

“When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus....” Philemon v.4-5



Last May our family went on a mission trip to Peru with a group of students from the Wesley Foundation at UCA. During our first week there we were able to reach out to several college students at the “Antenor Orrego Private University” through music, drama and testimonies.

It was really great to see God opening doors for us to be able to enter the campus, pass flyers and establish conversation with the students.

During our second week, we worked with the children at the Center of Attention and Education to the Family (CAEF) and their projects in the shanty towns of Taquila and Torres de San Borja. These children are children in high risk. They live in extreme poverty and have been victims of physical, emotional or even sexual abuse.

CAEF is a christian non-profit organization that works in the physical, psychological and spiritual restoration of kids in extreme poverty to reach their social adaptation. They strengthen children’s education, train youth leaders and prepare parents.

Thanks to your gifts and prayers we were able to minister to over 170 children and their parents through a VBS program. We had plenty of crafts, songs, choreography, face painting and goody bags that got the kids really excited.

So, thank you for your love towards us, the youth, and the kids in Peru and for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ that made all of it possible.

“I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.” Philemon v.6

As I reflect in our time there, Philemon v.6 comes to mind. Our team had several things to overcome. Language, culture, food and fatigue were among them.

As part of the mission training we received, we were taught we could get a little defensive about the way things are done in our country and we needed to be careful with that. Or we could get tired and sick. Therefore, we needed to talk to each other and cover one another with prayer. We needed to remember the reason why we were there to begin with and keep our focus through tough moments.

Growing Grace



None of the work we did would have been possible if we didn’t keep in mind we were doing all of this good FOR CHRIST.

If every member in our team is pulling on it’s own direction, nothing can be accomplished. But when we set aside our own our desires, points of view, and ways to do things in order to submit to Jesus Christ and follow His

call then the sharing of our faith becomes effective....we start seeing lives touched and communities transformed!

The second week of July at Grace, volunteers of all ages joined in work with one vision, to reach out children in the Name of Christ through VBS. And it was amazing to see the kids singing, praying, playing and learning Bible Stories. Everybody put time and dedication, despite our jobs and the heat. And, we did all of this good for Christ!

Now what? We have several ordinary and extraordinary opportunities coming up to continue to share our faith. There is the *Blessing of the Backpacks* on August 14 and *Welcome Home* on September 11....there is the weekly need for volunteers to work with children and youth, to lead or be a part of a Bible Study, to be an office angel, to join one of our prayer groups, to sing in the choir, to do missions, etc...

Let us continue to work together making the sharing of our faith effective because we understand all the good we can do for Christ! And as the Apostle Paul continues to write to Philemon on verse 7, may we receive joy and encouragement as we work with love, and may we find refreshment for our hearts.

“I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.”

Philemon v.7

*Love,
Lali Palmer*



AUGUST 07TH - “What Are You Afraid Of?” *Matthew 14:22-33.*
Bro. Greg Comer.

AUGUST 14TH - “The Blessing”
Matthew 19:13-15

AUGUST 21ST - “Are You In or Ain’t You” *Matthew 16:13-20*

AUGUST 28TH - “Where Did I Put My Keys?” *Rom. 12:9-21.*

Pandamania VBS



Grace Church has been wild about Pandamania. Vacation Bible School was a great week for our children, those from the community and for all who helped.

We had 112 children involved and 68 volunteers (many serving numerous or all nights).

Thank you to everyone who helped with your service, gifts, and prayers. Memories were

made of Christ’s family showing love and care while teaching the stories of our faith which will last a lifetime.

Special thanks to Mrs. Christy who worked long and hard before, during, and after to make VBS such a roaring success.

Grace and Peace,
Bro. David



August 2011

Like Us On Follow Us On



Who is Grace Church?

We exist to help you develop into a spiritually mature follower of Jesus Christ. As believers, God gives us great responsibility of His Christian faith, expansion of the presence of His Kingdom through worship and small groups, and becomes the heart and soul of America. God breathes people in our community and around the world through you.

Reaching People



Growing Faith



Changing Lives

“Our mission is to develop spiritually mature disciples of Jesus Christ (around the corner and around the world).”



Changing Lives

Mark Your Calendar! Coming in the Fall..

Blessing of the Backpacks

**Sunday, August 14th
at 8:30, 9:45 and 11 am**



Students of all ages bring your backpacks to church on August 14 to any of our services and be blessed! Teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, bus drivers... come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve students and families in your daily work!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, August 28th @ 8 am in the Lobby
Join us for a delicious breakfast as we express our gratitude to all of our Volunteers for making ministry possible at Grace.

Welcome Home & Fall Kick-Off

**Sunday, September 11th
Sunday School @ 9:45am**



Celebration Worship @ 11 am & Lunch @ Noon
After a great Summer break, Welcome Home gives us the chance to start a new year refreshed. All the Grace family will join together in one worship service to celebrate the One who makes all things new! After worship, we will have a time of lunch and fellowship.
If you are planning to attend lunch, please RSVP Glenda Bell at glenda.bell@graceconway.org.

prayers
presence
gifts
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Stewardship

July Giving and Attendance

Date	Attendance	Giving
07/03/11	231	\$ 9,001.00
07/10/11	266	\$ 8,091.00
07/17/11	225	\$ 12,521.50
July Avg.	241	\$ 9,871.17
YTD Funds Received	\$ 365,306.67	
Needed Weekly Giving	\$ 11,065.00	
Budget Needs for 2011	\$ 575,357.00	
TOTALS FOR JUNE 2011		
Total General Giving: \$ 251,102.05		
Total Building Giving: \$ 85,091.12 (includes the \$ 60, 506.12 trust giving to the building fund)		
Total YTD as of June 30 th : \$ 336,193.17		
TOTALS RECEIVED YTD		
General : \$ 278,110.55		
Building: \$ 87,696.12		
Total YTD as of July 17 th : \$ 365,806.67		

The Youth Corner!

A Challenge from Mr. David:
School is getting ready to start back in just a couple of weeks! Can you believe it? Try this for the new school year! Make this year great by growing closer to God and reflecting Christ in all you say and do! You may give someone else the courage to stand up for Christ when they don't feel like they are strong enough! Set the example!
"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." - Ephesians 6:10

Something is in the Works!
Be looking for Sunday night worship times for Youth. Something new is coming!

- Upcoming Events:**
- * August 5: Wild River Country Lock-in. See Mr. David for Details.
 - * August 14: Blessing of the Backpacks / Sunday Morning Worship.
 - * August 14: Ice Cream Social and Bible Study Sign-Ups
 - * August 15: School starts!

Mr. David

Music Notes

The summer months tend to be times of decompression and reflection for a lot of us. We often have time to take trips, see people who, like us, are very busy during the school year, and we often cut back on some of our regular activities to have a little break. When you get back into your full schedule again, consider making some music. Here at Grace we have many opportunities to do just that. **Chancel Choir** meets every **Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00**. We have fun, tell a joke or two, and learn some great music. It's a group of terrific people who would welcome you with open arms.



If you have less time to devote to it, consider the **Women's and Men's Ensembles**. They meet alternate weeks for a **half hour**. That's only an hour a month! The men, in particular, would love some additional members.

The **Children's Choir** meets at **4:00 on Sundays**. It's a great way to foster cooperation, love of music, and is a wonderful way for children to participate in the service.

Grace also has **handbells** that are currently not being used. Please, let me know if you would be interested in revitalizing this ministry. We can figure out practice times once we have a quorum. You don't have to read music, but if that concerns you, see below.

I will be offering a brief **How To Read Music** class on **August 31 from 6:00 to 6:30 PM**. If people are interested, we can certainly add additional classes so that we can go into it with more depth. This is open to anyone who has an interest in the basics.

And finally, I want to thank everyone who has made my coming to Grace such a joy and a blessing. Joining you here has been the best thing that's happened to me since moving to Arkansas. Peace,

Kim



Grace Kid's Day Out

REGISTER NOW!
Monday/Wednesday of each week
From 9 am-2 pm
Program will begin **August 22nd**
Serving children
ages 18 months to Pre/K (4-5 yrs)



Our KDO program will be filled with a variety of activities for your little one. Children will participate in Bible Stories, letter recognition, Math Readiness, Socialization Skills, Music, Story Time, Art, and Fine & Large Motor Development. All age levels participate in each of the activities.



For more information contact the GKDO Director, Christy Lemmer at 501-329-6056 or christy.lemmer@graceconway.org.

NOW HIRING

Grace Kid's Day Out Teachers Working hours would be 8:45 am to 2:15 pm every Monday and Wednesday. For more information, contact the GKDO Director, Christy Lemmer.

*Missions Around the Corner
Around the World...*

Adopt-a-Meal

During the months of August and September, Grace UMC is participating in the **Adopt-a-Meal** program for Bethlehem House where 35-45 people are provided a meal each evening at the shelter. If you would like to join in on this opportunity to serve others, please contact Cinnamon Wheeler at cwheeler@conwaycorp.net. **We'll be providing the meal on Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Thursday, Sept. 22.**

Into the Light
Opening Worship and Welcome with Bellarive

Thursday, August 25th at 5:30 pm

Join us as we kick-off the school year with a burger bash, an amazing time of worship, prayer and fellowship at the **Wesley Foundation at UCA(across the Lewis Center)**. All college students, professors, administrative staff and High School Seniors are invited.
Don't miss it! It's free!
www.bellarive.com
www.wesleyfoundation.net

Ozark Mission Project turns 25!

Don't forget to register for OMP's celebration of mission, fellowship and worship on **October 29, 2011!** This day of celebration will be free of charge to all participants. Whether you've been to OMP once or ten times, whether it was 20 years ago or this is your first summer, or whether you, your family or youth group just want to see what OMP is all about, please join us this fall! Save the date and check out 25th Anniversary details at: www.ozarkmissionproject.org.

Your Christian Education Opportunities
Coming in the Fall.....

Disciple IV
Under the Tree of Life

We are pleased to announce that Under the Tree of Life, a **32-week bible study from the Disciple Series**, will be offered

beginning **Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011 at 1:00pm in Room 112**. This is the fourth study in the Disciple Series that now includes six courses. Under The Tree of Life is open to all of you. There is no pre-requisite. The Disciple IV study manual costs \$35. This course concentrates on 13 books from the Old Testament that are called "The Writings." These are books that are not part of Torah or the Prophets. Examples are Ruth, Chronicles, Esther, Psalms and Daniel. The study also includes five books from the New Testament. These are all the books by the Apostle John to include Revelation.

If you hunger for the word of God, this may be an opportunity for you. Under The Tree of Life will be led by Phil Jackson. You may sign up in the Church Lobby or via e-mail to phillip.f.jackson@sbcglobal.net.

Kingdom People
Leave the common life behind.
Take the journey from Casual to Complete Christian.

Starts Sunday, August 21st AT 3PM IN RM 112

Information is abundant. Transformation is rare. This study is about spiritual transformation. Here and now. This study is 12 weeks long plus the orientation on the 21st. Led by Bro. Greg Comer and Charles Yarbro. Interested? Contact Bro. Greg at greg.comer@graceconway.org. We must have a least six sign up and can accept no more than 18. Cost will be \$28.00 for primary and work books.

Invitation to John
1 1-week Bible Study
Starts Sept. 11 at 5:00 pm in Room 112

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me". Experience the magnificent passages in John including the **I am** statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus. Join and discover the life altering stories that will invite you to follow Christ as true disciple.
Led by Bro. David. Sign up now in the lobby.

The Workbook of Living Prayer

7-week Study
Starts Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 6:30 pm in Room 112

Twenty years ago Dr. Maxie Dunnam wrote a thought-provoking and dynamic book that has enriched the prayer life of many readers. This best-selling resource, *The Workbook of Living Prayer*, has been used by almost half a million individuals in small groups. Although there have been many dramatic changes in the world this past decades, the need to pray has remained constant.

Wherever you are in your prayer life, this study will take you in a refreshing adventure to explore what it means to *Pray without Ceasing* and resources for praying. This study will be led by Lali Palmer. The cost of the book is \$11.00. Interested? Please, sign up at the church lobby or contact Lali at laura.palmer@graceconway.org. Childcare will be provided.

Grace United Methodist Church Service Times

Worship Services Sunday: 8:30 AM (Traditional), 9:45 (Contemporary), & 11:00 AM (Blended)
Sunday School 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM

Childcare provided.