your census form, you can make an important difference in our community.

Can You Spare A Drop? Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood Drive

Our 9th annual Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood Drive will be held on **Tuesday, April 20th**. Mark Pease was a faithful attendee at Grace and a dedicated blood donor before losing his battle with cancer in November of 2001. During his lifetime, Mark donated 117 pints of blood. It is the goal of our blood drive to match or surpass that amount each year. Hours for the blood drive will be from **10:00am until 7:00pm**. As in past years, food will be provided for lunch and supper, and there will be prize giveaways throughout the day. To be eligible to donate blood at this drive, you must not have donated blood after **February 28th**. Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 20th** to celebrate life and remember Mark, by donating blood – the gift of life!



13th Annual Noyes Home Benefit Golf Tournament

2010's *Fore the Lord Golf Tournament* will be held at Fairview Golf Course on **Friday, June 4th**. As in the past, we will have a session that begins at 7:30am and a session that begins at 1:30pm. There are several ways in which you can participate.

- ◆ You may serve as a Gold Corporate Sponsor by donating \$250. Your business name will be on a sign at a hole and on a vinyl banner displayed at the golf course that day. The banner will also be displayed at the Noyes Home the following week.
- ◆ You may serve as a Silver Corporate Sponsor for a \$100 donation and your business name will be placed on a sign at a hole on the golf course during the tournament.
- ◆ You may put together a team of 4 to play in the tournament for a cost of \$180.
- ◆ You may volunteer to help with the tournament.

Sign-up sheets for teams and sponsors as well as tournament fliers will be available at the church Information Center later this month.



In case you don't know what the Gathering is, it is a time on Friday nights where people just out of High School on up to age 30 can get together to hang, talk, play games, and laugh.

With that said, this month we will NOT be meeting March 5th specifically for the Gathering, but encourage everyone to instead attend the Missions Conference at church. However, we will pick back up on March 12th at Tim & Tammy Talbot's house (18 Makenzie Drive.)

For more info, contact me (Ken Maxey) by phone or text at 244-9890, or email ken@graceontheweb.org.



Secret Sisters Revealed

A *Secret Sisters Revealed* luncheon will be held **Saturday, March 13th from noon to 1:00pm in the Library**. Bring your favorite salad to share.

If you would like to be someone's Secret Sister in 2010, participation forms will be available. For questions, call Diana Slawson 233-0627.



Christian Women's Book Club

The Love of Books selection for March is the psychotic thriller, *Burn*, by Ted Dekker. If you've ever wished for a great Christian thriller book with a battle between good and evil of Biblical proportions, this is one you don't want to miss! This book club meets the last Thursday of each month. The March meeting is on the 25th at Panera Bread Company at 5:30pm for those who are interested in dinner; book discussion to start at 6:30pm. For more information, or to make sure we save you a chair, email Beth Ann at bethann.reinert@gmail.com or call/text at 288-4848.



Kid's Corner...

With Dan Blakely
Children's Pastor

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Prayer... God's gift to us

In this month's article I want to focus on the topic of prayer. Over the past few years we have seen many transitions within our church. In some of the newsletter articles that I have been given the opportunity to write, I have focused on this topic.

Over the course of the last 10 months, the importance of prayer has been pressed on my heart so much so that this year, prayer is a central theme of what we are focusing on in High Five ministries.

During Kids Church activities, a purposeful effort is being made for children to come to a broader understanding of what prayer is and how it is an essential part of our Christian life.

We have been discussing the fact that prayer helps develop/strengthen our relationship with Christ; incorporates opportunities to seek God's will; is a means of receiving forgiveness and salvation. Prayer may be used to intercede on behalf of others, and is a form of worship in which we may present our gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

In January, during the *Take Five* midweek services for 3rd and 4th graders, we began our study

of *The Beatitudes* in Matthew 5:3-11 and the *Lord's Prayer* found in Matthew 6:9-13. It is my desire that children will come to a better understanding of not only how to serve God but the heart in which we should serve as believers.

Prayer and studying God's word are obviously two of the main ingredients required in developing a sound relationship with Christ. One cannot effectively operate without the other.

I love to hear the prayers of children. I am always inspired by the transparency of their hearts. The depth that children pray through their simple and sincere words always amazes me.

We have begun to challenge children to incorporate prayer in their daily life besides those already offered at meal times. We are utilizing the Lord's Prayer to assist the older children with understanding the model in which Jesus explained for us to pray.

This month I challenge each of us to look at the presence of prayer in our lives. How can we improve the quality of our prayer time? What areas of focus might we need to incorporate more?

New Child Sign-in System

We continue to move toward a new automated child check in system. As mentioned in parent meetings, this system will allow for many opportunities. We are in the process of having parents fill out new High Five Ministries information sheets so that updated information can be entered into our system. Please take a moment to fill out a form the next time you are checking in your child for Kids church. Once the initial phase is completed we will then move toward implementing the next level.

Little Treasures Nursery

Effective February 14th, Bill and Diane Burnich began our new 3 year old Sunday school class in the Little Treasures Nursery. Bill and Diane have hearts for God and children. Their new Sunday school class now takes place in the nursery area. Beginning this month, Linda Ramey will begin using her music gifts to provide worship time for both the 3 year-old and 4 year-old Sunday school classes individually. If you happen to have any noise makers (tambourines or bells, etc.) that you would be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Down the road these tools will be used at times during their worship experiences.

March Madness:

We are so close to spring that we are starting to go CRAZY. Every year we like to welcome in the new coming season with a little March madness. This year our *March Madness Days* will take place on Sunday mornings. Please take a look so that your child can participate.

March 14th – Roll out of Bed and Come to Church Sunday. Daylight Savings Begins so save yourself some time with the hour you lost. Kids bring your bible, pajamas and your bed head. Kids get a High Five Buck if they participate. Five High Five Bucks for each parent that does, too!

March 21st – Mismatch Sunday. During this time of the year, it is always hard to tell if it's winter or spring so we are going to make a statement for the mismatched seasonal changes. All kids need to dress mismatched, too! Kids get a High Five Buck if they participate. Five High Five Bucks for each parent that does, too!

March 28th – Feelin' Groovy Sunday. Spring Showers followed by many flowers. Let's get groovy and celebrate. All kids are challenged to dress for 70's success. Yep, you guessed it — all kids get a High Five Buck if they participate. Five High Five Bucks for each parent that does, too!

Volunteers Opportunities

Please take a look at some of the volunteer opportunities below. Please contact Pastor Dan regarding your potential interest and any questions you may have.

Sunday school Assistants – With the growth of our Sunday school classes, we are in need of helpers that would be willing to assist our dedicated teachers. Your support allows for maximizing a variety of teaching strategies and opportunities.

Sign-in Greeters — Before we can fully implement our new child monitoring/check-in system for children we need a handful of volunteers to help with it. All volunteers will be provided a simple training to allow them to check-in children when attending High Five. We are in need of volunteers that would be able to help check-in students during the Sunday school and Kids Church service times. Your help will make it a welcoming experience for both current and new attendees.

VBS Set Crew - We are in the beginning stages of developing our set for this year's VBS adventure on the High Seas. If you like to exercise your creative talent, or would like to gain some, we can use you. We will begin set development in March as we prepare for our VBS ocean adventure themed, "Search for the Treasure of the Lost Souls".



Senior High Youth Ministries

By
Pastor Tyler Hoffman
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We are excited to announce that your high school student(s) has the opportunity to go to Colorado this summer with Grace Evangelical Church! We will leave on July 15th and return on the 21st. We will be attending the Desperation Conference for 3 days at New Life Church in Colorado Springs. The remaining of the trip will consist of fun-filled adventures including: whitewater rafting, a mountaintop experience, and an amusement park, to name a few. We wanted to let you know of the financial deadlines for this trip. The cost per student is \$350. In addition, each student will need to bring approximately \$40 for meals and any extra spending money if they want souvenirs. Thanks to the church's assistance, we have tried to accommodate each family and make this trip financially possible. We intend to help each student by providing fundraising opportunities. The deadlines are as follows:

Wednesday, March 17: \$100
Wednesday, April 21: \$100

Wednesday, May 19: \$100
Wednesday, June 16: \$50

We sincerely hope that every student that is a part of the Grace Evangelical High School Ministry will be able to go to Colorado this summer. It will not only be a blast, but will be spiritually enriching. For any questions, please call Tyler Hoffman @ the church or Melissa Hoffman @ 816-390-3124.

Keeping His Passion,
Tyler Hoffman
High School Pastor

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR MARCH

Wednesday Night Services at church

>>> Wednesdays @ 6:30pm-8ish
We won't meet on March 3rd due to the Missions Conference that Weekend. But plan to come for supper and fellowship with the missionaries at 5:00pm on Saturday, March 6.
We will also cancel Wednesday night service on March 31st due to the Maundy Thursday service on April 1st.

Homegroups

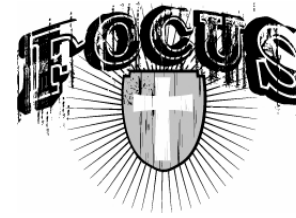
>>>6:00pm @ The Snider's
(No meetings on the last Sunday of the month.)

"Girls Night Out"

March 26th>>> Get ready for a night just for the High School Girls! More info to come!!

"Man Night"

March 26th >>> A night for the guys, where we do stuff MEN like to do!!!! More info to come!!!



By Dyann Duncan
Middle School Coordinator

FOCUS4 is a ministry for
5th- 8th grade students at
Grace Evangelical Church

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Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

MARCH IS DISCIPLE NOW TIME!

What is Disciple Now? It is a weekend of intense bible study for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders. We will be meeting in host homes (various people from our church have volunteered to open up their homes to us to stay in for the weekend). A college student will come in to teach throughout the weekend. We will have a fun event and a community service event, also. It will be intense bible training and a ton of fun.

Your student will find out what home they will be staying at on Thursday night at the pizza party, and they will find out who their college student is also.

Please make sure that you are signed-up for a great weekend. This could be the greatest weekend of your life.

Our theme for the weekend is "Go Deeper!" This will be a weekend where you will learn how to be a disciple of Christ's and grow deeper in relationship to Him. After the weekend, you will be ready to go out and make disciples!

Come and take a look at the NEW and IMPROVED middle school room! It is a work in progress— but man it looks GREAT!

Good job all your parents and students!

Memorize your way to Schlitterbahn

You still have time to memorize 45 verses between now and August 1, 2010— Dyann will be taking you to Schlitterbahn Water Park in K.C.

MARCH EVENTS

March 3rd— We will be hosting two missionaries that just got back from Haiti! They will be speaking to us during regular church time and we will wrap things up with a Sundae bar! Please bring a topping to share!

March 17th— UCP St. Patrick's Day Party! Please be upstairs and in the youth room at 6:15pm. Girls, please bring a 2-liter soda to share; Boys, please bring a snack to share! We will be done by 8:00pm.

March 18th— Disciple Now Pizza Party! This is for all 5th-8th graders who HAVE SIGNED UP and COMMITTED TO Disciple Now! Pizza party starts at 6pm and we will be done by 7:30pm. You will receive ALL information for Disciple Now at this informative party!

March 19th-21st— Disciple Now '10. You will be meeting at your host home at 6pm (eat supper before you arrive). We will provide your breakfast, lunch and supper for Saturday and breakfast for Sunday. For more details, you need to sign up at the information desk in the church lobby, turn in your \$25, and come to the pizza party! We will be staying at the homes of various church members for the weekend.

PARENTS OF TEENS/PRE-TEENS BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9am we will be having a bible study for parent's of youth! Please come and enjoy a time of bible study, fellowship, encouragement, prayer and fun. We will meet in the 5th & 6th grade Sunday school room.



A Shin-dig for the Married, Single, or “I don’t fit anywhere” Group

WOW WHAT A WINTER! The snow just seems to keep falling and falling, along with the temps. So if you’re like Sara and me, you’re probably getting cabin fever, especially if your kids have been staying inside to play.

Well, we might have a solution for you – at least for one night. March 27th Sara and I plan to host a “Young to Moderately Young” family night where all of us who love to play games and laugh can be together with others who like to do the same.

You see the bible tells us in **Genesis 2:18**—*And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone”* as well as in **Hebrews 10:25**—*“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

See, you need to be among fellow believers! And yes, it’s okay to laugh, giggle, and throw yahzee dice at your spouse or friends when they get that “large straight” on one throw.

Where does this all take place, and what do you need to do? It takes place at the **Via Media building located on Mitchell Avenue**, just about a block WEST of Riverside Church and just across the street from InterServe and Saxton Nursing Home. You don’t need to do anything or even bring anything. It’s open for those in their 20’s and on up. In fact, even if you’re single, come on out – we always have folks who find themselves single for one reason or another. And if you have kids, we provide on-the-spot childcare FOR FREE. We’ll even provide snacks and drink for your kids.

The next get-together is scheduled for **March 27th – 6:30pm to 9pm.**

I hope to see you all there, and I’ll save a spot at the Yahzee Table for you.

Pastor Ken

Movers and Shakers of Grace

Here are some of the activities we are making available for anyone to join over the next couple of months:

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 is our regular monthly meeting. We are making plans for a Baked Potato Bar with some live “Potato Bar” music. We will plan to eat at 6:30pm. The potatoes along with all of the toppings will be furnished. The cost per person will be \$2.50 and that will get you in for the Sing-A-Long at the “Potato Bar”. You do not have to be Irish to join us.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12: We are planning a trip to Kearney MO to hear the “Down East Boys” from Reidsville, NC. (Watch the bulletin for more details.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20: Gospel Heritage Music and Harmer’s Café—We will meet at the church and leave around 4:45pm and return around 9:15pm. Meal is on your own; music is a freewill offering and we will take a donation for gas for the church van. Please sign up at the information desk if you are going to eat at Harmer’s Café.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13: regular monthly meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17: NTR is having a performance entitled, “Becky’s New Car.” Sign up for this performance will start at our March 9th meeting.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 21 & 22: We are planning a trip to Branson, MO for the Christian Adult Conference. There will be preaching by Dr. Johnny Hunt and Dr. Jerry Vines as well as concerts by *Larnell Harris, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, the Hoppers,* and *Karen Peck & New River.* We also plan to see “Noah, the Musical” at Sight & Sound Theatre. Registration forms will be at the information desk. This trip is limited to the capacity of the church van. The cost should be around \$300 per person, double occupancy. A deposit is needed with your registration.



Brother Henry Bhasker, Good Shepherd Mission, India

The mega hysterectomy surgical camp was a great success. Two hundred fifty patients attended the camp on August 20th. One hundred thirty-five patients were treated with free medicines and forty people were selected to have surgeries. Out of the group twenty people were operated on and the remaining people had biopsy samples taken for further investigation and future surgeries. Dr. Uma Devi, Dr. Rajeswari and our staff did their best to make this camp successful. Thank you very much for all your prayers and support.

David & Carol Cosby, OMS, Venezuela

Carlos and Maria Pirona both graduated in August 2008 from our seminary. Their church is growing and they currently have about 700 attending services on Sunday mornings. Carlos and his team of assistant pastors devised a plan to get more people involved in the ministries of the church. They held a church expo. Each ministry of the church set up a display in the sanctuary. They were decorated to represent each ministry and had printed flyers explaining the ministry and how people could be involved. Thank you for the part you play in the work of Restoration Church in Venezuela.

Bill & Marie Eddy, Grace Covenant, Spain

Our oldest daughter, Steph, flew off in September to Honolulu for the theory part of her 6 month Discipleship Training School with Youth With a Mission. Having spent one month in India ministering to children, she is now in Nepal. Here is an excerpt from a recent email from her: We hiked into the high mountains to a village where we did an open-air gospel presentation.

When we stopped to eat breakfast, we were met by a man who had been hiking down from his village for 8 hours. He was going to find a doctor for he had a terrible pain in his chest and could barely walk. This sick man walked up to our interpreter and asked if he was a doctor. “No” he answered, “but we can pray for you.” We did and God healed him and he gave his life to Jesus! He turned right around and began trotting back to his village to tell his family what had happened. AMAZING!!!

Guido & Kimberly Orellano, OMS, Ecuador

This year we have had 20 camps with a total of 954 people attending. We also had 3 work teams working on different projects and 8 individuals staying from 1 week to 3 months finishing other projects. The camp programmed and offered a couples retreat and subsidized a Christmas retreat for the kids. Personally we have participated in medical teams and we had the opportunity to go to Africa for the VCP training as a translator. We thank all of our prayer partners that keep us standing here.

Sam & Silvana Shaw, PEF, Northern Ireland

I write to you from a seminary in the Middle East. Many of the people we have met over the past few days come from a wide variety of countries. For many of these people following Jesus in their own countries can have much more serious consequences than it does for us, but it does not stop them in their faith, or their ministries. We had the privilege of sharing in a school here and we had complete freedom in sharing with the children. It was such a blessing to hear a small child pray with us at the end of the program. Pray for all of the connections we are making with brothers across the Middle East.

*We Support Missions
with
Faith Promise Giving*

During the Missions Conference you will have opportunity to share in the ministries of our missionaries by making a Faith Promise to missions. A faith promise is a monthly, or one-time offering given toward Missions that is separate from the regular tithe. It is an amount that we believe God will supply through us to have others come to Christ. It is made by faith and should be prayerfully considered.

To make your Missions Faith Promise during the Conference, you will receive a card that is designed to tear apart. You fill it in and keep the bottom part for yourself as a reminder of your promise and turn in the top part. At the end of the conference, the amounts on these cards will be tallied. Their total is the amount that will be used to set our 2010 budget for missionary support and mission projects throughout the next 12 months..

We trust God to again provide abundantly through His people.

*Our Purpose:
Grace Evangelical Church
exists for the purpose of
reaching the lost and hurting
of our community and world
in the love of Christ, involving
them in the word, worship,
and service of God.*



Regarding Building Use

In recent months, the size of our congregation has grown as has the size of our facility. With that growth, we have discovered the need to better communicate the procedure for using the church building. Here are some things to keep in mind if you want to use an area of the building for a small group meeting or a family event such as a shower, anniversary reception, wedding, etc.

1. The person you need to contact to make your arrangements is our **Facility Director, Denny Schneider**. He will first make sure that the church calendar is clear on your requested date, and then, he will go over the details of what is needed for your event. Denny can usually be reached by calling the church office at 279-2090 anytime between 9:00am and 2:00pm Monday through Friday.
2. We have also discovered that sometimes there is a need for multiple events to be scheduled at the same time in different areas of the building. When this happens, there are some very specific instructions that Denny will give you regarding what rooms, entrances, etc. are available for your use.
3. Some uses also require that fees be paid to cover the cost of personnel that the church must hire to open, close, and supervise the facility, run sound and video equipment, or set up and clean up for your event. There may also be fees charged for using our kitchen as we have found that a knowledgeable person needs to be on hand to insure proper use and clean up of the commercial equipment in our new kitchen.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us avoid conflict as we endeavor to make our church facility available for the ministry and use of our congregation.

Notes & Quotes

Thank you for the beautiful plant. Thank you, also, for being such a big part of my Mom's life.

Sincerely,

Terry Pritchett

Vicky McMillian & families

The family of Lola Williams

Grace Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent during my hospital stay. The flowers after 2 weeks are still beautiful. Also, thanks for all the prayers. God is amazing. Also, thanks for all the food from Wednesday night.

Thanks again,

Kim Fry and family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers. The surgery went well and recovery is going well also. Thanks to all who called and prepared meals. They were blessings from above. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. They brighten my day.

Blessings to all,

Doug & Barbara Campbell

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Barbara Dunn

Steve & Sandy Brooks & boys

Bruce Dunn & family

Thanks for the flowers and comfort shown for our time of need.

*The Family of Georgia Norris
(Connie Norris' mother-in-law)*

Dearest Grace Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, calls and prayers while I was homebound. I could feel your prayers, and praise the Lord for such loving caring Christian friends. Words cannot express how much I appreciate the wonderful staff and all their help. God has blessed me with such wonderful Christian co-workers. Thank you just doesn't seem adequate to express my feelings. May the Lord richly bless each Brother and Sister in my Grace family.

Joyce Croner

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Special Olympics. Your contributions help support Northwest Missouri athletes! It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church!

God bless,

Crissy O'Daniell

Dear Grace family,

Thank you so much for all of the many expressions of kindness extended to my family during the passing of my mother. You are all such a blessing to us and we thank God for each of you as we remember you often in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Pastor Chris Olson family

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and everyone who came out in the snow storm to our anniversary reception. We also want to thank our children, grandchildren for hosting our celebration.

God Bless all of you,

Ernie & Jeanie Reed

“Testing the Waters”



Not so long ago, there was a small band of women within Grace's family that was known as the "Ladies of Beracah." These ladies happened to be widows who got together for the purpose of having fun, but in the midst of that fellowshiping time, they became a great source of encouragement to each other. As I have spent the past five years asking God to clarify His purpose in my life, one theme keeps coming through over and over....persevere. And I believe the best way for widows to accomplish that is by doing things together, especially for the good of others. SO, if there is anyone "out there in Widowland" who would like to see the revival of "Ladies of Beracah", please let me hear from you. This is not meant to be an invitation to another Bible study or a monthly commitment to a quilting bee. It will become just what we choose it to be, with prayerful consideration by each one involved. It is my hope that we can become more connected, and at the same time, be an inspiration to others who are new to this "sisterhood of the husbandless". God has given us a very unique opportunity to minister, and at the same time, be encouraged ourselves to keep going in His strength. Please call the office and leave your name and number for me, and I will let you know how this shapes up.

Vicki Francis

DAILY DEVOTIONAL Available Via E-Mail



We offer daily devotionals via e-mail through our website. To sign up, go to the Grace website www.graceontheweb.org and choose the devotional option on the home page. A daily devotional by Pastor Greg Laurie will be sent out to your registered e-mail address each week, Monday through Friday.

Need Prayer?

24-Hour
Prayer Chain Number
816-244-9868

For Emergency or Urgent Requests



Midweek Meals

We serve an evening meal at church most Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15pm before our Midweek Ministry Groups for a small donation.

Requested Donations for meals are:

\$3 for ages 13 & up;
\$2 for ages 4-12;
\$10 for a family.

Many thanks to our faithful team of volunteers for preparing and serving the food. The menus planned for March are:

March 3: No Meal—Missions Conference Break

March 10: *Lemon-Peppered Chicken with Garlic Rice, Sweet Potato Casserole*

March 17: *Gravy Baked Pork Chops, Twice Baked Potatoes, Homemade Bread*

March 24: *Chicken/Beef & Broccoli with Fried Rice*

March 31: No Meal—Break for Easter Week

In addition to the main course, each meal always includes:

Salad, Fruit Cup and Dessert

Peanut Butter & Jelly are also available.

Beverages are Tea, Lemonade & Coffee.

► To help us better prepare, please sign up online or at church the Sunday before, or call the office before noon if you plan to eat that night.

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Members Present: Darrell Jones, Rick Lipira, David Bodenhausen, Frank Stanley, Chris Olson, Kelly Houston, Ken Maxey, Tyler Hoffman, Gary Reynolds, Mike Dragoo, Tom Richmond, Tony Bryan

Members Absent: Roger Mann, Dennis Jennings, Bill Robertson, Dan Blakely, Ted Myers

Opened meeting with prayer.

◆ Items on the Consent Agenda were accepted as presented. This included Minutes from past meeting, Finance Reports, Benevolence Committee Report, Missions Committee Report, and Trustee's Report.

Old Business

- ◆ Motion was passed to establish a "Social Concerns" fund in the Storehouse Account with half of the amount received as special year-end "Use Where Needed" gifts and to allocate the remaining half toward the completion of several remaining building project needs.
- ◆ POI – \$10,000 was sent as Haiti Relief to Samaritan's Purse (\$5000 from Missions + \$5000 from Special Offerings). Gifts that continue to come in will be held in Missions Fund for future allocation.

New Business

- ◆ Motion was passed to amend the "Telephone Service & Equipment" budget to cover the cost of replacing the voicemail computer that went down.
- ◆ \$1,800 in Memorial Fund Scholarship awards were approved as recommended by the Scholarship Committee.
- ◆ POI: All Elders will be invited to participate in meetings regarding Staff Policy Revisions.
- ◆ Discussion of changes in attendance policy for future Pastors/Leadership Conferences was tabled.
- ◆ Commerce Bank's offer of extending its Benefit Banking Program to Grace Attendees was accepted and will be presented to the congregation

via the church newsletter.

- ◆ The Council clarified that its intent when establishing the 2010 budget for Mortgage Payments was to pay \$12,100 each month on the mortgage and to apply the excess beyond the required payment against the loan principal on a monthly basis.

Other

- ◆ The calendar for 2010 meeting dates was accepted. The next Council Meeting will be March 16, 2010.
- ◆ Elders approved Pastor Darrell Jones' requested vacation dates.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Olson
Council Secretary



Benefit Banking Offer

In appreciation for the church's business, Commerce Bank is offering anyone who attends Grace the opportunity to enroll in their Benefit Banking program. Some of the things Commerce offers its Benefit Banking customers are:

- Free Checks
- Higher rates on money markets and CDs
- Lower rates on loans
- A rewards credit card with no annual fee
- Free Online Bill Pay
- Discounts on broker-assisted trades
- Identity Theft Protection

Anyone who attends Grace can receive these banking benefits on either a **new or existing Commerce account** just by going to a Commerce Bank location and talking to a Financial Service Representative. Just tell them that you attend Grace Evangelical Church and would like to enroll in the Benefit Banking Services they offer with us.

Three Month Calendar Of Coming Events

March

- 3 – NO Midweek Ministries or Meals
- 3 – Middle Schoolers Missions Mtg.
- 4 – Day of Prayer & Fasting
- 4-5 - Missions 24-Hour Prayer Vigil
- 5-7 – Annual Missions Conference
- 5 – Foreign Foods Supper
- 6 – Men's Breakfast, Ladies Lunch, Sr. High Supper
- 12 – MSG's to Kearney Gospel Music Show
- 13 – Secret Sisters Revealed Lunch
- 16 – Church Council Meeting
- 18—Disciple Now Pizza Party for 5th-8th Graders
- 19-21 – Middle Schooler's Discipleship Weekend
- 20 – MSG's to Edgerton Heritage Gospel Music
- 21 – Guest Speaker: Moran Rosenblit from Israel
- 22 – Valley Community Food Kitchen Ministry
- 25 – "Love of Books" Club meets at Panera Bread
- 26 – Sr. High Youth "GirlsNight Out"/"Man Night"
- 27 – Young Family Fellowship Night at Via Media
- 28 – Palm Sunday – NO Communion
- 31 – No Midweek – Easter Week Break

April

- 1 – Day of Prayer & Fasting
- 1 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- 3—Good Friday
- 4 – Resurrection Sunday Celebration
- 9 – M.S. Boys & Moms Late Night/Date Night
- 10 – Hux/Espeseth Wedding in Chapel
- 17 – MSG's to New Theatre Restaurant
- 17 – Krull/Halling Wedding in Sanctuary
- 20 – Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood Drive
- 20 – Church Council Meeting
- 24 - Lintner/Hodgin Wedding
- 25 – Communion Sunday
- 25 – PM Bread Breaking Fellowships
- 26 – Valley Community Food Kitchen Ministry

May

- 6 – National Day of Prayer – Pray & Fast
- 6 – ONE Church Prayer Rally at Grace
- 8 – Women's Spring Brunch
- 9 – Mothers' Day – AM Baby Dedication
NO PM Service

- 12 – High Five Mini-Masters Golf Benefit
- 15 – MSG's to Edgerton
- 15 – Hillyard Graduation/Carpenter Grad. Reception
- 18 – Church Council Mtg.
- 30 – Communion Sunday
- 30 – PM Memorial Weekend Fellowship Picnic

February Finance Report

Receipts

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|---------|---------------|---------------|
| 2-07-10 | General Fund | \$25,875.31 |
| | Missions Fund | \$ 3,517.00 |
| | Building Fund | \$ 290.00 |
| 2-14-10 | General Fund | \$21,128.54 |
| | Missions Fund | \$ 1,985.00 |
| | Building Fund | \$ 910.00 |
| 2-21-10 | General Fund | \$14,780.25 |
| | Missions Fund | \$ 5,082.83 |
| | Building Fund | \$ 60.00 |
| 2-28-10 | General Fund | Not Available |
| | Missions Fund | Not Available |
| | Building Fund | Not Available |

TOTAL RECEIPTS

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|-----------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$ 61,784.10 |
| Missions Fund | \$ 10,584.83 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,260.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 0.00 |
| Specials/Reimb. | \$ 3,209.97 |

JANUARY 2010 RECEIPTS

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$105,493.74 |
| Missions Fund | \$ 22,509.10 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,840.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 100.00 |
| Specials/Reimbursements | \$ 5,661.22 |

March 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| | 1 9-11am Mom's Group 6pm Calvary Chapel Class (Room 206) 6:30pm Women's Prayer at Crail's 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meet | 2 7:00pm Recovery Group meets in Room 104 | 3 9am Parents Bible Study (5th & 6th - Room) NO Midweek Meal or Ministry Groups meet at church—Break for Missions Conference 6:30-8pm Focus4 M.S. Youth Missions Conference Mtg. | 4 FAST & PRAY 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 5 6-7am Early Morning Prayer 6pm Foreign Foods Banquet 7pm Spotlight on Missions 7:30pm Missions Conference Service | 6 8:30am Men's Breakfast 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon 5:00pm Sr. High Youth Supper with missionaries 6:30pm Spotlight on Missions 7:00pm Missions Conference Service |
| 7 7:45am Pre-Service Prayer 7:15am Missions Conference Service 9:45am Sunday School with Missionaries 10:45am Missions Conference Service 1-2pm Puppet Ministry 6:00pm Pre-Service Prayer 6:30pm—Missions Conference Finale 8:15pm Sandwich Supper w/Missionaries | 8 9-11am Mom's Group 6pm Calvary Chapel Class (Room 206) 6:30pm Women's Prayer (at Crail's) | 9 6:30pm MSG Supper Meeting in Library (Potato Bar) 7pm Recovery Group meets in Room 104 | 10 9am Parents Bible Study (5th & 6th Rm.) 5:15-6:15pm Supper served 6:30-8pm Midweek Adult Care Groups Children's Ministries Focus4 M.S. Youth Sr. Hi Youth | 11 9:00am Midweek Prayer (in Sanctuary) 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 12 6-7am Early Morning Prayer 4-10pm MSG's to Kearney Gospel Music Show 7-11pm The Gathering at Talbot's (for Young Adults) | 13 12:00-1:00pm Secret Sisters Revealed—Salad Luncheon in Library |
| 14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 7:45am Pre-Service Prayer 8:15am Early Morning Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 1-2pm Puppet Ministry 6:00pm Sr. High Home Groups 6:00pm Pre-Service Prayer 6:30pm Evening Worship | 15 9-11am Mom's Group 6pm Calvary Chapel Class (Room 206) 6:30pm Women's Prayer at Crail's 7:00pm Boy Scouts Meet | 16 6:30pm Church Council Mtg. 7pm Recovery Group meets in Room 104 | 17 9am Parents Bible Study (5th & 6th Rm.) 5:15-6:15pm Supper served 6:30-8pm Midweek Adult Care Groups Children's Ministries Sr. Hi Youth Focus4 meet at 6:15pm for UCP Sr. Pat's Party | 18 9:00am Midweek Prayer (in Sanctuary) 6-7:30pm Disciple Now Pizza Party for 5th-8th Graders 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 19 6-7am Early Morning Prayer 7-11pm The Gathering at Talbot's (for Young Adults) | 20 4:45-9pm MSG's to Edgerton (Harmer's Café & Gospel Heritage Music) |
| 21 7:45am Pre-Service Prayer AM & PM Guest: Moran Rosenblit From <i>Hope for Israel</i> 8:15am Early Morning Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 1-2pm Puppet Ministry 6:00pm Sr. High Home Groups 6:00pm Pre-Service Prayer 6:30pm Passover Seder Demonstrated | 22 9-11am Mom's Group 5:00pm Valley Community Food Kitchen Ministry 6pm Calvary Chapel Class (Room 206) 6:30pm Women's Prayer at Crail's | 23 7pm Recovery Group meets in Room 104 | 24 9am Parents Bible Study (5th & 6th Rm.) 5:15-6:15pm Supper served 6:30-8pm Midweek Adult Care Groups Children's Ministries Focus4 M.S. Youth Sr. Hi Youth | 25 9:00am Midweek Prayer (in Sanctuary) 5:30/6:30pm The Love of Books Club Meeting at Panera Bread 7:00pm Worship Team Practice | 26 6-7am Early Morning Prayer Sr. High Girls Nite Out Sr. High Man Night 7-11pm The Gathering at Talbot's (for Young Adults) | 27 6:30-9PM "Young/Moderately Young" Family Night at Via Media Center on Mitchell |
| 28 Palm Sunday—NO COMMUNION 7:45am Pre-Service Prayer 8:15am Early Morning Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship 1-2pm Puppet Ministry 6:00pm Pre-Service Prayer 6:30pm Evening Worship | 29 9-11am Mom's Group 6pm Calvary Chapel Class (Room 206) 6:30pm Women's Prayer (at Crail's) | 30 7pm Recovery Group meets in Room 104 | 31 9am Parents Bible Study (5th & 6th Room) NO Midweek Meal or Ministry Groups at Church —Break for Easter Week | APRIL 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00PM COMMUNION SERVICE | | |

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