

INSIDE GRACE

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

8:30am, 10:00am*, 11:30am, and 6pm

** Signing for the deaf and hard of hearing is available at the 10:00am service*

Weekly radio broadcast (one-week delay) each Sunday at 9:30am on 590AM

April 13, 2008

WELCOME!

If you are a first-time guest, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a pastor or usher after the service. Be sure to stop by the Visitor's Center where you will find a friendly team ready to assist you.

If you would like to talk or pray with someone about a spiritual need, please feel free to come to the Chapel. Prayer ministers are happy to meet with you.

Message

"Blessed to Bless, Deal or No Deal"

Genesis 12:1-4

(Page 11 in the pew Bible)

Jeanette Yep, Pastor of Global and Regional Outreach

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

(more inside)

Discover Grace Chapel Luncheon is today in Fellowship Hall.

Global Awareness luncheon today in the gym.

Dr. Timothy Johnson speaks here on Friday, April 25.

Today at Grace

ARE YOU NEW? Discover Grace Chapel Luncheon. *Today 12:45pm in Fellowship Hall*
Learn about Grace Chapel's history, vision, and mission. Pastor Bryan will share his faith story and plans for our future. Enjoy a delicious lunch and meet other newcomers and lay leaders. Childcare for birth to age 5 will be available.

Global Awareness Luncheon *Today 12:45pm in the Gym* Join us as Grace Chapel's Global Outreach Regional Teams will profile the kinds of people involved in God's plan to redeem the world.

Grace at a Glance gives an overview of Grace Chapel's ministries and opportunities for growth, service and outreach. It is available in the Visitor's Center and in the brochure racks in the lobbies.

Shuttle Bus Service Door-to-door service on Sunday mornings! From 7:30am to 1:30pm buses pick up and drop off in the following places: *Lexington High School Lot* (both front and back lots), *Fire Station Lot* - park in the lots behind the Fire Station and hop on the shuttle in the parking lot in front of Neillio's (please do not park in the Neillio's lot).

Adult Discipleship Courses Available courses and locations listed below. For full course descriptions pick up a Discipleship and Spiritual Formation brochure in the lobby or at the Registration Desk today. Courses take place at the Adult Learning Center at 2 Militia Drive unless otherwise noted.

Sunday 10:00am Courses

Is "I Do" For You? Florence & Chris Lee, Paul & Patty Bareford, Room 101

Following Jesus: Discovering His Leadership and Lordship Ruth Brigham & Doug Whallon Room 205

ALPHA: What Is the Point of Life? Bob Fantasia, Pam & Jack Bickel, Steve Harrington, Bill Long, Room 103

Foundations Wendy & Rink Jacobi, Carol & Doug Mostrom, Room G-4

Transform Your Marriage: Godly and Practical Insight Jim and Deborah Ennis, Room 105

Digging into the Gospel of Mark: What Did Jesus Do? Tim & Paula Castner, Lisa Gerdes, Steve and Jackie Hamilton, Room 102

Scientific and Christian Perspectives on Creation Walter Hicks, Gary Thorburn, and guest speakers, Room 201

Genesis: A New Look at an Old Book Ben Bythewood, Room G-2

Influential Leadership Cynthia Fantasia & Team, Room 202

Sunday 11:30am Courses

The Promises of God: Bold Scripture for Bolder Living John Schoenherr, Jack Richardson, Room 202

Transform: Welcoming God's Presence and Growing Process into Our Lives Doug Whallon & Team, Room 102

Implications of the Resurrection: Lessons from the Early Church David Stephens, Room 101

Deaf Adults Buddy Shephard & Team, Room G-4

Sunday 5:00pm Course

The Sermon on the Mount Roy Ciampa, Room 104, in the Community Life Center at 59 Worthen Road.

Sunday Youth Programs take place at 10am every week in the upper level of the Community Life Center.

Sunday Programs for Children at Kidstown!

8:30am Childcare for birth through age 5

10:00 and 11:30am Kidstown programs for kids from birth to Grade 5
(go to Kidstown to register your child for Kidstown programs)

6:00pm Childcare for birth through age 5

There is a **Mothers' Room** for nursing mothers and crying babies in the Infant/Toddler Wing of Kidstown outfitted with comfortable chairs and closed-circuit television broadcast of the service. *For help on Sundays, visit the information desk in Kidstown.*

Worship Service Styles:

8:30am with choir and orchestra. This service, grounded in the traditional elements that have served the church well for so many generations, includes some creative and contemporary elements that will enhance the message.

10:00* and 11:30am with choir, band and orchestra. This service will emphasize contemporary music and the worship arts, while still drawing upon some of the timeless elements of traditional worship. **Signing for the deaf and hard of hearing is available at 10:00am.*

6pm (gc@night) with band and vocalists. This high-energy experience is designed to connect with people who are looking for an edgier alternative to Sunday morning. This will feature the same message as Sunday mornings, in a more casual and spontaneous atmosphere and will sometimes include "Talkback Time."

Events

At the Registration Desk

"Boomers on the Move...The Role of a Lifetime" *Saturday, April 26* This conference is designed for women born between 1946 and 1964 who may be thinking about retirement, starting a new career, or "re-making their life." Practical workshops and plenary sessions. Pick up a brochure at the Registration Desk today.

Distinguished Speaker Series on Contemporary Issues and Faith with Dr. Timothy Johnson *Friday, April 25, 2008, 7:30pm* The Distinguished Speakers Series is intended to encourage us to think deeply about faith in the context of contemporary issues. Dr. Timothy Johnson, recognized as one of the nation's leading medical authorities, is Medical Editor for WCVB-TV Channel 5 and the ABC Television Network. He will address today's healthcare crisis.

Vacation Bible School: Power Lab *Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power* *Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, 9am to 12 noon* A week-long, hands-on learning experience where kids enjoy games, drama, crafts, snacks, and worship. Come celebrate, & experience the high-energy faith-filled fun this summer. Registration is open. For more information to attend or volunteer go to www.grace.org/children.

Upcoming Baby Dedication *Sunday, May 25* At Grace Chapel we provide the opportunity to dedicate children to the Lord. To dedicate your child please contact Emily Hall at x153 or ehall@grace.org with your request. There will be a **Parents' Class on Sunday, April 20 at 8:30am** in Room G8 for all parents who have never dedicated a child at Grace Chapel before.

Young Adult Retreat Weekend, May 16 to 18 *Bridges Not Walls*. We invite you to join us as we get away to Camp Berea on Newfound Lake, Hebron, NH. This retreat is for any 20 or 30 something single or married. Sign up today at the registration desk or contact Jami Blackburn at jamilyn1728@yahoo.com or Sooyun Chung at sooyun.chung@gmail.com.

Spring Singles Conference *May 23-26* At Monadnock Bible Conference Center "How to Stay Connected in a Disconnected World" with speaker Al Cabral. Relax & get away! To register call Sue at 603.532.8321. Visit www.monadnockbible.org.

2008 Nominating Committee Report The 2008 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates to fill the church governance offices, beginning in June 2008. The Board of Elders unanimously approved this slate in March 2008. The congregation will vote on this slate during the annual Corporation Meeting on June 1, 2008. Please direct any questions or comments to any of the members of the 2008 Nominating Committee. *Respectfully Submitted,*

2008 Nominating Committee

Brad Gardner, Elder Chair
Cynthia Parker

Paul Bodet, Elder
Ellie Beatty

Reg Gibson
Rick O'Donnell

Church Governance Office Slate

Elder (4-year term)

Roy Ciampa
Bob Landrebe
Gary Thorburn
David Ting

Clerk (1-year term)

Brooke Sulhian

Moderator

Rink Jacobi

Audit Committee

Mike Burd
Sarah Shaw
Larry Warfield

Nominating Committee

Audrey Wang (AE)
Julie Schaffner
Emanuel Tucker (AE)
Steve Palmer (AE)

Grow

Tuesday Evening Institute. TEI meets weekly from 7:15 - 8:30pm in Room 201 of the Adult Learning Center. Available courses include:

Studies in I Corinthians with *David Stephens & team, Room 201*

Science and the Bible: A Christian Apologetic Approach with *Steve Rabe, Room 205.*

Celebrate Recovery Are you at a place of defeat? Have you lost hope? We invite you to join us on the journey back to joy, freedom and hope. *Celebrate Recovery* is a Christian recovery ministry based on eight principles from the Beatitudes. It is a safe and confidential place to share your hurts, habits and hang ups. We meet for dinner, worship, teaching and sharing every Monday night of the year in Grace Chapel's Fellowship Hall (dinner is served at 5:30 pm)

Just Show Up... There is no need to register or sign-up. Simply show up each Monday night for more information, or contact Grace Chapel's Celebrate Recovery team at 781.862.8351 x2246 or CR@grace.org. Brochures with more information may be picked up at the Registration Desk.

Childcare for kids up to age 5 is provided. Please reserve a spot for your child by calling X2246.

"Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?" *New Singles Study* This study is based on the book by Philip Yancey. We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7pm in Room 205 in the Adult Learning Center. Please contact JT Shupe for more information at jt@grace.org or at x123.

Care and Connect

At Community Corner

Connect at Grace at a LIFE Community If you missed a Sunday or two, would anyone notice? Have you been coming and going to church with stealth precision, so that no one knows you? These groups meet in homes throughout the area (as close as Lexington and as far as Stow, MA, and Litchfield, NH!). It doesn't matter if you've just stepped in the door at Grace Chapel or if you've been coming for decades, we'd like you to consider joining a LIFE Community. For more information contact Elsie Kitchen at x2222 or email her at ekitchen@grace.org.

The Family Connection Join us each Wednesday evening for children's programs and LIFE Communities for adults. Dinner is served at 5:15pm in Fellowship Hall. Programs and LIFE Communities run from 6:30pm to 8pm. www.grace.org/family.

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of someone. Upcoming meetings: April 21 and May 5. Call 781.862.8351, x2225 for more information.

The Career Resource Group meets to help those unemployed, underemployed, in transition or thinking about a job change. Meetings are held twice a month. One group meets the second Monday evening at 7pm in room 2-G02 and another group meets the fourth Tuesday morning of every month at 7:30am in room 2-101 in the Adult Learning Center. You can call 781.862.8351 x2245 to leave a message if you have questions.

Employment Opportunity

Full-Time Administrative Assistant Grace Chapel's Outreach Team has begun a search for a full-time Administrative Assistant. The person in this high-functioning position will partner with our staff and volunteer teams in supporting, communicating, and facilitating our Global, Regional and Local Outreach ministries. The individual we're seeking will have strong organization, communication and computer skills. For a complete job description along with information on how to apply for this position, go to www.grace.org/employment.

Reach

Summer Mission Trips 2008 *Would you like to see the world through God's eyes and learn more about yourself in the process?*

We still have openings in many of our summer Mission Trips. These are a wonderful opportunity for you to join with others in supporting Grace ministries around the world and spreading God's Word. We particularly need one or more MDs and RNs for our Malawi mission trip. Please find a full description of each trip at the Information Desk, as well as the name of trip leaders to contact. Our deadline for applications is coming soon, so join one of our mission teams now for an experience you won't ever forget and advance God's Kingdom at the same time!

Back by Popular Demand: Alpha! *Thursdays from 6:45 - 9:00pm* Have you ever wanted to know: Who is Jesus? Is the Bible true? What evidence is there to believe the Bible? Does God answer prayer? There are so many more questions to be asked and answered in a non-threatening, relaxed, fun environment.

Are you a Christian with a family member or friend who has questions? We encourage you to invite them to come with you. There are no obligations to be met, no fees to be paid. We simply want to provide a place for all to explore the meaning of life with no fear of being called at home or pressured in any way.

Stop by the Information booth in the Lobby for more information or check out the Alpha website at www.grace.org/alpha/. Childcare will be provided (up to Grade 5).

Serve

Serve in Kidstown Several families moving out of New England have left strategic gaps in the Kidstown volunteer staff. Contact Barbara Burrill at x 114, or Bburrill@grace.org for preschool, or Kristin Bythewood at x128, or Kbythewood@grace.org for elementary.

NOTES

This Week

General Info

Monday

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday

Joy Women's Bible Studies

Tuesday Evening Institute

Wednesday

Men's Fraternity

MAPS - Senior Adults

Prayer Meeting

Family Connection

Middle School Ministries

Thursday

Mom-to-Mom

Alpha

FIRE (20s, 30s, married and single)

Friday

High School Ministries

Grace Chapel Prayer Line 781.862.8351 x2240 Listen to or leave prayer requests/praises. Updated daily except for weekends.**Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to provide flowers in memory or honor of someone, please contact the Worship Ministry at x170 or mblosser@grace.org

CD recordings of today's sermon are available in the south entrance lobby. You may listen online at www.grace.org/audio.**DVDs of various recent events and series** are available at the Tape Desk for suggested donations. *This includes Easter 2008, Serious Times, Mike Timlin, Chuck Colson, John Ortberg, and the "Change of Heart" series.***Thank you for your faithfulness...**

and generosity throughout this fiscal year.

Your gifts are an encouragement to us all and make it possible for the ministries of Grace Chapel to extend God's love by touching the hearts and meeting the needs of those in our community, our region and around the world.

*The Grace Chapel Elders***May 1, 2007 - April 6, 2008****Ministry Operations Fund**

Core Need Year to Date:	\$6,114,003
Receipts to date:	6,145,211
Difference:	\$31,208

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Grace Chapel is a nondenominational church that welcomes people from all backgrounds.

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