

“In the Heart of the Community with the Community at Heart”



GRACE BEACON

GBC Newsletter

November 2011



Let us give thanks for the Lord is good.

Proclamation of Thanksgiving

Washington, D.C.
October 3, 1863

This is the proclamation which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving. During his administration, President Lincoln issued many orders similar to this. For example, on November 28, 1861, he ordered government departments closed for a local day of thanksgiving.

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the Unites States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State



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Join us for our...

Missions Sunday

November 6, 2011

10:45am Worship Service
& 6:00pm Prayer Service
With Wayne & Ellen Patton
(and Josiah)

NOVEMBER 2011 MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

The ROCK

Raising Our Children
for the King -
Children's Ministries on
Wednesday evenings at
6:30 pm -
Kidmo room

College/Young Adult

Small Group

See Tim Lansing for
details

DRIVEN NEWS

Our DRIVEN youth
ministries meet Wednesday
evenings at 6:30 pm in the
Fellowship
Hall. All youth are
welcome to attend.
Please see the DRIVEN
page for more details.

MOMENTUM
2012
Eastern Kentucky
University



CHILDREN'S CHOIR -
Every Sunday at 9:00am

WOMEN OF GRACE

Join the Women of Grace for
their November meeting on
the 8th at 6:30pm with special
guest: Ellen Patton

Ladies Ministries

- Have you done
something special for
your secret sister?!

DRIVEN 2011

youth ministries

Month @ A Glance



The 2011/12 DRIVEN Challenge has been given and the DRIVEN staff want to remind you to start the race well!

Here is a reminder

of the spiritual disciplines you have committed to:

- Attend DRIVEN Wednesdays
- Bring your Bibles
- Give \$3 a month for Yacob Babu
- Memorize 25 bible verses
- Bring Friends to DRIVEN

Please be praying for the following students who have already committed to the "Be Transformed" challenge above (**Mario, Fernando, Daniel, Cassandra, Timmy & Alex**). Also continue to pray that more will join this DRIVEN challenge.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT FUNDRAISER

The DRIVEN youth are once again raising funds by helping to hang/remove your Christmas Lights on the exterior of your home for a \$25 donation. If you are interested in having the youth hang your Christmas lights, please write "Christmas Lights" on your tear-off tab in the bulletin. DRIVEN will be hanging lights on Saturday, December 3rd from 8am to 2pm.

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 7th for our Fundraiser Dinner @ THE HABIT RESTAURANT from 4pm to 9pm.

If you are a 10th, 11th, or 12th grader and want to learn ministry and do ministry, then see Timothy Lansing for an OB application for this coming summer.

DRIVEN WEDNESDAY

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Every Wednesday Night

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE

8:00pm - 9:00pm

Every Wednesday Night

Missions Sunday

9:30am - 12:00pm

Sunday, November 6th

"The HABIT" FUNDRAISER Dinner

4:00p - 9:00p

Monday, November 7th

"WE CARE"- Thanksgiving Cards

Neighborhood Outreach

Saturday, November 19th

10:00am - 11:00am

Sunday, November 20th

2:00p - 3:30p

Hanging of the Greens

6:00p-8:30p

Sunday, November 27th

Operation Christmas Child

Service Project

5:00pm - 10:30pm

Wednesday, November 30th

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 16th – Final Deadline for Operation Barnabas Applications.

Wednesday, November 23rd – NO DRIVEN. Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace Brethren Church

PRESENTS A FUNDRAISER EVENT AT

**the
Habit[®]
BURGER GRILL**


Norwalk

12401 S. Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk Ca 90650

Monday, November 7th 2011 from 4:00 PM to 8:00PM
JOIN US AND ENJOY DELICIOUS CHARBURGERS,
SANDWICHES, SALADS AND SHAKES

PRESENT THIS FLYER WHEN YOU ORDER AND WE WILL
DONATE 20% OF THE RECEIPTS GENERATED
TO YOUR ORGANIZATION!

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01 Benny Ramirez	02 FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team	03 2:45p CEF Club	04 Ruben & Lilia Gonzalez	05
06 9:00a Children's Choir MISSIONS SUNDAY with Wayne & Ellen Patton	07 4-9:00p - DRIVEN FUNDRAISER: The "HABIT" - Norwalk	08 Tracy Lansing 6:30p Women of Grace - Ellen Patton	09 FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team	10 2:45p CEF Club	11 Kamron Jones WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT - 4pm check in	12 WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT
13 9:00a Children's Choir WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT - 12:30pm check out 5:00p CE Comm. & Fellowship Comm. 7:00p Deacon Board	14	15 Eileen Zamarripa 7:00p Elders 7:00p Ladies Discipleship	16 Leonard & Stephanie Jones FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team	17 2:45p CEF Club	18 10:00a Evang./Missions Comm. 7-10:00p Biblical Counseling Training (part 3)	19 Aliene Lansing *8:00a WORK DAY *10-11:00a WE CARE *12:00p - WOG set up in Fellowship Hall *8:30a-5:30p Biblical Counseling Training (part 3)
20 9:00a Children's Choir 12:15pm - THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON in Fellowship Hall 2-3:30p WE CARE	21	22 Lois South 7:00p Elder Board 7:00p Ladies' Discipleship (Pattons)	23 Bonnie Miller **NO FAMILY NIGHT SERVICES	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	25 Sandy Goodwyn	26 Mallory Patton Nathan Patton
27 Max & Maggie Olmedo 9:00a Children's Choir 5:00p Care Comm. 6:00p "Hanging the Greens" - Sanctuary	28 Glenn Bean	29	30 FAMILY NIGHT: 5:00p DRIVEN - Operation Christmas Child Service Project 6:30p ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team			