

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

September 2009

Dear GC family and friends,

Two months of sabbatical. The Leadership Summit. A week in the Adirondacks at GC Summercamp. I'm feeling about as refreshed and renewed as a person can be as summer draws to a close! Whatever your summer has been like, I hope you make it to the beach or the mountains or your own backyard at least one more time before the fall season begins.



It has been a great summer here at Grace Chapel. The *Unsung Heroes* series has introduced us to some fascinating biblical characters, and to some humble, high-impact people right here in our own church family! Be sure to say "Thanks!" to someone when you see them serving. Hopefully we've gained a new appreciation for our own "supernatural" gifts and calling, too. We'd love to turn you into a hero by helping you find a place to serve here at Grace.

The fall is a wonderful time to join any of our serving teams, or to try out an area or two as you find the right fit. We have wonderful "entry-level" opportunities to serve in the Welcome Ministry, Kidstown, Student Ministries, and the Worship and Arts Ministry. Just make a note on the Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate, or get in touch by phone or email with any of our Ministry Staff. If you're still not sure what your gift and calling might be, we'll be offering a *Get Involved!* course this fall that can help you get started.

I'm already excited for the start of our new ministry year on Vision Sunday, September 13! We'll be back to our regular worship schedule that Sunday, and I can't wait to share with you where we sense the Lord is leading us in the year and years to come. Watch for my fall pastoral letter in the mail coming in early September, as well. I can't tell you too much yet, but I can give you a hint: It's going to be GOOD!

See you in September!

Pastor Bryan

P.S. If you missed my "heart to heart" talk about my sabbatical on August 9, you can listen on the web (www.grace.org/audio) or pick up a CD or DVD at the Resource Center.

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

Next month we'll hear from Tom VanAntwerp, Pastor of Community LIFE about LIFE Communities at Grace Chapel.

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

What's going on at Grace Chapel

Community Care

MAPS Welcome Back BBQ is September 16 at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Come to discover what's going on in MAPS this church year and enjoy conversation over a good lunch. Reservation deadline is Noon on September 9. Call MAPS program/reservation line at 781-862-8351 ext. 2203. Brochures are available at the Information Desk

MAPS is hosting a Christmas tour to Lancaster, Pennsylvania December 7-10, 2009. Early reservations are now open and the first deposit is due September 18. For more information pick up a brochure at the Information Desk, log onto www.grace.org/seniors or 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).

Celebrating Life's Healing Choices is a free half-day workshop designed to help you find hope and healing in the midst of life's challenges. Do you desire freedom from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups? God can help many of us who are struggling in these tough times to find fresh renewal. Join us September 26 from 8:30AM to 1:00PM at the Adult Learning Center for life-transforming worship, teaching, and fellowship with a picnic lunch. For more information email cr@grace.org or call 781-862-8351 ext. 2246.

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a friend or loved one. Meetings are September 14 and September 28. 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 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.

First Place 4 Heath program will begin September 14. The day class will run 2:00PM to 3:30PM with optional exercise group 3:30PM to 4:00PM. The evening class will start with an optional exercise session at 6:00PM and class from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. To register and order the materials call Marilyn 617-625-9202, e-mail firstplace@rcn.com, or just come on September 14. We will meet in Room 205 of the Adult Learning Center.

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)
Virelle Kidder - speaker
Registration has begun

April 10, 2010
FAITHLIFT
Laurie McIntyre - speaker
Registration begins mid-January

Worship & Arts

Vision Sunday & Fall Worship Services schedule starts Sunday, September 13 at 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM and 6:00PM.

Celebrate the opening of ArtSpeak Exhibit at the Grace Chapel Café. This free reception on September 12 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM will feature a live jazz/funk trio. Musicians include Russ Hoffmann on keyboard, Rob Hewett on the bass, and Larry Finn on the drums.

Young Adults

FIRE Fall Retreat registration is now open! Join the FIRE young adults group September 18-20 along with Bonnie and John Yelverton at Camp Brookwoods on Lake Winnepesaukee. The week-end theme is *The Abundant Christian Life: From Survivor Christianity to Spirit-filled Living*. The cost is \$105 before September 13 and \$125 after September 13.

Adult Discipleship

Fall Adult Discipleship Courses start September 20. For more information and course description details go to www.grace.org/adult-courses, or pick up a course brochure at the Information Desk (available Sunday, September 13). All courses meet in the Adult Learning Center located at 2 Militia Drive, unless otherwise noted.

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.

LIFELink is a luncheon event held on September 20 after the 11:30AM service where people who are looking to join a LIFE Community can meet LIFE Community leaders and make a personal connection to a group. This is the best place for you if you're looking to join a LIFE Community.

The Family Connection is especially designed for families with children and begins September 23. The Family Connection provides on campus LIFE Communities, while providing dinner at a low cost (\$6/person, \$20/family, children under 3 eat free except for special events), child care and children programs. Meals begin at 5:30PM and LIFE Communities at 6:30PM. For more information contact Dorian Botsis at 781.862.8351 ext. 108 or by email at dbotsis@grace.org.

Outreach

International Student Ministry (ISM) Gathering On the late afternoon of September 12 there will be an international student ministry gathering at the home of Nora and Roberto Laver in Waltham. The topic will be on culture shock. If you know of an international student who 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.

Alpha for English speakers of other languages provides people from all religious backgrounds, cultures, and world views an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening environment. This new course is especially designed for people whose primary language is not English. Begins September 24 with a dinner at 6:45PM in the Adult Learning Center. Questions? Contact Deborah Humphrey at debhumphrey@charter.net, Lisa Smith at lisasmith@alphausa.org or Justin Bennett at 781-862-8351 ext.143.

Adult ASL Classes runs September 8 through November 10. This year-round American Sign Language Program (ages 14-adult) meets on Tuesday evenings in Room G-5 of the Adult Learning Center. For more information log onto www.grace.org/deafministry or email Vivian at vivianjmar@yahoo.com.

Friday Night Singles begins September 11 and meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Our fall series will be Paul the Apostle by David Nasser. Meets 7:00PM to 9:00PM in Room 205 at the Adult Learning Center. Contact Chelle at Michelle_Desharnais@yahoo.com for more info.

Kidstown

Fall Enrichment Day is September 12, from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. Join us for refreshments, fun, and team-building as we get ready to begin another great year at Kidstown. If you're looking for a new opportunity to serve as a storyteller, worship leader, techie, small group leader, bin buddy, greeter, activities coordinator, or help kids with special needs - and would like to be a part of our team - meet us in Fellowship Hall!

September 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Worship Services	7 Celebrate Recovery	8 ESOL Adult ASL Classes	9 Prayer Meeting	10 FIRE	11 Singles	12 Fall Enrichment Day ISM Gathering Art Gallery Reception
13 Vision Sunday	14 Celebrate Recovery GriefShare First Place 4 Heath	15 ESOL Adult ASL Classes	16 MAPS BBQ	17 FIRE	18 FIRE Retreat	19 FIRE Retreat
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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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