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Grace Brethren Church

February 20, 2011

WELCOME TO GRACE!

We are glad you are here today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us this morning and you have a blessed day! Pastor Jeff Patton

Today at Grace — BAPTISM SERVICE

Sunday School Classes Today: 9:30 am

Class: 3-5 years of age

Teacher: Caroll Perkins

Room: KB

Class: 1st Grade thru 6th Grade

Teacher: Robin Predmore

Room: 1B

Class: DRIVEN (Junior High & High School)

Teacher: Timothy Lansing

Study: Biblical Principles of Love, Sex & Dating

Room: Youth Garage

Class: Young Adults/Career

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Study: Building Christian Character

Room: 6A

Class: Adults

Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

Study: How to Study the Bible

Room: 6B

Class: Adults

Teacher: Ron Muir

Study: Growing in Christ

Room: Conference Room

Grace Worship Service/Baptisms: 10:45 am

Kids in Action: 10:45 am

Movers and Shakers – Birth to 2 years old in the Nursery

Settin' the Stage – 3 years to Kindergarten

Center Stage – 1st to 5th Grade

Evening Prayer/4th Qtr. Business Mtg.: 6:00 pm

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Upcoming Events —

Today:

Children’s Choir at 9:00am, Kidmo room
4TH Qtr. Business Meeting at 6:00pm, Sanctuary

This Week:

Girls’ Discipleship	7:00pm, Tuesday
Family Night	
DRIVEN, ROCK & ABS	6:30pm, Wednesday
Worship Team Practice	8:00pm, Wednesday
DRIVEN Winter Camp	5:00pm, Friday-Sunday

For those Serving —

Ushers for the Month of February

Tim Lansing, Victor Pearce, Eddie Morales, Glenn Wilson

Nursery – Today 02/20

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Lisa Patton

10:45 am Leticia Posada
Clansy Cabrera

6:00 pm Sandy Goodwyn
Tracy Lansing

Nursery – Next Week 02/27

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Lisa Patton

10:45 am Dee Muir
Susan Klements

6:00 pm Sandy Goodwyn
Tracy Lansing

For the Record —

2/13/11 Giving:

Weekly Budget:	\$2,594.00	General Fund Giving:	\$2,278.00
S.S./CE Commission	\$80.00	Grand Total/All Offering:	\$2,579.00

Patton’s – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$80.67
O’Dell’s – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$80.67
Morris – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$ 100.66

Church Family Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Josie Ramirez	Feb. 21
Jenna Wilson	Feb. 22
Don Fisher	Feb. 25
Phyllis Fisher	Feb. 26

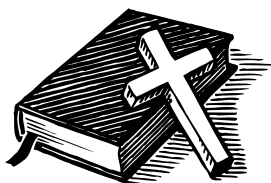


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Michael & Jade Lansing Feb. 21

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - UPDATE

We had a fantastic time last Sunday focusing on our two songs for Palm Sunday. There's still room for more; all children (ages 4-12) are welcome to join our choir. We are preparing for Palm Sunday (April 17) and Mother's Day (May 8). Parents, please mark your calendars for these dates and bring your children every Sunday at 9:00am sharp to the Kidmo room. Thank you.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

February 20-26

Job 20-27

I Cor. 7-13

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 27 *Voice of the Martyrs* Sunday with David Witt
- Mar. 4 Parenting Class – 7pm (Conf. room)
- Mar. 6 DRIVEN Leadership – 4-6pm
- Mar. 6 Worship Commission – 5pm
- Mar. 11 Evangelism/Missions Mtg. – 10am
- Mar. 12 Ladies' Night Out (Soup & Salad) – 5pm (6B)



WE CARE PRAYER

“O Lord, thank You for a wonderful outreach last Sunday. Please do a mighty work in the hearts of those who live on LeFloss. Help us to continue to do our part to be lights for you wherever we go. May You, O God, be glorified this day. Amen.”

**Plan to join us for
WE CARE – March 12
Saturday morning**

**We are currently collecting
9V batteries for
smoke detectors.
Please place the
9V batteries in the box
back in foyer. Thank you.**



Let's do our part as a church family to support our two teens going on Barnabas this summer. Please remember to pray for them and give as the Lord leads. Here is a current update:

	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Received</u>
Cassandra Goode	\$3,289	\$245.00
Ricky Olmedo	\$3,289	\$245.00

(Reminder: \$900 for each is due by March 17 and the remaining balances are due by May 17.)

[IN EACH MAIL FOLDER IS A O.B. LETTER FROM CASSANDRA. PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!]

For those teens going to Momentum Youth Conference, the following funds have been received so far:

Daniel Cabrera	\$30.00
Mallory Patton	\$60.00
Timmy Ramirez	\$40.00



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FAMILY DIRECTORY
IS NOW AVAILABLE
OUT IN THE FOYER.

PLEASE, ONE PER FAMILY.
THANK YOU.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR:

"This Time It's Personal"

Salvation from sin and the result of eternal life in heaven is a personal "transaction." While it is true that "God so loved the world (may we say plural) that He gave His only Son," it is also true that "whoever (may we say singular) believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life." Romans 10:9 says "If you (singular) confess with your (singular) mouth and believe in your (singular) heart that Jesus is Lord, you (singular) will be saved." Salvation must always be a singular, personal decision that one makes with God through the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says the rich young ruler came to Jesus and asked, "What must I (singular) do to be saved?" Nicodemus (singular) came to Jesus at night and asked "How can a man be born again?" Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well "Go (you singular) and sin no more." But a problem has arisen: **though salvation is personal, it is not individual.** American Christianity has become individualistic. The focus is on each believer's "faith journey." This has led to an injurious view of the local church as a "need-meeter," and if my church is not "meeting my needs" then I can simply shop around for a church until I find the one that "best suits me." It has become rather like shopping for a new car or a new pair of shoes. It reminds me of Goldilocks: "My this church is too hard! My this church is too soft! Oh, this church is just right!" America has fostered a therapeutic approach to the local church, abandoning our Lord's instructions for the purpose of the church and the purpose and role of each person in the local church. A major indicator of this is an extreme lack of biblical accountability among believers in the local church. Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and most of the epistles teach that the local church is a community of believers in Jesus who are called to salvation in order to serve as a part of a whole functioning body with all parts equal. This obviously involves a lot of relationships, and the New Testaments letters have an abundance to say about relationships. In fact Jesus said the two greatest commandments are about relationships. The greatest is all about a vertical relationship: "Love the Lord your God." He said the second greatest commandment is about a horizontal relationship: "Love your neighbor as much as you naturally love yourself." This is certainly personal, but it is absolutely not individual. It is cooperative. It is community. Recent research demonstrates that the vast majority of Christians want to be left alone to enjoy their Christian faith on their own, individually. A recent poll revealed that only 5% of Christians stated that their local church does anything to hold them accountable for integrating biblical beliefs and principles into their lives. One of the most historical ways the Church has provided biblical accountability is through small groups, but only 2% of adults polled stated they were involved in a small group and of those only 7% said accountability to one another was a function of that group. Another historical method of holding believers accountable to the Bible is by official church discipline (Matthew 18), but only 21% of adults stated that their church practices such a thing. Studies show that pastors and church leaders have a distaste for initiating any type of confrontation and conflict with those in their church. Another barrier to biblical community and accountability is an uncertainty between discernment and judgment. Christians don't want to be judgmental and therefore they avoid all conversation about another person's behavior...except sometimes gossip. A cornerstone of biblical community and fellowship is accountability, but Americans these days cherish privacy and freedom so much that the very idea of being held accountable by others, by the church, or by the pastor is considered inappropriate and old-fashioned. The transformation that comes after salvation (Romans 12:1ff) requires accountability that is part of community and fellowship. It's high time Christians got a little more personal.