

From Bro. Greg...

I am in my 8th year of service here at Grace, and I am always amazed at all the ways I have to be thankful. At Christmas time you make Penny and I feel special with all the gifts that you give to us. And so many more of you are following our desire and are giving to people who are truly in need instead of giving something to us. Those moments are truly special, especially when we get to watch the gift being received. How many times this past Christmas season did we stand teary-eyed and rejoice that another need was met.



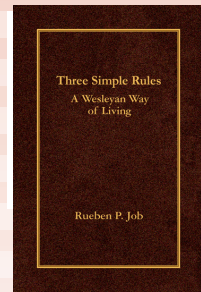
You make us feel so special. You have given to us personally. You have given to Grace staff. You have given to support many less fortunate than ourselves. You have given to fund the ministry of Grace Church.

We truly thank those of you who truly gave beyond yourselves this year. We were somewhat concerned that we might not meet all of our financial obligations in 2010, but thanks to some very diligent study and work by the Finance Committee, some belt-tightening by the staff and an abundant amount of volunteer time and effort, all our 2010 obligations have been met. We truly thank God and we thank you.

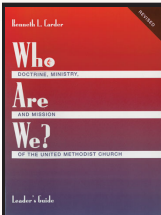
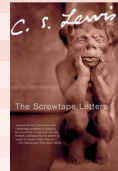
Over the years we have seen this time and again. When there is a need, Grace will respond to it, no matter what that need may be. We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts and know that 2011 will be even better. The concept that has always been foremost at Grace is "Money Follows Ministry." Once again you have proven that to be true. May God add blessings beyond measure to you throughout this year as we strive to follow God's call and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Blessings on you,  
Bro. Greg

Growing Grace



The adult Sunday school class known as the Serendipity class has started a new study on the book "Three Simple Rules". Gari Tisdale has been leading the study. The next study will be on C. S. Lewis's book "The Screwtape Letters". The class meets in room #112 at 11:00 am. We have lively discussion about the book we are studying and relevant scripture. It is an enjoyable time of fellowship, sharing prayer requests, and spiritual growth. Come join us.



**Methodism 101: Who We Are** is an exciting new study about our denomination, it just started in the Cheers Sunday School Class. This course will cover the history and organization of the United Methodist Church, the life and beliefs of John Wesley, Methodist theology and doctrine, and the opinions of the United Methodist Church on social issues. Everyone is invited to attend. Cheers meets in Room 113 at 9:45 on Sundays. For more information, please call Mike or Jennifer Bonds at 329-2358 or jennbonds@gmail.com.

The Body of Christ



You have the opportunity to be the body of Christ every time communion is served at Grace. On the first Sunday of each month bring non-perishable food items and/or a cash donation for Bethlehem House and place them in baskets at the front of the sanctuary as you come forward for communion. As you celebrate that Christ offered his body for us in love, your gift will be used to show Christ's love to the homeless and the needy in our community.

December 07, 2010

Dear Grace Church,  
Thank you for helping needy families that don't have food, clothes, shelter and other things. Without your helping hand, some people would live the same way probably worst. Maybe even on the street, living...barely.

Thank you very much, you inspired me to help needy families.



If some clothes don't fit me, we'll give them to needy families. Right now, we are doing a can food drive to help the needy just like you are helping. So, thanks again.  
Sincerely,  
Adam, Bigelow Schools Student

Changing Lives



February 2011

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Who is Grace Church?

We exist to help you develop into a spiritually mature follower of Jesus Christ. As those you can grow in your understanding of the Christian faith, experience the presence of God through worship and small groups, and become the hands and feet of Jesus as Christians people in our community and around the world through you.

Reaching People

Growing Faith



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

Changing Lives



*Dear Grace Family,*

We thank you so much for all your cards, phone calls, gifts and notes of appreciation we received during the Christmas season. Your care and concern are deeply appreciated. But above all, thank you for helping Grace Church meet it's financial goals for the year 2010. The ministry of Christ throughout the world is enriched by your faithfulness and generosity. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.



Bro. David & Beth Hawkins

*Thank You From Sisters In Christ*

Once again with your help, Sisters In Christ will be able to continue our mission to provide layettes and car seats for babies born to families in need at CRMC. Our recent Baskets & More Silent Auction raised over \$1000. Thank you all for your generous contributions of baskets, bids, and other donations! Ladies, please join us for our February meeting on **Monday, the 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor!**



**FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>** - "Your Trouble Tree"

Matthew 6:25-33

**FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>** - "Repairing the Breach" Matthew 5:13-20

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>** - "Living Between the Mountains" 1st Kings 19:1-18. Bro. Greg Comer

**FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>** - "Enough Trouble for Today" Matthew 6:24-34

**Stewardship** *our* prayers presence gifts witness service

**January Giving and Attendance**

Date	Attendance	Giving
01/02/11	274	\$ 8,689.00
01/09/11	284	\$ 7,434.00
01/16/11	296	\$ 9,564.00
01/23/11	307	\$11,644.50
<b>Jan. Avg.</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>\$ 9,332.88</b>
<b>YTD Funds Received</b>		<b>\$37,331.50</b>

**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.

**The Youth Corner!**



What a great start to 2011! The Grace Youth are gearing up with some great Bible studies that are pushing us in many different directions. Allow us a moment to fill you in on what our youth are doing.

- \* The Young Ladies *Esther* Bible study has created a new small group that meets every Wednesday night for deep discussion and relationships that grow their faith.
- \* The Sr. High are pushing their minds and faith to a new level with a 10-week study called "*The Storm*" as they ask themselves those questions that we have all wondered but maybe never spoken out loud.
- \* Jr. High is in the middle of an Evangelism study that encourages them to speak out and share the Gospel in everyday settings not just at church!
- \* Club 56 are at Basic Training as they learn the fundamentals of Jesus' teachings.
- \* The Grace College group has just finished a study of their gifts and how to understand the mind God gave them. They are now preparing to start a study challenging them to not just be a fan of Christ but a committed follower.

Thanks for all you do to encourage and teach our Grace Youth to grow and develop into the mighty men and women God has called them to be. We have amazing Sunday School teachers, counselors, parents and volunteers who make this ministry a success. You are all a blessing!

**Upcoming Events:**

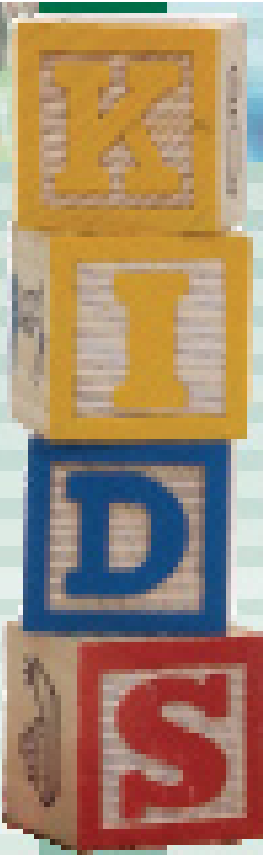
- \* **Feb. 13 - Valentines Banquet.** Tickets went on sale Jan. 23.
- \* **Feb. 25-27 Veritas** for 7th - 12th. See Mr. David for details.

**A Special Thank You** to our North Central District Committee on Missions who have just awarded the Grace Youth a \$600 grant to allow them to continue serving The Grace Café snacks to our Boys and Girls Club. This is a wonderful ministry some of our youth have committed to doing and it is impacting many children in our community.

**Go and do great things!**

**Serving beside you...**

**David Sutton and the Grace Youth Ministry Team**



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**  
Friday, Feb. 4  
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Sign-up in the Children's Wing.

\$15 for one child  
\$25.00 for two children  
\$35.00 for three children  
**MUST PAY IN ADVANCE** so that we are staffed appropriately.



**Sunday Night Kingdom Kids** will meet on February 6, February 13 and February 27 at 5:00- 6:00 pm.



**Acolyte Training** will be on **Sunday, February 20th at 3:00pm.** It is offered to children 2nd grade and above. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Children's Wing.

**Family Night**



**Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm** we will have Family Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a Movie, Mexican potluck, popcorn and fellowship. Come in your pajamas and ready for some fun. RSVP at Christy. lemmer@graceconway.org or at 501-329-6056.

**Children's Choir**

Has resumed on Sundays!  
COME JOIN US!  
Sundays at 3:30 - 3:55 p.m. Pre-K/ K  
Sundays at 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. 1st-4th Grade



**KIDS with a MISSION**  
We are partnering with the youth and taking an offering to purchase an ark for Heifer International. This mission project will continue until we have met our goal of **\$5000.** Currently we have raised **\$1745.24.** Encourage your children to bring an offering each week to Sunday School!!

**Hill-Toppers** Join Hill-toppers for Lunch on the **3rd Thursday of every month at 11:30am.** For more info, call Maurine Cooley at 329-0343. The group is open to anyone 50 years or older.



**Grace UMC Service Fair**  
*God is calling you!!!*



**WHAT?** A Service Fair hosted by the Mission Team  
**WHY?** So our church congregation can see, hear, touch, learn, and get more involved in the service projects of Grace Church. So we can connect people who want to serve with opportunities to serve.  
**WHERE?** Lobby of the sanctuary  
**WHEN?** Every Sunday in February

Visit the Service Fair if you are interested in learning more about opportunities to serve our church and our community.

Contact Lorien Foote (328-2158) or Greg Comer (329-6056) if you would like to set up a display at the Service Fair to let the church know about your ministry or service project.



**Administrative Council Meeting**  
The first quarterly meeting of 2011 for the Administrative Church Council will be at **3pm on Sunday, February 6th.**

**Saturday, Feb. 12th will be our Third Annual Grace United Methodist Men's Valentines Sweetheart Breakfast at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**



A hot breakfast will be prepared in the church kitchen and served for only 4.00 dollars. All men of the church are invited to bring their favorite someone for this great time of fun, food and fellowship. Our special guests for this exciting event will be our very own Susan Hoggard and Glenda Bell, who will charm us away with beautiful songs. A dozen roses will be given to some lucky person and special treats will be at each table. Please, plan to attend.

*James Ross- President*



**GENESIS CIRCLE UMW**  
Thursday, February 24 at 9:30 am at Grace.  
All women are welcome!

*Lenten Lunch*

Grace church and Four Winds will be co-hosting the First Lenten Lunch for this year on **Thursday, March 10 at 11:30 am at the Fellowship Hall.** Everyone is invited!



**Lunch Bunch** meets on the **1st Thursday of every month at 11:30am.** For more info, call Dylis Jenkins at 513-0276. This group is open to anyone who has Thursday's free for lunch and would like to join us for fellowship and breaking bread together. We eat at a different Conway restaurant each month.

