

# THIS MONTH AT GRACE

**March 2010**

Dear Grace Chapel Family and Friends,

More and more frequently I am hearing our visitors and members reflecting on the rich ethnic and cultural diversity at Grace Chapel.

A phrase that I often hear is

"this feels like a little bit of heaven." We sense that what we are experiencing at Grace is unique. Recent research confirms that impression as less than 5% of Evangelical churches can be described as "multiracial."



But we can't keep this blessing to ourselves. As with Abraham, we are "blessed to be a blessing." Pastor Bryan has challenged us in January to **go deeper, grow closer, and reach wider**.

Part of reaching wider is bridging cultural differences through deeper authentic relationships and sharing of the "good news" in culturally sensitive ways. To **reach wider** we need to learn how to lead and serve more effectively in a diverse setting, whether at home, at work or at church. And, it requires getting outside of Grace Chapel's walls.

In April we have a unique opportunity to do both with hundreds of pastors and leaders from all over the United States and Canada, at the Ethnic America Network, Boston Summit - April 15-17. The theme, **A City Without Walls**, is taken from the book of Zechariah where it describes characteristics of our future in the New Jerusalem. It is a future where the "walls" that often separate us by culture, denomination, generation, and gender will cease to exist.

To learn more, stop by the information desk and pick up a brochure - or go to the website at [www.citywithoutwalls.net](http://www.citywithoutwalls.net). If you register at the information desk by **February 28th** or online at [www.grace.org/ethnicsummit](http://www.grace.org/ethnicsummit), you can receive an **early bird church discount rate** for Grace Chapel attendees. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Smith at [alphametrowest@aol.com](mailto:alphametrowest@aol.com)

And then – ask God, "How might You want to use me in dismantling walls that divide the Body of Christ, so that people from every 'nation, tribe, people and language' will be drawn to You?"

*Dave Baker*

*This Month at Grace is a publication for visitors and regular attendees of Grace Chapel, who want to get a glimpse of what is going on at the church each month. Copies of the April issue will be made available the last Sunday in March. Make sure to pick up a copy.*

*To learn more about ways to get involved at Grace Chapel log onto our website [grace.org/getinvolved](http://grace.org/getinvolved).*

# What's going on at Grace Chapel

## Community Care

**Celebrate Recovery** is a Christian 12-step recovery program based on the eight principles from the Beatitudes. It provides a safe atmosphere to confidentially share hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

**Info:** Every Monday at 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall (meal served at 5:30PM).

**Contact:** 781-862-8351 ext.2246, cr@grace.org, or grace.org/hopeandsupport.

**GriefShare** is a support group for people grieving the death of a friend or loved one.

**Info:** Meetings on Monday, March 8 & 22.

**Contact:** 781-862-8351 ext. 2225.

## Mature Adult Programs Luncheon (MAPS)

with Senior Pastor, Bryan Wilkerson

**Info:** Wednesday, March 3, 12:15PM  
Cost is \$9.00

**Contact:** RSVP by Monday, March 1st Noon. Call 781-862-8351 ext. 2203

## Women

**FAITHLIFT** is a one day conference for women. Register for this exciting day - enjoy a continental breakfast, great teaching, wonderful praise and worship, a gourmet lunch and practical workshops. Laurie McIntyre, Pastor of Women at Elmbrook Church, is a popular speaker who speaks nationally and internationally.

**Info:** Saturday, April 10 at Grace Chapel

**Contact:** A brochure with registration form is available at the Information Desk or online at [www.grace.org/women](http://www.grace.org/women)

## Adult Discipleship

**Winter/Spring Courses** for 2010 began February 7. These courses are a great way to get started and grow stronger in your faith.

**Info:** Started February 7, Adult Learning Center, 2 Militia Drive unless otherwise noted

**Contact:** Available courses/locations will be listed in the Winter/Spring 2010 Adult Discipleship Brochure available at: [www.grace.org/adultcourses](http://www.grace.org/adultcourses)

## Single-Day Discover GC Membership Course

This is a one-day course with lunch provided.

**Info:** Saturday, March 13 from 9:00AM -1:30PM at the Adult Learning Center located at 2 Militia Drive in Room 105

**Contact:** To register or for questions about joining email [discovergrace@grace.org](mailto:discovergrace@grace.org)

## Outreach

**Welcome To Grace Reception** New to Grace Chapel? Then we would like to invite you to meet Pastor Bryan and his wife Karen, and several of the Pastoral Staff, at an informal reception for newcomers. Pastor Bryan and the staff are eager to meet you personally and give you a brief orientation.

**Info:** Sunday, March 28, 12:45PM to 1:30PM in the main building.

## LIFE Community

**Learn. Love. Laugh!** Join us for a relationship building event. Following dinner, Pastor Bryan and Karen Wilkerson will share fresh insights about how to make a marriage thrive. Couples will be given time to be alone and reflect on their own relationship. And to top off the evening, we'll gather again for wonderful desserts and laugh along with Christian comedian, Leland Klassen. Married, engaged, dating, or just good friends - all welcome!

**Info:** Saturday, March 6 at Grace Chapel

**Contact:** For tickets and information, go to [www.grace.org/learnlovelaugh](http://www.grace.org/learnlovelaugh).

## Worship

**Sacred Spaces** is a carefully crafted experience of guided spiritual encounters. Cards will be placed at various creative and beautiful spaces throughout the building, and will lead you as you spend time with God. You can visit one or do all the spaces in an hour or so, or visit several times during the course of Holy week.

**Info:** March 29 through April 3.

**Contact:** 781-862-6499

## Art Gallery

**The Art Gallery** is seeking artist submissions for its upcoming exhibit 'Renewal' March 27 - May 12.

**Info:** Register your artwork at Grace Chapel on March 10, from 6:00 - 8:00PM OR March 13 from 9:00AM-1:00PM. Artwork pick-up is May 12 from 6:00 - 8:00PM OR May 15 from 9:00AM - 1:00PM

**Contact:** For more information and to download an artwork registration form go to [www.grace.org/artgallery](http://www.grace.org/artgallery) or email [artgallery@grace.org](mailto:artgallery@grace.org)

**Free Art Gallery Reception** Celebrate the opening of the new Art Gallery exhibit 'Renewal'

**Info:** Saturday, March 27 from 4:00 - 6:00PM in the Grace Chapel Cafe. Featuring live music

**Contact:** For more information go to [www.grace.org/artgallery](http://www.grace.org/artgallery) or email [artgallery@grace.org](mailto:artgallery@grace.org)

## Media Ministry

**Free Video Camera Workshop** Do you have a passion for state of the art video equipment? Do you wonder if you have what it takes to serve on the GC video tech team? Then this workshop is for YOU! Come for hands on training using Sony's EX3 cameras. Learn the ins and outs of camera operation, the Broadcast Pix Video Mixer, core production values, and explore the options and opportunities that may await you as a member of the GC video team. (Attending this workshop does not commit you to serving on the video tech team.) Lunch will be provided.

**Info:** Saturday, March 20, 10:00AM - 2:00PM

**Contact:** Please register with Rachel Lawson, Worship and Arts Administrator by Monday, March 15. Email Rachel at [rlawson@grace.org](mailto:rlawson@grace.org)

## It's that time of year...

...when inclement weather could affect Grace Chapel Sunday services, classes, as well as other events and activities throughout the week. When it snows go to the home page of [www.grace.org](http://www.grace.org) to view updated information about delays or cancellations, or call 781-862-8351 to hear updated voice recordings.

You can also find out about delays and cancellations by checking the crawl at the bottom of your television screen, or logging onto the local television station websites. (Stations include channels 4,5,7, and 25.)

# March 2010 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>2</b> Women's Joy ESOL	<b>3</b> MAPS Luncheon Men's Fraternity MAPS Family Connection Middle School Prayer Meeting	<b>4</b> Young Adults (FIRE) Mom to Mom Adult ASL Classes ESOL Alpha	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Learn. Love. Laugh!
<b>7</b> Discipleship Courses Worship Services Kidstown Middle School High School	<b>8</b> Celebrate Recovery GriefShare	<b>9</b> Women's Joy ESOL	<b>10</b> Men's Fraternity MAPS Family Connection Middle School	<b>11</b> Young Adults (FIRE) Mom to Mom Adult ASL Classes ESOL Alpha	<b>12</b> Singles Gravity	<b>13</b> Discover GC Course
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<b>21</b> Discipleship Courses Worship Services Stephens Ministry Commissioning Kidstown Middle School High School	<b>22</b> Celebrate Recovery GriefShare	<b>23</b> Women's Joy ESOL	<b>24</b> Men's Fraternity MAPS Family Connection Middle School	<b>25</b> Young Adults (FIRE) Mom to Mom Adult ASL Classes ESOL Alpha	<b>26</b> Singles Gravity	<b>27</b> Art Gallery Reception
<b>28</b> Discipleship Courses Welcome to Grace Worship Services Palm Sunday Kidstown Middle School High School	<b>29</b> Celebrate Recovery Sacred Spaces begin	<b>30</b> Sacred Spaces	<b>31</b> Sacred Spaces			

*Please visit [www.grace.org](http://www.grace.org) for additional information*

## Stay informed with Grace Chapel weekly E-News!

Keep up-to-date with what's going on at Grace Chapel. Each weekly e-mail includes a link to Inside Grace, information about Sunday's message, and upcoming events. Signing up is simple! Go to [www.grace.org/news](http://www.grace.org/news) and follow the instructions in the 'Subscribe' section.

### Missed a week?

Download audio sermons or subscribe to get free podcasts of each week's sermon by logging on to [www.grace.org/audio](http://www.grace.org/audio).

### Worship Service Styles:

#### 8:30am Classic Worship

Timeless hymns, anthems and worship music featuring Grace Chapel's own music ensembles. This service draws upon the rich traditions of the church and the worship arts in a reverent, uplifting atmosphere.

#### 10:00am\* & 11:30am Contemporary Worship

Worship bands and vocal teams lead this vibrant service, enriched by a variety of musical elements and the contemporary worship arts.

\*Signing for the deaf and hard of hearing is available at the 10:30am service.

#### 6:00pm gc@night

An alternative worship experience, this service has an edgier feel and provides a more extended time of worship, in addition to the message and creative elements of the morning service.

**Grace Chapel's Library** is located in Room G-5 at the Adult Learning Center, and is open on Sunday mornings and early afternoon, except during the 10:00AM to 11:00AM hour. Come and browse through our wonderful collection of books, DVD's, CD's and journals. Simply sign out what you want (clipboard provided) and return materials in a month or less. Or just come, sit by the fireplace, and read for awhile!

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