

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

November 2009

Dear GC Family and Friends,

What does it mean to be a disciple? As Pastor of Discipleship I repeatedly wrestle with that question. If you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, do you realize that you are his disciple?

The word disciple is full of rich meaning. The New Testament uses it 262 times-and it definitely applies to all who follow Jesus, not just the twelve apostles. The dictionary definition means learner, pupil, student. Rabbis were teachers and surrounded themselves with disciples. Their intention was to impart to disciples a way of thinking and living, not just information. The disciple was an apprentice. Therefore, you, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, want all of this--learning from Jesus, studying his teaching, reflecting his priorities, and imitating his way of living and relating.

I have become convinced that there are three indispensable aspects of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Each aspect is organically inter-related with the others. I call them the ACB's of discipleship:

- A. Abiding** - united in faith to Christ; being personally, relationally connected
- B. Changing** -transformed in character; growing in Christ-likeness
- C. Bearing fruit** - taking action and doing good;doing what Jesus would do

We want to help you grow and deepen as Jesus' disciple. First move is yours. But here are some ways we can help:

Abiding: Two valuable resources are: **Encounter with God**, which can assist you in starting or deepening a daily devotional experience. I suspect there is no more valuable spiritual pattern or discipline than intentionally "meeting with God." Now is the time to subscribe (at Information Desk). Also, come to our **Soul Care Mini Retreat** Saturday morning, November 21 from 8:30am to 12:15pm. The theme will be "experiencing the love of God."

Changing: Realize this is a life-time challenge. Often a two steps forward, one step backwards experience. But Transformation = Truth + Grace + Time. If you are not already in a Sunday course (or serving), please grab a **Discipleship & Spiritual Formation brochure**. Check out the Getting Started and Growing Stronger courses. If you are willing to make the time, these courses will provide you with truth and grace.

Bearing fruit: Obviously, listen to the Sunday messages. But did you know that many **Life Communities** study the Bible passages that are foundational for the sermons? Via prayer support, encouragement and accountability, your fruit-bearing and doing good efforts might become more productive!

Delight in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is the greatest adventure.



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 December issue will be made available the last Sunday in November. Make sure to pick up a copy.

Next month we'll hear from Worship Pastor, Peter Dupré about the upcoming Advent season and Christmas Eve services at Grace Chapel.

To learn more about ways to get involved at Grace Chapel log onto our website www.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. To learn more call 781-862-8351 ext.2246, email cr@grace.org, or visit www.grace.org/hopeandsupport. Come any Monday at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall (meal served at 5:30PM).

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a friend or loved one. Meetings are November 9 and 23. For more information call 781-862-8351 ext. 2225.

Women

Save the dates!

December 5, 2009

JUST CHRISTMAS

Gloria Hammond - speaker

Daniel Kirkley in concert

Registration has begun

January 15-17, 2010

WINTERLUDE (women's retreat)

Virelle Kidder - speaker

Registration has begun

April 10, 2010

FAITHLIFT

Laurie McIntyre - speaker

Registration begins mid-January

Worship & Arts

Deeper - A Night of Worship Concert is

November 7 at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary with Paul Baloche, Brian Doerksen, & Kathryn Scott. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. To order your tickets go online to www.grace.org/concerts.

Free art gallery reception featuring a live Jazz/Funk/Blues trio November 21 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Everyone is invited to celebrate the "Black & White" art gallery exhibit. Musicians include, Dave Limina on keyboard, Rob Hewett on bass and Larry Finn on drums. For more information go to www.grace.org/artgallery or email artgallery@grace.org.

Adult Discipleship

Fall Adult Discipleship Courses If you haven't attended a class, there is still time! Majority of the classes end Sunday, December 13. For more information and course description details go to www.grace.org/adultcourses, or pick up a course brochure at the Information Desk. All courses meet in the Adult Learning Center located at 2 Militia Drive, unless otherwise noted.

Soul Care Mini Retreat: Experiencing the

Love of God You are invited to spend a morning with God on Saturday, November 21 from 8:30AM to 12:15PM in the Sanctuary. Join us for this time of worship, prayer, silence, teaching, and song. Deepen your experience with God and prepare your soul for the holiday season ahead. There will be coffee, tea and light breakfast foods upon arrival. No charge for the event, but bring your Bible and an open spirit. Registration is not required, but it will help us plan for your attendance if you contact Dianne Stephens by email dianne@grace.org or phone her at 781-862-8351 ext. 140.

Outreach

Global Awareness Week is November 8th-15th. Join us as we explore the theme *God's Global Mosaic: What We Can Learn from Christians Around the World*. During that week, come hear from many of our global and regional partners serving God in Thailand, Russia, Lebanon, Nepal, Europe and New England! Feel free to wear native dress from your native country or a country you have visited on Sundays November 8th or November 15th. Join us for a *Multicultural Luncheon: A Mosaic of Food* on Sunday November 8th and a light breakfast with mini seminars by our partners on Saturday November 14th. More information about GAW will be available online at www.grace.org/GAW2009.

In order for GAW to be a success we need many volunteers to help out! Please volunteer for one or more of the opportunities below:

Saturday GAW prep 11/7:

10 to 15 people to help with small booklet production (training provided) and foyer production prep Saturday morning 9:00AM until 11:00 AM. Contact Candy Weaver at weaver.candy@gmail.com or 617-484-1183.

20 to 30 people to help set up the foyer Saturday afternoon from 2:30PM to 5:30PM. Contact Tim Weaver at tcweaver1@earthlink.net or 617-484-1183.

Sunday luncheon 11/8:

10 to 15 people to help set up from 12 noon until 1:15pm - contact Sally Vail at rsvail@comcast.net or 978-667-7590

10 to 15 people to help tear down and clean up from 2:15PM until 3:00PM - contact Sally Vail at rsvail@comcast.net or 978-667-7590

Sunday light supper 11/8:

8 to 12 people to help set up from 6:15PM until 7:15PM - contact Sally Vail at rsvail@comcast.net or 978-667-7590

10 to 15 people to help tear down and clean up from 8:00PM until 9:00PM - contact Sally Vail at rsvail@comcast.net or 978-667-7590

Saturday mini seminar event 11/14:

5 to 10 to help set up breakfast and event space from 7:00AM until 8:30AM - contact rsvail@comcast.net or 978-667-7590

10 to 15 to help tear down and clean up event space from 11:30AM until 12:30PM - contact lauren_vitrano-wilson@sil.org

Sunday GAW foyer tear down 11/15:

15 to 20 people to help tear down the foyer displays Sunday evening after GC@Night from 7:15PM to 8:15PM - contact Tim Weaver at tcweaver1@earthlink.net or 617-484-1183

International Student Ministry Gathering

is November 21. There will be an international student ministry gathering in the evening at the home of Nora and Roberto Laver in Waltham. The topic will be *Thanksgiving, A Holiday for All*. If you know of an international student that might be interested in attending, or want to build relationships with international students in a relaxed setting, contact Nora Laver at nlaver@tufts-nemc.org or 781-373-2115.

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 to be held November 22, in the upstairs lobby of the main building, from 12:45PM to 1:30PM. ("Welcome to Grace" receptions will be held the fourth Sunday of each month.) Pastor Bryan and the staff are eager to meet you personally and give you a brief orientation to Grace Chapel.

Urbana 2009 is December 27-31 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are a student who is interested in attending this missions conference, scholarships are available. For more information about these scholarships, please contact Justin Bennett at jbennett@grace.org or 781-862-8351 ext. 143. Grace Chapel partner, Ramez Atallah who is the president of the Bible Society of Egypt, will be speaking at this year's conference. For more info about the conference go to www.urbana09.org. Hurry, the price to register does increase on December 1st.

High School

Sunday Morning Gravity meets every Sunday morning, from 10:00AM to 11:15AM.

HS Paintball is November 7 from 8:30AM to 1:00PM

Middle School

Middle School Ministry meets every Sunday morning from 10:00AM to 11:15AM in the Gym.

Middle School Ministry also meets Wednesday nights from 6:30PM to 8:00PM in the Gym. There will be no middle school meeting on Wednesday, November 25.

MS Militia Madness is November 21 from 6:00PM to 10:00PM.

November 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Services Discipleship Courses	2	3 ESOL Women's Joy Adult ASL Classes	4 Men's Fraternity ESOL MAPS Prayer Meeting Family Connection Middle School	5 ESOL FIRE Mom to Mom ALPHA ALPHA ESOL	6 Gravity	7 Worship Concert HS Paintball
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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 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.

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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