

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

January 2010



Dear GC Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are about to celebrate our second anniversary of Celebrate Recovery (CR) at Grace Chapel. January 25th will mark our 104th consecutive Monday of meeting together (as long as we don't get snowed out before then). I thank God that hundreds of people have been directly or indirectly touched by this Christ-centered recovery program. I am also grateful for how the GC family has embraced this ministry and is committed to providing a safe place for people in need of healing from a variety of hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

If there is one misconception that still exists about CR, however, I think it has to do with WHO it is for. I get the impression that many people think it is only for people suffering with alcoholism or chemical substance abuse. CR is definitely the place to come if you are struggling with those devastating diseases but it is for so much more than that. It is for anyone struggling with life's challenges, even if you've never taken a drink in your life.

In fact, I believe that every Christian can benefit from going through one year of CR. We are all broken somewhere and the eight Principles of CR (based on the 12 steps of AA) come right from the heart of God and will bring greater freedom, growth, and wholeness to anyone who honestly works the program.

I don't have enough space to share with you all the good things people have to say about their experience at CR, so to learn more please pick up a pamphlet and testimonials at the Information Desk. After reading those you will understand why our favorite saying at CR is "Thank God it's Monday!"

Hoping you'll join us on the 25th!

Jim Ennis

Pastor of Community Care

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

Next month we'll hear from Richard Rhodes, Pastor of Outreach about WinterBlast. (Feb. 6th)

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 December 7 and 21. For more information call 781-862-8351 ext. 2225.

Divorce Recovery Group Starting in January 2010 There will be a new Divorce Recovery Group, "Choosing To Heal," starting January 6 through March 31. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in Room 102 in our Adult Learning Center at 2 Militia Drive. Registration will remain open through January 20. You may register the first time you come, you do not need to pre-register to attend. For further information or to receive a call back please call 781-862.8351 ext. 2218.

Mature Adult Programs The winter quarter of Adventures in Learning begins Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Classes are held in the Adult Learning Center. The first class begins at 9:15AM: Bible study, oil painting, scrapbooking, woodcarving, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and Current Events are just some of the available classes. Pickup an Adventures in Learning brochure at the Information Desk or Visitors Center.

Mature Adult Programs The January luncheon topic is "Homeland Security Issues" with speaker Tom Colatosti. Lunch will be served at 12:15PM on January 6 and the reservation deadline is Monday, January 4, 2010 at 12:00PM. You can make reservations by calling 781-862-8351 ext. 2203. Brochures are available at the Visitor Center and the Information Desk.

Women

FAITHLIFT

April 10, 2010

Laurie McIntyre - speaker

Registration begins mid-January

Women's JOY Bible Study Register for second semester at Joy Bible Study (Morning or Evening) beginning January 12. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Registration forms are available online or at the Information Desk.

First Place 4 Health will start a new 13 week session on Monday, January 18 at 2:00 PM and 6:30PM. Join us for a healthy living program that will help you create balance in the four core areas of your life- emotional, spiritual, mental and physical. The result? Weight loss

and total health from the inside out. Our study this session is *Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*. Join us in Room 205 of the Adult learning Center. Questions? Contact Marilyn Bullock firstplace@rcn.com or 617-625-9202.

Adult Discipleship

January JOLT courses begin January 10

Get ready for an exciting set of four Sunday, January courses. Here are a few of the classes: "Jewish Roots of Christian Spirituality" with Dr. Marv Wilson (Gordon College professor); "Engaging Islam" with Cliff and Marilyn Gardner (Islamic Studies Officer at Harvard); "Strategic, Spiritual Leadership" with Cynthia Fantasia and Dorian Botsis; "Filling The Hole in Our Gospel" which revolves around Rich Stearns' superb book, with Graedon Zorzi and Joanna Mockler; "Digging into the Letter of 1 John" with Doug Whallon; "Heart Languages: Skills Training for Interpreting Sunday Services" with Marta Niconchuk and Dana Baker, plus a couple others. For more information about these courses, stop by the Information Desk.

Baptisms are scheduled for February 28. The baptism class will be held January 31, 2010 at 11:30 hour. If you would like to be baptized, this class is mandatory. Please contact Carolyn at Carolyn@grace.org or 7871-862-8351 ext. 149 to register for the class. You will receive a packet of information before the class.

Outreach

International Student Ministry Gathering

will be held on January 23 at 6:30 PM, at the home of Nora and Roberto Laver in Waltham. Program: Panel Discussion on "Relationships: Friendship, Dating, & Marriage." 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@tuftsmedicalcenter.org, 781-373-2115.

Vision Open Forum

On Sunday, January 24 at 12:45PM Pastor Bryan will be hosting a Vision Forum for anyone who would like to enter into the vision conversations we have been having with a variety of leadership and volunteer teams this fall. This session will be open to anyone interested in offering "feeding-forward" about Grace Chapel's future, and hearing more about the vision God is putting on our hearts.

AIDS Caregiver Kits Our Christmas offering will be used for the purchase of many AIDS caregiver kits. On Sunday, January 31 from 11:30PM to 2:30PM, we'll have an opportunity to come together and assemble these kits, that will enable relief workers to provide care for those living with HIV/AIDS in the developing world. To watch a video about the AIDS Caregiver Kits go to www.grace.org/christmas-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 to be held January 31, in the upstairs lobby of the main building, from 12:45PM to 1:30PM. Pastor Bryan and the staff are eager to meet you personally and give you a brief orientation to Grace Chapel.

Summer Missions Trip Leader Informational Meeting

Would you like to see firsthand what God is doing around the world? Has He placed one of Grace Chapel's ministry partners on your heart? If you are up for a discipleship challenge, enjoy serving and leading a team of like-minded people and can do this in a cross-cultural setting, then we want you! Perhaps the Lord is inviting you to lead a missions trip this summer. Please join us for lunch on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 12:45PM in Room 104 of 59 Worthen Road. Pastor Jeanette and veteran trip leaders will discuss the ins and outs of leading a Summer Missions Trip. Please RSVP to Justin Bennett at jbennett@grace.org or by calling 781-862-8351 ext. 143.

LIFE Community

LIFELink is a fun and comfortable event where you will enjoy a light meal, learn about Grace Chapel's vision for group life, meet group leaders, and discover where and when groups are meeting. The goal is for you to find a LIFE Community to become a part of during the year ahead. Join us on January 17 at 12:45PM in Fellowship Hall. Reserve a spot by stopping by at the Community Corner after the service or email Elsie Kitchen at ekitchen@grace.org.

Next Month

WinterBlast is February 6th.

Soul Care Mini Retreat Saturday, February 27 from 8:30AM to 12:00PM. Join us as we seek to "draw near to God" and enjoy the goodness, grace and richness of God's presence. Our special theme will revolve around "Prayer," which is both a pilgrimage and a two-way conversation. Want to deepen or strengthen your prayer life? This will be a wonderful time to pray.

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 www.grace.org to view updated information about delays or cancellations right on the homepage, or call the main line at 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.)

January 2010 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church office closed	2
3 Worship Services Kidstown Middle School High School	4 Celebrate Recovery GriefShare	5 Adult ASL Classes	6 Men's Fraternity MAPS Family Connection	7 Mom to Mom FIRE	8 Singles Gravity	9
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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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