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This Week

October 28 – November 3, 2007

Sunday, October 28th

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
Mid School Gathering, Youth Building
- 11:00 am – Worship Service
High School Gathering, Youth Building
- 4-5:00 pm – Kids Choir, auditorium

Monday, October 29th

- 7:00 pm – Women’s Bible Study, Auditorium

Tuesday, October 30th

- 9:30-11:30 am – Moms of Grace, Room 109
- 7:00 pm - Elders’ Meeting

Wednesday, October 31st

No Activities

Thursday, November 1st

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

Saturday, November 3rd

- 6-9:00 pm – Barn Party

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.

Pledges remaining: \$452,000 Total Given: \$1,352,442

Financial Update

	FYTD (7/1 – 9/30/07)	October (current)
Budget	\$134,178	\$44,726
Total Income	\$110,392	\$21,589
Total Expenses	\$117,780	
Current Benevolent Fund Balance		\$1,418

Ministry Opportunities

Grace Central Station



Everyone is invited to participate in the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child! Several children around the world have never received a Christmas gift or heard the gospel message of Christ. For questions and more information, please visit the information counter in the lobby to see how you can be involved or call Kate Seidman at 337-4548. Return your shoeboxes to church no later than Sunday, November 18.

Coordinate Angel Tree/Abbie Lane Gift Giving?

We are entering our 15th year of helping prisoners communicate their love to their children at Christmas time via the Angel Tree program. Recently, we have also included this gift giving opportunity to the families at Abbie Lane. We are in need of someone to coordinate this effort this year. This is a short term commitment. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Tracy at tracy@gcfweb.org or 683-9205.

GCF Needs You!

We need ushers to be building tour guides for the upcoming open houses. The open house will occur December 5, at 4:30-7:00 pm and December 6 & 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Pastor Steve will be giving a training session so you can pass on a lot of great information about the different areas of our new church. This training will begin in the new church lobby November 17 at 11:00 am. We would like it if you could help all three nights but any help is welcome. If you can help, please contact Charlene Burch at the church office at 683-9205 or charlene@gcfweb.org. Please specify the time you can help. If you have questions, please contact Curt Lahti at 736-0296.

Parking Attendants & Needs

Your help is needed. We are soon going to have greater parking problems than we already do. Two things are needed: 1. donated sets of walkie-talkies. They don’t need to be fancy and can have limited range; and 2. volunteers to work once/twice a month as parking lot attendants before each service. Please contact Mel Wofford at 744-3848 if you can help.

Big Move, Again!

Now that the building is complete, we have some moving in to do and we could use your help – part I is done --

Part 2 of the big move is planned for the week of November 6th provided that the occupancy permit has been approved.

Abbie Lane Ministry

This is a ministry of helping others with no expectations! If you would like to be part of an active ministry that is loving people where they're at and helping them follow Jesus, you can sign up on an email exchange to hear what God is doing for our Abbie Lane neighbors. This will help you know how to pray for Sasha Gaines, her assistant Wendy Lindsey, for Sasha's neighbors, and know how you can help with needs! Being a part of this email exchange will be a blessing for your family! Please email Sasha at abbieinministry@yahoo.com with your email address and we will put you on the list!

Help at Thanksgiving?

If you are interested in helping provide a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner for a family or families at Abbie Lane, please contact abbieinministry@yahoo.com. This is also an opportunity for your small group to serve together.

Kids Choir

Kids Choir for children in grades 1 – 5 meet from 4 – 5 pm in the auditorium. If you haven't signed up your child yet, please come early so you can get the information you need. Practices will be for performances in November – Celebration Sunday and December during advent and our Christmas services. For questions or more information please contact Stephanie Gibson at 915-7780.

Other Opportunities

All Church Barn Party

The Barn Party is Saturday, November 3rd between 6-9:00 pm. (Note: this is after Halloween.) Please park at the church and ride the bus provided for transportation. There will be hot dogs and pop for 25¢. Bring a bag of candy per family to share. If you could bring apple cider or doughnut holes, please contact Ann Schar at 343-0553. You can deliver the cider and/or doughnut holes to the church before the party or bring it with you the evening of the 3rd. Wear costumes, but NO SCARY ONES, PLEASE; there will be little children there. This event is for kids of ALL ages (0-100+) and invite your friends!



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2007 Children's Ministries Upcoming Events:

11/16 – 2nd & 3rd grade Kidz Jam

11/30 – Children's Ministry Staff Night Out

12/9 – Family Christmas Gingerbread House Contest

Parking Information

Thanks for all your cooperation with parking last week. Just a reminder for people of how things are going to flow. The area right outside the main doors should be reserved for seniors and those with physical limitations. The younger folks need to look toward the overflow areas around the outside buildings. Thanks. — Mel Wofford, Jr

Our Missionaries

Paul & Sheila Gunderson, our missionaries in training, are currently in Oklahoma for five weeks as they learn the Cherokee language. This opportunity will help prepare them for ministering in a new culture with an unknown language. Pray for them to adapt well and for wisdom in the learning process. Please also pray for their personal family time as a busy schedule mixed with the communal setting can sometimes make this difficult. For more information on Paul and Sheila, please visit their blog at: <http://thegundersonjourney.blogspot.com>.

Third Service

Grace has experienced a lot of growth in the last couple of years, and we want to see more. But we are quickly running out of room in our services and in order for new people to call Grace home, we need more space. Because of this, we will begin offering a third worship service in January. Be paying attention for more details throughout the fall.

Check out the Website

Remember to check out the church web site at 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 (see "Got an Opinion?"). You can also check the library section of the website to download recordings of sermons and Grace Institute lectures for your own study time.

Got an Opinion?

This week's blogs:

"Our church is heading towards major transitions with our new building almost complete. Quite frankly, I don't know what's up ahead in the journey and adventure we face. I do know it is exciting, frustrating, overwhelming and encouraging all at the same time. I think that can be expected when we have to confront changes in our lives." -- Children's Ministry Director Lori

"What exactly is the gospel? The question may sound simple enough but often the typical answer seems confusing. Our English word gospel means 'good story' or 'good news.' But good news about what?" -- Pastor Steve

Our pastors (and missionaries when possible) take turns writing on various topics pertaining to our culture, our community, and whatever is on their minds (which is sometimes scary). You can view their blogs on our website at www.gcfweb.org and contribute your thoughts as well -- if you want to.



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Happy Days

Birthdays –

October 29: Roland Guerrero, Christopher Gullickson,
Dave Stephens, Aimee Stubbert

October 30: Randy Felix, Tanya Stolt

November 1: Nicole Harris

November 2: Delta Fisher, Ruth Hoffmeister, Dianne Rush

November 3: Amy James

Anniversaries –

October 29: Dave & Sheri Morris (#24)

November 2: Larry & Linda Russell (#16)