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## This Week

### March 18 - 24, 2007

#### Sunday, March 18th

9:00 am – Worship Service

Mid School Gathering, Youth Building

10:45 am – Worship Service

Baptism class, 5th Wheel by Youth Building

High School Gathering, Youth Building

People from Venezuela Mission return

#### Monday, March 19th

7-9:00 pm – Women’s Evening Bible Study

#### Tuesday, March 20th

9:30-11:30 am – Moms of Grace

#### Wednesday, March 21st

6:30-8:30 pm - Institute, auditorium

7-8:30 pm – Grades 3-5 Break Out, Rm 108

7-8:30 pm - Mid School Wildfire, Youth Building

7-8:30 pm - High School Activity

#### Thursday, March 22nd

9-11:00 am – Women’s Morning Bible Study, Rm 108

## Growing Grace

Envelopes for giving to the Growing Grace Campaign can be found in the office, information center, or the usher table in the back of the auditorium.

Total pledged: \$1,651,900

Total Given: \$1,234,266

## Financial Update

	FYTD (July 1-Feb 28)	March (current)
Budget	\$293,166	\$37,611
Giving	\$273,806	\$15,959
Expenses	\$275,809	
Roy Eanes Benevolent Fund Balance		\$1,263

## Ministry Opportunities

### Easter Sunday Music

On Easter Sunday, we will be having an opportunity for anyone who is interested in singing to be a part of the choir for the day. Having big music always seems to make these special services that much more special. If you are interested in being a part of this ensemble, please join us for our rehearsals. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, with following rehearsals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April. All of the rehearsals will run from 6-7:30 pm in the auditorium. For more information please contact the church office at 683-9205 or by email at [jon@gcfweb.org](mailto:jon@gcfweb.org).

### Child Development Program

We are actively seeking volunteers who will help with the research and development of opening a Christian preschool in our new children’s building for 2008. Meetings are every Saturday at the church from 10 – 11:00 am. Get in on the ground floor on a program that will impact our church and community for generations! Please call Joe Zaludek at 935-5034 or contact him at [JZaludek@aol.com](mailto:JZaludek@aol.com).

## Other Opportunities

### Easter Decorations

For Easter decorations this year, we are asking that each family bring a potted spring flower on Palm Sunday, April 1st, to decorate the church for Easter. This gives us all a chance to do something to make this a beautiful place on Easter, full of color and fragrances, as we celebrate the resurrection together. You will receive instructions that Sunday morning on where to put your family's flower, so come prepared and ready to rejoice in this special season.

### Baptism Class

This morning at 10:45 am there is a Baptism Class -- Have You Been Baptized? Who can be baptized? What are the requirements for baptism? What is the purpose of baptism? Who will baptize me? These are some of the questions that we will be answering in the 5th Wheel next to the Youth Building. In this class you will learn the basics about baptism and why it is an important step for a Christian. This class is necessary in order to be baptized.

Children desiring baptism will meet with Lori Keebler by appointment. Please call her at 683-9205.

## Meet the Pastors

On Sunday, April 15th, immediately after the second service, we are hosting our Meet the Pastors complimentary lunch for those new to Grace. This is a time designed for new people to hear more about what we at Grace are all about. If you have questions, this is the perfect time to ask them. Please let us know how many are coming by calling the church office at 683-9205 or writing "Meet the Pastors" with the number attending and your phone number on your comment card and placing it in the offering basket. You can also email us at [info@gcfweb.org](mailto:info@gcfweb.org).

## Women's Opportunities

Registration for the **Women's Annual Retreat**, Heart Spa, has begun! Our retreat is April 13-15. Cost is \$80 and we don't want you to miss it! Come out to the foyer and see what it's all about!

## College Age Small Group

College Age Small Group meets at Sean and Polly Chalette's house every Sunday after second service for lunch and a Bible Study. We are currently going through the book of James. If you are interested, please call Sean or Polly at 726-4825 or email at [seanandpolly@comcast.net](mailto:seanandpolly@comcast.net).



## Grace Central Station

2007 Children's Ministries Upcoming Events:

4/8 — Easter Services

4/20 — 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Kidz Jam in Youth Building from 6-9 pm

5/17 — Staff Fun Night BBQ from 6:30-8:30 pm

5/18 — 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kidz Jam in Youth Building from 6-9 pm

5/20 — Teacher Appreciation Sunday — both services

## Check out the Website

Remember to check out the church web site at [www.gcfweb.org](http://www.gcfweb.org). On the website you will be able to find information about Grace ministries, as well as a calendar of events taking place in the church. In the Diablogs, you will find regular thoughts and opinions from the church staff regarding matters of culture or whatever is on their mind. You can also check the library section to download recordings of sermons and Grace Institute sessions for your own study time or something to listen to at work.

## Growing Grace Progress

Did you know? Emile Mortier, our Construction Overseer, reports that everything is moving along nicely and basically on schedule with the construction. The contractor has made great progress in working around the weather and the second floor construction has begun with the setting of floor joists and walls going up. He also indicates that the fire alarm system has to be upgraded throughout the existing structure, too.

Rodger Terrall, Chair of Finances of the Building Committee, reports that Grace Community has spent a total of \$594,000 to date, leaving a balance of \$1,943,000 to be paid on the project. This amount will be paid from the following sources:

Remaining Cash Balance	\$701,000
Bank Loan	\$513,000
Private Loan	\$200,000
Pledges remaining	<u>\$523,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,937,000</b>

This leaves the project with a \$6,000 shortfall and the remaining pledges are critical, however, Rodger is confident that since God has led us this far safely, He will lead us home on this project.

## Happy Days

Birthdays: Today: Ben Bauer, Betty Berglund, Sarah Ezell, Kathy Graham

March 19: Johnny Felix, Lucas Kirkpatrick

March 20: Brooke Smith, Shirina Vigilant

March 21: Bill Conant, Susan Phelps

March 22: Jeff Harris, Curt Lahti

March 23: Megan Gullickson, Kelly Turanski

Anniversaries this week:

March 19: Alan & Cheryl Rogers (#30)

March 20: Bob & Sharon Fisher (#14); Tracy & Stacey Sims (#14)

March 21: Rob & Joanna Teigen (#15)