

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

August 2009

Dear Friends,

The next generation to lead Grace Chapel sits in brightly colored rooms discovering books and toys and Play-Doh, listening to excited storytellers share Bible adventures, playing games and talking with people who love them and tell them all about Jesus.



This is Kidstown, and it happens every week. Gifted people answer God's call to serve, and start a journey of leadership that is fulfilling and purposeful. They know the urgency of reaching the most important people-group in the church. They understand the value of laying a foundation of knowledge, love and grace.

As summer vacations are in high gear, Kidstown is preparing for the return of hundreds of children and new families to our church. Kids will meet up with friends they've missed, first-time families will ask guarded questions about the quality of care, and incredibly talented and committed volunteers will prepare for the best experience possible. They know that first impressions are important and putting their best effort into everything they do is essential.

But it doesn't happen without the collective effort of the church community.

What will you be doing on Sunday, September 13, 2009? Want to make an investment that lasts a lifetime? Want God to take you on an adventure He has planned for you? Whether you realize it or not, He's been waiting, having chosen the details years ago. No one else is intended for the particular place and time but you. The Almighty has prepared it, and only you can fill it.

Like the best of adventures, the thrill of uncertainty and the wonder of encountering things too fantastic to imagine will fill your life. Along the way you'll discover things about children, about yourself and about God that will surprise and challenge you. God will show you everything at just the right moment.

Like a real-life super hero, you've been given gifts and power and everything you need for the journey. God has put his Spirit in your spirit and promises to be with you each step of the way. Follow His direction; He knows where you're going. Let Him take charge, and you will flourish.

Barry O'Brien

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

For more information about Kidstown log onto www.grace.org/children or pick up a brochure at the Information Desk.

To learn more about ways to get involved this fall, log onto www.grace.org/getinvolved.

Next month we'll hear from Senior Pastor Bryan Wilkerson about the upcoming church year.

What's going on at Grace Chapel

Community Care

Stephen Ministry Information Meeting

Here at Grace Chapel lay care givers, also called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Ministry candidate, the application process is now open for the September class. Join us August 16 at 10:00AM in Room 104 of the Main Building. Questions? Contact Judy Pierce at jpierce@grace.org, 781-862-8351 ext.148.

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 our 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 August 10 and August 24. For more information call 781-862-8351 ext. 2225.

Women

Register for Morning and Evening Joy

Women's Bible Study This year we will be studying Old Testament Characters and the Gospel of Mark, and we'll learn valuable lessons that will create a new portrait for each of our lives. Meets Tuesday mornings starting September 22 from 9:30AM-11:30AM (child care available) and Tuesday evening from 7:00PM-9:00PM (no child care). Registration forms are available at the Information Desk and at www.grace.org/women. Questions? Contact Carolyn at 781-862-8351 ext.149 or carolyn@grace.org.

Mom to Mom

Starts Thursday, September 24 with curriculum *Heart Talk on What Really Matters*. For more information about Mom to Mom, pick up a brochure at the Information Desk or go online to www.grace.org/women. For questions about Mom to Mom including registration availability and childcare contact Connie Lawrence at connie@momtomom.org.

Save the dates!

December 5, 2009

JUST CHRISTMAS

Gloria Hammond - speaker

Daniel Kirkley in concert

Registration begins mid-September

January 15-17, 2010

WINTERLUDE (women's retreat)

Virrelle Kidder - speaker

Registration begins mid-August.

April 10, 2010

FAITHLIFT

Laurie McIntyre - speaker

Registration begins mid-January

Worship & Arts

Summer Worship Services are at 9:00AM, 10:30AM, and 6:00PM.

Summer Preaching Series "Unsung Heroes"

Each week during our summer series we'll be introduced to one of the lesser known characters of the Bible, discovering that God often uses the unseen and unheralded faithfulness of everyday people to fulfill His purposes. In addition to the teaching, the creative team has developed some very special trading cards that will be handed out each week - one for each character! Come each week and collect them all! We are also hoping to find some "unsung heroes" among us - people who valiantly demonstrate their 'super powers' in simple, often unheralded, yet very meaningful ways. If you have someone at Grace Chapel that you think is an 'unsung hero' share their story with us at stories@grace.org.

Young Adults

College Student Summer LIFE

Community will run until the end of August. Meets Thursdays at 7:00PM on the top floor of the Main Church Building. Join us as we dive deep into Revelation with FIRE on the large group nights and then have our own College Group on LIFE Community Nights. For more information contact Amanda Horvath: horvatham@sapc.edu, Katie Whallon: Katherine.Whallon@gordon.edu or JT Shupe: JT@grace.org.

Adult Discipleship

Adult Discipleship Courses for the summer end August 23. For more information and course description details go to www.grace.org/adultcourses, or pick up a summer course brochure at the Information Desk. All courses meet in the Adult Learning Center located at 2 Militia Drive.

LIFE Community

LIFE Communities are groups of people who meet regularly in homes, or on the Grace Chapel campus, to experience life together. For more information go to www.grace.org/get_connected, contact Elsie Kitchen at ekitchen@grace.org, or stop by the Community Corner.

**Visit www.grace.org
for more information
about these and other
ministries at Grace Chapel.**

Outreach

Face of a Child Thanks to you, 954 children living in orphanages in Moldova will receive a backpack with sneakers, school supplies and personal toiletries. Please pray for the shipping container as it travels to Moldova. Interested in participating in the Face of a Child distribution trip October 16-25? Learn more at a meeting on August 5 at 7:00PM in Room 2G-04 of the Adult Learning Center or call Sue Leach at 978-897-0286.

International Student Ministry (ISM) Pool Party

On August 8 there will be a mid-summer international student ministry gathering at the home of Nora and Roberto Laver in Waltham. 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, please contact Nora Laver at nlaver@tufts-nemc.org or 781-373-2115.

Ethnic America Network Summit

This annual national conference, which equips people for cross-cultural advancement of the Gospel, will be held in Boston next April 15-17, 2010. Volunteers with many different skills - publicity, finance, logistics, research, music, seminars and others - are needed now to plan for this exciting intercultural event. If you are interested in learning more please contact Dana Baker at 781-862-8351, ext. 135 or e-mail her at dbaker@grace.org.

Events in August

Leadership Summit Join us August 6-7 at Grace Chapel. This year's line-up includes Dr. Henry Cloud, David Gergen, Gary Hamel, Dr. Tim Keller, Bono and Tony Blair. Register at www.grace.org/summit. If you need help registering please call the church office at 781-862-6499.

Grace Chapel Summer Camp

is at Camp-of-the-Woods August 15-22. There is still room for you and your family! Come and enjoy the beautiful Adirondacks area in New York State. Registration information is available at www.grace.org/summercamp. Grace Chapel registrations do receive a special discount.

Upcoming Events in September

Vision Sunday - 9/13

LIFELink - 9/20

Adult Discipleship Courses start - 9/20

Discover Grace One Day Course - 9/20

FIRE Retreat - 9/18-9/20

Women's Joy Bible Study starts - 9/22

Mom to Mom starts - 9/24

Alpha Kickoff - 9/24

Celebrate Recovery Roundup - 9/26

August 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>Worship Services</i> Adult Discipleship Malawi Team Report	3 Celebrate Recovery	4 <i>ESOL</i>	5 <i>FOC Trip Meeting</i>	6 Leadership Summit <i>FIRE</i>	7 Leadership Summit	8 <i>ISM Pool Party</i>
9 <i>Worship Services</i> Adult Discipleship	10 Celebrate Recovery GriefShare	11 <i>ESOL</i>	12 Prayer Meeting	13 <i>FIRE</i>	14	15 Summer Camp
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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:

9:00am 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.

10:30am* 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.

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