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This Week

March 9 - 15, 2008

Sunday, March 9th Daylight Savings time
 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
 5:30-6:30 pm – Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Auditorium

Monday, March 10th
 7:00 pm – Men’s Leadership Development Class, Rm 108

Tuesday, March 11th
 9:30 am – Moms of Grace, Room 108
 7:00 pm – Women’s Bunko Night, Atrium
 7:00 pm – Elders’ Meeting, Room 108

Wednesday, March 12th
 7-8:30 pm – Grades 3-5 Break Out, Station Room
 7-8:30 pm – Mid School Activities, Youth Building
 7-8:30 pm – High School Girls’ Studies

Thursday, March 13th
 7:00 pm – Baby Shower for Aimee Stubbart at Schar’s

Friday, March 14th
 6-9:00 pm – Kidz Jam for 4th & 5th Graders, Station Room

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.

Remaining Building Gap Loan:	Last Week	This Week
	\$143,664	\$136,959

Financial Update

	FYTD (7/1 – 1/29/08)	March (current)	
Budget	\$396,000	\$44,000	
Total Income	\$302,523	\$9,164	
Total Expenses			
Deficit	\$ 45,000	Current Benevolent Fund Balance	\$2,318

Ministry Opportunities

Men’s Prayer Time

This Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:30 am, the men of GCF are meeting in the Atrium for an hour of prayer. We pray for people in our community, our church, and around the world.

Other Opportunities

Kidz Jam

Kidz Jam for 4th & 5th graders will be held on Friday, March 14th from 6:00-9:00 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, March 13th 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:
 3/14: Kidz Jam for 4th & 5th Graders, Station Room

Women’s Opportunities

Beginning this Tuesday, March 11, The **Moms of Grace** will be starting a new session for spring. This is a great time to join us if you have not come before. We meet Tuesday mornings in room 108. There is childcare provided and we would love to see you!

Ladies are invited to a **Bunko Night** on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm in the Atrium. Join us for fun & fellowship! Cost is \$2. Sign up in the Information Center.

Our **Women’s Bible Study** has concluded its winter term and we will take a little break, but will start up the first week of April. Come join us for refreshment in God’s Word in the spring time. If you are interested, please check the Information Counter in the Atrium. To have a book in time for the study, you must sign up **TODAY!** We have studies on Monday nights, Wednesday nights, and Thursday mornings. Hope to see you!

2008 Women’s Upcoming Events:

3/11: Bunko, Atrium
 4/11-13: Women’s Retreat, Cottage Grove
 5/1: Ladies Night Out at Chico’s
 5/10: Women’s Tea, GCF

Baby Shower

Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Aimee Stubbert on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 pm at Ann Schar's home (655 Ayres Rd, Eugene). Aimee & Courtney are expecting a girl, Flora Grace. They are registered at Target & Fletchers. Please call Ann at 343-0553 if you would like to donate to a large gift.

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:

- ♦ "Do we serve our community and neighbors to convert them or do we serve because we are converted?" I recently read an article discussing this question and found myself a bit conflicted in my thoughts. In all honesty, I admit that part of me believes my service efforts align with the former part of this statement. But that sounds awful manipulative and bait-and-switch-like. So I'm left wrestling with..." - Pastor Tracy

- ♦ "One of my favorite (and most challenging) teaching series that we have ever done for high school students was a series we did this past fall, in which we titled "Grey". In this series we talked about what many consider to be biblical gray areas (even the spelling of grey seems to be a gray area). Things like cussing, alcohol, and tatoos, to name a few. A verse that I have heard quoted many times in reference to gray areas is 1 Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from every form of evil." In other words, a traditional take has been, as a Christian I am not to give any hint of wrong doing. Well, I guess that sums it up. Or does it?..." -- Pastor Eric

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

Global Talk

The Global Talk section of our blogs allows us to stay in touch with our family members who are serving or training as overseas-missionaries. Currently there are three blogs going and we encourage you to read their posts and even write back. Your supportive words and interest in their situations mean a lot. www.gcfweb.org (click on diaBlogs)

- ♦ "We probably have all heard about people coming home from a mission trip talking about all the people that were saved. I recently heard about someone who came home from an Asian country that said that 18,000 people got saved when he was holding evangelistic meetings over a 10 day period. There used to be a time in my life that I would just accept this and

praise the Lord for the new believers. But now I wonder if these people clearly understood the gospel in the first place, and then if they did, who is helping these 18,000 new believers become mature in the Lord. Now imagine, a ..."

-- Paul & Sheila Gunderson

- ♦ "Saturday we rested until the afternoon, when Luis and Deivi and Yanina joined us in our motel room to prepare for a "Scavenger Hunt" of sorts. Each of the five of us tried to make ourselves hard to identify. Our goal was to go to San Cristobal's largest mall, separate from each other, and challenge the Vida Estudiantil kids to find us. The first team of kids to find all five of us would win ice cream cones. It seemed like a good plan, but the security people didn't think so. As soon as we split up I realized I was being followed by guards with radios. I ducked into a shop..." -- Tom & Betty Berglund

Happy Days

Birthdays — Today: Jessica Watters

March 10: Cory Alverts, Louise Burch, Brittany Stubbert, Teri Kruckman

March 11: Mina Lepp, Katrina Miller, Gordon Ruddick, Mike Thomas, Lauren & Weston Zaludek

March 13: Jacob Gates, Jessica Harris, Elizabeth Holiman, Josh Teigen

March 14: Tiffany Bell, Charlene Burch, Tyler Chase, Jon Green, Fallon Hanson

March 15: Amy Mathieson, Wendy McCourry, Michael Raffin

Anniversaries —

March 15: Roger & Janice Hecht