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This Week January 6 - 12, 2008

Sunday, January 6th

8:00 am – Worship Service

9:30 am – Worship Service

Mid School Gathering, Youth Building

11:00 am – Worship Service

High School Gathering, Youth Building

Tuesday, January 8th

9:30 am – Moms of Grace

7:00 pm – Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th

7-8:30 pm – Grades 3-5 Break Out, Station Room

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

Ministry Opportunities

Nursery Help Needed

We have openings in the nursery for Sunday services especially the 9:30 am service! Please consider once a month for one service. Contact Kay Mustoe at 607-5946 or the church office (683-9205).

Other Opportunities

Third Service

We will be kicking off a new service beginning TODAY! For this transition, we will also be changing the times for all of our Sunday morning worship services. Our new schedule will have three services, at:

8:00 am – Nursery; Preschool combined & K-5th grade combined

9:30 am – Nursery, Preschool, K-5th grade & Mid School classes scheduled; Grace Institute for Biblical Leadership

11:00 am – Nursery, Preschool, K-5th grade & High School classes scheduled

Grace Institute Moves to Sunday

The Grace Institute for Biblical Leadership is a series of classes intended to provide a survey of biblical, theological, and spiritual life topics. Beginning TODAY, the Grace Institute will be moving to the second (of three) services at 9:30 am in Room 108. For the winter term, we will be looking at the book of Genesis. For more information, including the winter term syllabus, visit the Institute web site at www.gcfweb.org/institute.

Meet the Pastors

Sunday, January 20th after the 3rd service, we are hosting our Meet the Pastors' complimentary lunch for those new to Grace. This is a time for new people to hear more about what this place called Grace Community Fellowship is all about. Give us a call to let us know how many are coming at 683-9205.

Interested in Joining a Small Group?

Even though existing small groups are starting up again after the holidays, at least one new group will be starting in the next month. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tracy at tracy@gcfweb.org or 683-9205.

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: \$320,000

Total Given: \$1,444,786

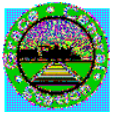
Wish List giving: \$25,432

Financial Update

	FYTD (7/1 – 12/31/07)	December (current)
Budget	\$276,042	\$51,677
Total Income	\$234,985	\$51,423
Total Expenses	\$259,230	\$47,477
Current Benevolent Fund Balance		\$2,218

Kidz Jam

Get ready to rock in the New Year 4th & 5th graders! KIDZ JAM 2008 will be held on Friday, January 18th from 6-9:00 pm in the Station Room. The purpose of this cool event is to have fun, build relationships and invite unchurched friends. The cost is \$5 to cover pizza, drinks and snacks. Tickets are available to purchase at the children's check-in counter today and in the church office during the week. **ALL** kids need to pay and be signed up **NO LATER** than 4:00 pm Thursday, January 17th for food planning. This event is limited to the first 20 kids to sign up and pay!



Grace Central Station

2008 Children's Ministries Upcoming Events:

1/17: Children's Ministries Staff Trng, Station Room

1/18: Kidz Jam for 4th & 5th Graders, Station Room

Women's Opportunities

We are so excited about starting the New Year with our Women's Bible Studies beginning the week of January 14th.

Monday 7-8:45 pm Discerning the Voice of God

Wednesday 7-8:30 pm Enjoy — A Thirst Quenching Look at Philippians

Thursday 9-11:00 am Discerning the Voice of God

Be sure and sign up at the Information desk today to get your books. The cost of the book is \$12 for all 3 classes. All studies meet here at the church and child care is available by reservation only. Can't wait to see you there!

Filling out your 2008 calendars? Then be sure and mark April 11-13 on them now for our annual Women's Retreat. Again this year it will be held at Grove Christian Camp in Cottage Grove. And, if you would be interested in helping, please call Lindsey Petersen at 342-1389.

Discovery Class

The Discovering Grace Class 101 is being divided into 2 sections and scheduled for Wednesday, February 6 & 13 at 6:30 pm both evenings in Room 108. Dinner is provided. The purpose of this class is to help you become a fully functioning part of the Grace Community Fellowship family; to learn the purpose, strategy and structure of Grace; what it means to be a member and the values and vision of GCF. Sign up now on the back of your comment card or give us a call to let us know how many will be coming at 683-9205. Child care through grade 5 is provided by reservation when you sign up for the class.

Parking Note

Please note the signs in the parking lot regarding the section directly outside the main doors. This part of the lot needs to be reserved for those with physical limitations and our senior citizens. If you don't fit in either of these groups, please respectfully use other parts of the lot.

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:

"I find it interesting that the news media — either TV and/or the local newspaper — highlights "good deeds" done in our community by banks, schools, businesses, but rarely about churches." -- Lori, Children's Director

"It's the political season again. The presidential candidates are debating, like Ducks and Beavers over football. States like Iowa and New Hampshire have been invaded by outsiders trying to catch prisoners for their cause." -- 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.

Happy Days

Birthdays —

January 9: Lynn Feltes, Jason Ferrell

January 10: Mary Ellis

January 11: Raeanna Buck

Anniversaries —

January 10: Jerry & Susan Quimby (#38)

January 11: David & Kim Grossnicklaus (#22);

Ryan & Cherie Nelson (#11)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Robbie & Jincy Roberson on the birth of their daughter, Josie Sue, born December 28th. She weighed 8 lbs 4 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Please pray for their family and their extended family as they enjoy this new little one.