

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

October 2009

Dear GC Family and Friends,

If you're anything like me, October is kind of a 'settling in' month. With the back to school frenzy behind us, new commitments firmly established, and routines well underway, we now get a chance to live a little. It's time to let the decisions we've made in September propel us forward into a new season of life.

One of the ways that many at Grace do a lot of their *living* is through a LIFE Community. A LIFE Community is a group of people who join together to experience the goodness of biblical community through study, friendship, and service.

Our recent LIFElink Luncheon was bursting with enthusiastic guests and leaders, as many new people gathered to make a connection to a group. At the luncheon, one man commented, "I'm glad my group meets on Friday night, because at the end of a hectic week, it's nice to get together with family!" During these past weeks, I've heard lots of reports from groups that are glad to be 'settling in' again!

The theme for this ministry year offers something a bit different for our LIFE Communities in the months ahead. Throughout this year of "Doing Good", we're discovering that our lives are *best* lived when they're lived for the sake of others! With that in mind, we're encouraging every LIFE Community to look beyond themselves and find ways to 'do good' as a group - creative ways of becoming the hands and feet of Jesus right where they are.

A few guidelines will help each group to focus their efforts and increase their effectiveness:

- 1) Keep it Local - each group can find a way to serve where they meet or live.
- 2) Keep it Personal - as groups connect relationally, they can represent Christ more effectively.
- 3) Keep it Simple - groups should keep the serving manageable so they can focus their efforts.
- 4) Keep it Open - people love to find ways to help, so don't be surprised if others around you - both seekers and believers - might want to join your efforts.

With groups in so many locations and with communities, neighborhoods and families with so many needs, each group will find a way to express the love of Christ that fits them just right. Groups will work together to discover what God is calling them to do - not on their own, but with each other! Throughout the year, we will have opportunities to celebrate what God will do in and through us as we serve in this way. We have an amazing adventure ahead of us!

If you haven't yet become a part of a LIFE Community and don't want to miss the year ahead, it's not too late to jump on board! Stop by the Community Corner on Sundays after any of the morning services, or contact Elsie Kitchen at ekitchen@grace.org.

So become a part of a LIFE Community, and let's do some good - *Together!*



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

Next month we'll hear from Doug Whallon, Pastor of Discipleship about adult discipleship courses, *Encounter with God*, and the Soul Care Mini Retreat.

To learn more about ways to get involved at Grace Chapel log onto our website www.grace.org/getinvolved.

Tom Van Antwerp

What's going on at Grace Chapel

Community Care

MAPS October 7 Luncheon The surprising truth about America's Health care system with Jay McQuaide, Vice President-Corporate Communications Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Ken Aruda who is an expert on Medicare issues. Lunch is at 12:15PM in the Adult Learning Center, located at 2 Militia Drive. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Reservation deadline is October 5 at Noon. Brochures are available at the Information Desk or by calling 781-862-8351 ext. 2203.

MAPS Adventures in Learning fall quarter is October 7-December 2. Meets Wednesday from 9:15AM to 12:15PM, and is designed for the ages 55 and over who enjoy the day together discovering an active adult life style in a learning setting.

MAPS Flu Clinic is October 7 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM in Room G-2 of the Adult Learning Center. Please bring your Medicare B and other insurance cards, if any, to the clinic. For more information call Bill Lund at 781-862-8351 ext. 146.

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 October 12 and October 26. 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

Men

Men's 'Road Trip' Retreat is October 16-18 at Camp Hazen YMCA, located in Chester, CT. The HeartStrong Man is this year's theme -- exploring the inner qualities of a good man. Bryan Wilkerson (Senior Pastor of Grace Chapel), Tom VanAntwerp (Pastor of Community Life), Jim Ennis (Pastor of Community

Care) and JT Shupe (Pastor of Young Adults, Singles and Men) will be speaking. Enjoy small groups, games and campfires! For more information and to register, pick up a brochure at the Registration Desk or download one online at www.grace.org/men. Questions? Contact Dan at dan.post@comcast.net, Henry at hkono@fmrco.com, or JT Shupe jt@grace.org, 781- 862-8351 ext. 123.

Men's Fraternity begins October 7 at 6:00AM in Fellowship Hall. This year's theme will be the Great Adventure. Register at the Registration Desk or online at www.grace.org/men. This is open to any and all men in New England. Questions or for more information contact Bill Moore at wamoore2@earthlink.net.

Worship & Arts

Worship & Arts Ministry Auditions Join us for the Worship & Arts Ministry open auditions on October 10, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. We are looking for singers and musicians of all ages, cultures, styles, who play all kinds of instruments from all over the world! We are also looking for people who would like to serve on the technical arts team. We look forward to welcoming new talent into our worship ministry! Contact Rachel Lawson at rlawson@grace.org with any questions.

FREE Acting Workshop in the Grace Chapel Sanctuary, by Derek and Carol Stearns is October 24, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Want to try some acting, but never had the chance? Derek and Carol Stearns have blessed the Christian community with years of service and commitment on drama and music teams. They are professional actors, directors, teachers, writers and singers. Please register by October 16 as space is limited. Contact Rachel Lawson to register at rlawson@grace.org or call 781-862-6499 ext. 170.

Adult Discipleship

Fall Adult Discipleship Courses have already begun, with a couple classes starting on October 4. Also, if you would like to find out more about how to become a partner here at Grace, plan to attend the *Single Day Discover GC Partnership Course* on October 24 from 9:00AM-1:30PM. 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.

Outreach

International Student Ministry (ISM) Retreat Come join the Coalition for International Students October 9-11 during peak foliage in New Hampshire at this year's fall retreat *Bridge to Caring Relationships*. It will take place at Alton Bay Conference Center on scenic Lake

Winnepesaukee. 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 David Miller at mars-hill@comcast.net or 781-249-1480.

International Student Ministry (ISM)

Gathering is October 24. 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 *Harvest Traditions and Superstitions*. 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 October 25, right here in this building, at 12:45PM in Room 104. ("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.

Global Awareness Week is November 8-

15. 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 and New England! More information about GAW will be available online at www.grace.org/GAW2009. Interested in helping provide housing or transportation for one (or more) of our partners? Or would you like to help host an event? Contact Justin Bennett at jbennett@grace.org or call 781-862-8351 ext. 143.

High School

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

Friday Night Gravity will meet October 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:30PM to 10:00PM, and will not meet on October 2.

Fall Blast is October 3 from 8:00AM to 11:30PM. For more information go to www.grace.org/gravity

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.

Chucksters is October 3 from 12:30PM to 5:30PM. For more information go to www.grace.org/middleschool.

October 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 FIRE Mom to Mom ALPHA	2	3 HS Fall Blast MS Chucksters
4 Worship Services Discipleship Courses	5 Celebrate Recovery	6 ESOL Women's Joy Adult ASL Classes	7 Men's Fraternity MAPS Luncheon MAPS Flu Clinic Prayer Meeting Family Connection Middle School	8 FIRE Mom to Mom ALPHA	9 Singles Retreat ISM Retreat Gravity	10 ISM Retreat Workshop Auditions
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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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