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Growing in Grace

Information on upcoming January Events.....

Bible Study Classes

- Men's Tuesday mornings 8:30 a.m.
- Women's Thursday mornings 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday Evening Study Group 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday Morning Small Groups 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 1st—The church will be opened from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for our church family to drop in for communion and prayer.

Thursday, January 12th— “*What a Beautiful Mess...Thirty Years That Changed the World*” Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 15th—Member Orientation “*Discovering Grace*” Class 9:00 a.m.

Discovering Grace New Member Class

Our next *Discovering Grace* class will be held Sunday, January 15th at 9:00 a.m. This 30 minute presentation will provide you with foundational information for our beliefs, doctrines and history. This class is open to anyone who has an interest in joining our congregation or would like to know more about our ministries and Christ-centered discipleship within in our community.



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Pastors Thoughts...

A Word from Dennis...

On Friday before the Christmas weekend I saw a man at Shallowford Road holding a well-lettered sign it read "To Kentucky for Christmas" I Briefly considered what I should do, but then he was past and gone. We live in a time when it is dangerous and illegal to hitch a ride on inter-states, but I surely did understand his sentiment to go home.

Like salmon going upstream by the million, we try our best.

By the time you get this Christmas will be over.

Some will experience wealth, hope and hospitality.

Others will be sad and disappointed. I hope the traveler got home. I am still haunted by the thought—was he Jesus?

Dennis

A Word from Jerry...

The first half of Isaiah 43:19 says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" God is constantly showing us the new thing that He is doing. The opportunity for us regarding God's new work is always the same: to recognize it and to join Him in it. 2012 offers that opportunity for GraceWorks. I pray that we will each enter this new year looking for new ways to know God, love Him, and serve Him, as well as discover new ways to love and serve each other and the people of Greater Chattanooga.

Some of the new things happening this month at GraceWorks include:

"Come Out Of Hiding" Jan. 8
"Discovering Grace" Jan. 15 @ 9am for those interested in knowing more about our church
"What A Beautiful Mess: Thirty Years That Changed The World," Jan. 12 @ 7pm
"God's Search" Jan. 15

Also, Dennis and I will begin the second phase of the "Gospel According to Jesus" series on Jan. 22. Phase 2 will focus on the Gospel of Luke.

I hope you and your family have a great 2012. It is a privilege to be in ministry with each of you.

Peace,
Jerry

X-Factor



After the hustle and bustle of Christmas, I hope we all took time out to remember the reason for the season. Jesus Christ was born and Praise God

for it!!! This past month was a very busy time for all of us. The X-Factor had something planned every weekend to help the community. We participated in the Ooltewah Christmas parade again this year. We handed out over 1,500 bot-



tles of water with a message from our church attached inviting everyone to worship with us. We also sponsored 7 kids this year for Christmas! Way to go X-Factor!!! The second weekend was our annual Breakfast with Santa. Congrats to Don Hagaman for winning the IPAD II! Thank you to all who sponsored silent auction items and who supported the X-Factor. The money raised is to help with our trip to Remnant Generation in January. The weekend before Christmas we helped with the Santa Train. To see the kids who are less fortunate and their

parent's faces is priceless. Thanks for all who supported and helped!

As mentioned above.... Remnant Generation is a conference we are attending in Gatlingburg January 13 to 15th. Please keep our youth in prayer. During this time we are going to be doing a 21 day Daniel Fast. The Fast starts on January 8th through January 29th. If you are interested in joining us and have questions please see Larry. Our youth did a fast last year and they came closer to the Lord.

Isaiah 58:6-9 (NLT) *"No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind. Then when you call, the LORD will answer. Yes, I am here, he will quickly reply."*

2012 is here...remember our youth and church in prayers daily! God Bless You All!!

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Save The Date...

The Journey Begins Thursday January 12th @ 7:00 PM

What A Beautiful Mess...Thirty Years That Changed The World

Join us for an eight week study of The Acts of the Apostles.

- We will consider how the lives and ministries of the apostles formed the vision of the early Church, and discuss the implications of those themes for the Church today.

Rev. Jerry Redman will be using Michael Green's "30 Years that Changed the World" as the textbook for these lively and informative 70 minute sessions.

Please register: Call the church office @ 423-648-9125. Be sure to provide your email address. Throughout the study we will be sending discussion questions and reading suggestions for each class session.



Worship Through the Arts

First, let me give a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone in the music department, who helped make the Christmas program such a success.

I want to give a special notice to Mandy and the GraceWorks Children's Department for stepping up and adding so much to our Christmas Presentation. I look forward to incorporating them into our musical ministry on a more regular basis. In a time when so many things are in a state of flux, you came together to put on a very nice presentation.

In the New Year, we will be going into new territory as we continue to build the foundation of the Music and

Fine arts Department of Graceworks Church. We will be expanding our instrumental and band assets as well as various other vocal ensembles and soloist. We will also expand the boundaries for dance and the visual arts, as well as multi-media support. Our goal will be to do this in keeping with our new motto, "Excellence with humility". So put the decorations away, begin the post-holiday diets and let's launch in 2012 with a renewed excitement and commitment.

For more information about our music programs call Chip Frazier @ 423. 280.9598

GraceKids



GraceKids...I am so very proud of you! You sang so magnificently during the Christmas Con-

cert! The song was such a special song and it warmed my heart to see so many of you singing your hearts out. I loved it!

What a special time of year this is! This is one of the two biggest events for Christians, and I'm so very glad that God loves us each enough to send his son just for us. We would be lost if not for God's grace!

Parents, after we sang our song for you, we "retired" into the Monkeys classroom, where we played a fun spin on "Quiet Mouse" "Quiet Jesus"! We passed around Baby Jesus from our nativity scene, and only the person holding Jesus was allowed to speak. All others were to listen as we each took turns

telling about their favorite part of Christmas. It brightened my day to hear so many of our GraceKids confirming that Jesus' birth, spending time with family, and helping others were among the most frequently cited favorites! Of course toys and elves made the list too, but I'm sure it makes God happy to see the smiles on His children's faces too!

I'm praying that everyone has had a blessed Christmas and that we all have a wonder 2012 together! In Christ, Mandy
For more information about GraceKids call Mandy @ 423.413.3200
Email: lotsokids@gmail.com

2012 Usher Team—Volunteer Today!

Beginning January 1, 2012, Charlie Sedman will be coordinating our usher team. We have openings for additional ushers on the team. With additional team members, rotations will be less often. There will be an usher training and coordination meeting early in January.
Contact Charlie @ 423-893-6848

Trustee Council Corner

2012 Trustee Council

Chairman	Phil Donihe
Trustees	*Marissa Moyers Eric Montgomery *Gregg Underwood Stacci Thomas *Bob Gilreath Greg Gilbert *Gregg Underwood *Doug Beuoy Bill Neal *Mike Brock Tom Carter *Larry Yelverton Paula Collins Janna Ford Sam Wills

* Trustees that roll off of the council 12/31/2012

December Council Meeting Summary

The December meeting marked the last scheduled trustee meeting of 2011. The newly elected trustees were present and were welcomed to the board. The board thanked the outgoing trustees for their valuable and faithful service and for their guiding hand in the many business issues that were addressed during their tenure. The latest draft of the 2012 Church Budget was presented for review. After some discussion, the board voted to table final approval of the budget until the January 14th special trustee development meeting when there would be more time to explore each area of income and expenses. This will allow incoming trustees an opportunity to be engaged with the process. The next order of business was for the current and new trustees to elect our next chairman of the board of trustees. Following nominations and a vote, Phil Donihe was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. As the board of trustees closes the books on another year and looks forward to a new year of growth and development of God's ministry at GraceWorks Church, we thank each and every one of the faithful disciples in our congregation for your support and dedication to that ministry. We are prayerfully excited to see where the hand of God will lead us and bless us in the new year.

In Memory of Members Lost in 2011:

Steve Clark, Gary Matlock, Bobby Bowling, Francis E. Moore, Jr., Irene J. Gilreath, Betty Revels, Atlee Lane and James R. (Webbie) Webb.

Adopt-A-Family

THANK YOU All...through your efforts and generosity you have provided Dinner Boxes and gifts through our angel tree for 26 Families with a total of 75 individuals. Our GraceWorks family has also sponsored 50 angels through Prison Prevention Ministries.

Thanks to our GraceWorks Angels for making this all possible. Without the support of Santa's helpers... Sponsoring families, donations, shopping, wrapping gifts, bringing food for the food boxes, wrapping and packing the food boxes as well as delivering the gifts and food to the families, this would not have been possible.

Heavenly Bling

Our Christmas Bling event this year was the best yet. THANK YOU to everyone at Grace Works Church for your participation and your generous donations to this worthwhile ministry. I'd like also to remind everyone that Heavenly Bling is an ongoing, year round ministry. So please keep the donations coming. Needed items include (but are not limited to) sheets, towels, blankets, mens clothes, shoes, coats, jackets, blankets, gloves and any and all personal hygiene items. Contact Mike Brock at 423-903-4007

Prison Ministry

Prisoners sometimes ask for Bibles. Please bring any Bibles you wish to donate to Church so that we can bless those inmates who have expressed a desire to change their lives through Biblical study and worship. Large print bibles are often asked for. NIV or NLT are the preferred versions but any version Bible will be accepted. If you are interested in any of the outreach volunteer opportunities at GraceWorks Church or just need additional information, you may contact Mike Brock at 423-903-4007

J a n u a r y

Sunday

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10:00—11:00 a.m. Drop by communion and prayer Service

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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8:30 a.m.—Choir rehearsals
9:00a.m.—Study Groups
10:00a.m.—Worship Service

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8:30a.m.—Choir rehearsals
9:00a.m. *Discover GraceWorks*
9:00a.m.—Study Groups
10:00a.m.—Worship Service
X-Factor Youth Conference

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8:30 a.m.—Choir rehearsals
9:00a.m.—Study Groups
10:00a.m.—Worship Service

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9:00a.m.—Study Groups
10:00a.m.—Worship Service

Monday

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Tuesday

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Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Guitar Lessons 6:30 p.m.
Cost \$10.00 per hour
Dana Harding

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Wednesday

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Wednesday Fellowship Dinner 5:45 p.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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X-Treme Teens 6:15 p.m.

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Thursday

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Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Dancing with the Saints Class 6:30 p.m.

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7:00 What a Beautiful Mess Bible Study

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Friday

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X-Factor Youth Conference

Saturday

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Emotions Anonymous—11:00 a.m.

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