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This Week

May 4 - 10, 2008

Sunday, May 4th

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, May 5th

7:00 pm – Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, May 6th

9:30 am – Moms of Grace

7:00 pm – Ministry Leaders Strategy & Planning Meeting, Atrium

Wednesday, May 7th

6:30-7:30 am – Men’s Prayer Time, Atrium

7:00 pm – Women’s Bible Study, Conference Room

6:30-8:30 pm – Grades 3-5 Break Out, Station Room

7-8:30 pm – Mid School Wildfire

6:30-9:00 pm – High School Movie Night, Gateway Mall

Saturday, May 10th

11:00 am-1:00 pm – Women’s Tea, auditorium

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
	\$108,096	\$105,221

Financial Update

	FYTD (7/1 – 4/30/08)	April (current)	
Budget	\$440,000	\$44,000	
Total Income	\$388,254	\$41,211	
Total Expenses	\$434,412	\$46,751	
Deficit	\$46,157	Current Benevolent Fund Balance	\$1,593

Other Opportunities

Men’s Prayer Time

This Wednesday, May 7th, the men of GCF are meeting in the Atrium at 6:30 am for an hour of prayer. We pray for people in our community, our church, and around the world.

Discovery Class 101

The Discovering Grace 101 Class is a two-part class scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 & 21 at 6:30 pm both evenings in the Grace Café. Dinner is provided both nights. 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.

Meet the Pastor

Today, after each service and for the next few weeks, we are hosting our Meet the Pastors’ complimentary coffee or tea in the Grace Café. This is a time for new people to ask Pastor Steve questions and hear more about what this place called Grace Community Fellowship is all about. If you have questions or just want to listen, this time is the perfect time for you.

Women’s Opportunities

Today is the last day to get tickets for the Women’s Spring Tea that is this Saturday, May 10th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 a person and you can buy them in the Information Center.

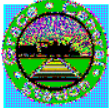
Baptism Class

Why be baptized? There is a Baptism class scheduled for Sunday, May 18th at 11:00 am in Room 108. In this class you will learn the basics of baptism and why it is an important step for a Christian. This class is necessary in order to be baptized on June 1st. Please, indicate your desire to be baptized on the comment card. If you have questions, please call the church office at 683-9205.

Children who want to be baptized can meet individually with Lori Keebler, the Children’s Ministry Director. Please call her at 683-9205 to set up a time.

Kidz Jam

Kidz Jam for 4th & 5th graders will be held on Friday, May 16th 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, May 15th 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:

- 5/11 — Kid's Choir sings in worship service for Mother's Day
- 5/15 — Children's Ministry Staff BBQ Fun Night, 6:30-8:30 pm
- 5/16 — Kidz Jam for 4th & 5th graders, Station Room 6-9 pm
- 5/18 — Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- 5/18 — Summer Teaching Signups begin
- 5/28 — Breakout Awards Night, Station Room, 7-8:30 pm
- 6/1 — 5th Grade Recognition
- 6/14 — Family Jam Carnival Kickoff, 1-4:00 pm
- 6/15 — Last Sunday for School Year

Men's Basketball Tournament

There is a 3 on 3, 2 division (recreational & competitive) Basketball Tournament on Saturday, May 31st in the church parking lot. Cost is \$10 per team. Signup in the Information Center. Call Rodger Terrall at 345-8757 if you have questions.

Another Baby Shower!

Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Katie (Lepp) Elias, Monday, May 12th at 7:00 pm here at the church in the Atrium. Mark & Katie's baby is due in early September but Katie will be here visiting in May. If you have questions, please call the church office at 683-9205.

Poor-Man's Dinner, Talent Show & Silent Auction

Keep the date of Saturday, May 31st open to attend A Youth Fundraising Extravaganza -- 'Silent Auction, Happy Hour-and-a-Half': 5:30-7:00 pm; Dinner @ 7:00 pm; COST IS \$8.99/INDIVIDUAL AND \$17.98/COUPLE. Our "poor" theme will emphasize that we want the money to go to the youth rather than a fancy meal. Call the following people in the following areas to help out:

Questions about hosting a table -- Charlene Burch at 461-2096 or 683-9205

To help prepare food -- Debby Pierpoint at 688-1559

To provide talent for the talent show — Bruce Burch at 954-1117

To volunteer as a student server, to sell tickets, set up, clean up and work in the Happy Hour and a Half Bar — call Eric Fuller at 912-2568 or 683-9205

Silent Auction Donations Needed

Your help is needed to provide donations for the silent auction coming up at the Poor-Man's Dinner, Talent Show & Auction; A Youth Fundraising Extravaganza. The proceeds will benefit our youth program.

Donations can include items or services that you or your business can provide. You could possibly auction off "talents" or gifts' you have received from God. The possibilities are endless: crafts you can make or teach, food you can make or meals you could share, musical people could serenade or teach music, gardening, picnics, boating, hiking trips, housecleaning... You name it!! (Some examples from last year included a tea party, theme baskets, plants, gardening and accessories, housekeeping, photography, handmade crafts, jewelry, hairstyling, babysitting and recycled (new) items.)

Be creative and see how you could help by using your "gifts". Please contact Debbie Cope at 896-3362 (d_cope95@yahoo.com) with any ideas, contributions or questions.

High School Students!

This August 3rd - 9th, we will be headed to Hume Lake Christian Camp, which is one of the premier youth camps in the United States that ministers to over 10,000 high school students each summer with its high-energy recreation, team competitions, practical speakers and seminars, amazing worship music, personal and group reflection time, as well as plenty of free-time options. Campers can enjoy swimming in the pool, boating in the lake, or just hanging out with friends at Hume 'N Beans or The Frozen Sombrero. More daring students can try their talents at the Skate Park, Paintball Field, or take a leap of faith on the High Adventure course.

The cost for this year's trip will be \$435 (partial and full scholarships available, along with fundraising efforts [see above]). Space is limited to this, possibly, life changing event. You can sign up in the youth building or via email (eric@gcfweb.org) along with a non-refundable \$50 deposit.

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.



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Got an Opinion?

This week's blogs:

♦ I went to see the movie "Expelled: No Intelligence Required" which is produced by Ben Stein. The major premise of the movie is that Intelligent Design theories have been expelled from the discussions about Darwinian theories. He cites numerous examples of suppression such as... While I was a Mechanical Engineering student at Kansas State University, I took a class called Fundamentals of Thermodynamics. Entropy was a major portion of the curriculum. During the class, I asked the professor to talk about the ramifications of the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics (Entropy) upon the discussion of origins. . . — Pastor Steve

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.

Happy Days

Birthdays — Today: Lydia Christian

May 5: Stan Blinkhorn, Shelby Kintigh, Sandy Miller, Lindsay Phelps

May 6: Kalie Buster, Christian Koester

May 7: Shawna Olson, Erik Petersen, Dave Watters

May 8: Natalie Lister, Campbell Skortman, Karen Weaver

May 9: Justin Cope, Janice Wuebbles

May 10: Tyler Truitt, Samantha Wilson

Anniversaries — Today: Dan & Renae Kintigh (#24)

May 6: Andy & Heidi Truitt (#13); Rob & Sherry Schumacher (#19);

Tony & Patty Rappa (#13)