

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

JULY 2009

Dear Friends,

Summertime, and the livin' is easy... The precious weeks of a New England summer are filled with friends, family, backyard gatherings, beach outings, and many other opportunities to create special memories. Easy livin' - music to our ears!

We began attending Grace Chapel when our three children were pre-schoolers (they are now adults living on their own). Even then Grace Chapel was very big - and to a young mom with three little ones, it seemed very daunting. I marvel at God's guidance because the two areas that helped to make Grace Chapel feel like "home" to me are the two areas He has called me to oversee as Pastor of Service and Women.

I first jumped in and served in Vacation Bible School - loved every minute of it. Then, I got involved in Women's Ministries and felt the same! My relationships with others and God grew, and my passion deepened for helping others along in their journey. So it is with a personal desire, that I encourage you, during these "livin' easy" days, to ask God to help you discover where you will serve and how you will grow.

Each Tuesday morning and evening (beginning September 22) Joy Bible Study for women welcomes hundreds of women from all stages of life and Bible knowledge. Together they grow in His Word (this coming year they will be studying Old Testament characters and the Gospel of Mark), make new friends and deepen existing friendships, and enjoy the community of caring and growth that Tuesdays at Joy offer! On Thursday morning Mom to Mom welcomes young moms eager to grow in their relationship with Him and to strengthen their parenting skills. Details on registration can be found at www.grace.org/women.

Starting this fall we will be offering a *Get Involved Class* designed to help you navigate your way around and into serving out of your spiritual gifts. Watch for more details! There are some exciting opportunities to serve here at Grace Chapel - and in serving YOU will be blessed.

So, grab a glass of lemonade or iced tea, relax on your lounge chair, and catch up on all the opportunities for growth and service at Grace Chapel. Happy Reading! Happy Summer!

Blessings,



Cynthia Fantasia

Pastor of Service and Women



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

For more information about women's ministry log onto www.grace.org/women or pick up brochures at the Information Desk.

To learn more about ways to use your gifts, log onto www.grace.org/getinvolved.

Next month we'll hear from Barry O'Brien, Pastor of Children's Ministries. For more about the children's ministry log onto www.grace.org/children or pick up a Kidstown brochure at the Information Desk.

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 our hurts, habits, and hang-ups. To learn more about this ministry 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. *The next meetings are July 6 and July 20.* For more information call 781-862-8351 ext. 2225.

Young Adults

College Student Summer LIFE Community will run until 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.

Women

Women's JOY Bible Study is accepting registrations for September. Join us as we study Old Testament characters and the Gospel of Mark. JOY is made up of women of all ages and stages of life - enjoying the friendships with other women and eager to grow in His Word. Registration forms are available at www.grace.org/women or the Registration Desk.

Save the Date for JUST CHRISTMAS December 5, 2009. Gloria White-Hammond will be the speaker, and Daniel Kirkley in concert!

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

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.

Grace Chapel Art Gallery Reception

Live Jazz/Funk/Blues trio featured from 4:00PM-6:00PM July 11 at the Grace Chapel Café. Come to celebrate the "All Things Summer" art gallery exhibit. Musicians include Kenny Freundlich on keyboard, Rob Hewett on bass and Larry Finn on drums. This is a free event! For more information go to www.grace.org/artgallery. Questions, contact Lori at artgallery@grace.org

Adult Discipleship

Alpha for English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is specially designed for people who do not speak English as a first language. It's a wonderful way to explore Christianity in a non-threatening environment and make new friends along the way! There is no focus on English language instruction. For more information contact Lisa Smith at lisasmith@alphausa.org.

Adult Discipleship Summer Courses

begin July 12. For more information about courses being offered go to www.grace.org/adultcourses or pick up an Adult Discipleship summer 2009 course brochure at the Registration Desk.

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.

Outreach

Face of a Child 2009 Demonstrate God's love to 1,000 children in Moldovan orphanages by supplying much needed backpacks, sneakers, socks, school supplies and toiletries. Stop by a table near one of the entrances to pick up a shopping list and tag for a child. Completed packages are due *July 19*. For more information visit www.grace.org/foc or contact Sue Leach at faceatgrace@gmail.com, 978-897-0286.

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 inter-cultural 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.

Upcoming 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. We are also looking for volunteers to help. A volunteer application form is also available online.

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 at www.grace.org/summercamp or at the Information Desk. Grace Chapel registrations do receive a special discount.

JULY 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prayer Meeting	2	3 Church office closed	4
5 Worship Services	6 Celebrate Recovery GriefShare	7 ESOL	8	9 FIRE Alpha ESOL	10	11 Art Gallery Reception
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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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