

Transforming Lives with the Surprising Message of God's Grace

THIS MONTH AT GRACE

February 2010



Winter Blast
Come In Out of the Cold!

Dear Grace Chapel Family and Friends,
You may be wondering how an event like Winter Blast (our huge "take over the whole building" indoor carnival) on **February 6th** could be considered an Outreach. Isn't it just a lot of fun without any spiritual benefit? Well it depends on how you measure success.

The goal of Winter Blast is to provide a non-threatening, first step opportunity for us to invite our friends to church. Many of our friends stay far away from church because of a bad experience in the past, unattractive stereotypes or simply a lack of familiarity with what goes on inside the building. Winter Blast provides an opportunity to give people an attractive experience inside the church building. Whether it is the warmth of the 300 volunteers, riding the mechanical bull or other inflatables, doing a craft, attending one of the exciting Shows or eating the free food, those who have never been to Grace Chapel rave about their experience here.

Here are a few comments:

"Do I come here on Sundays? No, but I am tomorrow!"

"We have known that it is time to get back to church...we will be back to Grace"

"My husband has always refused to step inside the church with me....but he was willing to come to Winter Blast."

"My friend from work came with his kids....I have always wanted to introduce him to Grace Chapel!"

Coming to Winter Blast has often been the first step for many people to get connected or re-connected to church and to God.

Whom do you want to invite?



Richard Rhodes

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 Dana Baker, Director of Multicultural Ministries about the Ethnic America Summit.

To learn more about ways to get involved at Grace Chapel log onto our website 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.

Info: Every Monday at 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall (meal served at 5:30PM).

Contact: 781-862-8351 ext.2246, cr@grace.org, or grace.org/hopeandsupport.

GriefShare is a support group for people grieving the death of a friend or loved one.

Info: Meetings on Monday, February 8 and 22.

Contact: 781-862-8351 ext. 2225.

Mature Adult Programs Luncheon (MAPS)

with David G. Gallo, Ph.D.M who will discuss "Neptune's Garden: Exploring the Secrets of the Deep Undersea." Dr. Gallo is Director of Special Projects at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He has participated in explorations of the Titanic and the Bismarck and other historic wrecks.

Info: Wednesday, February 3, 12:15PM
Cost is \$9.00

Contact: RSVP by Monday, February 1.
Call 781-862-8351 ext. 2203

Soul Care Mini Retreat 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. There will be a light but delicious breakfast buffet at 8:30AM.

Info: Saturday, February 27,
8:30AM- 12:00PM, 59 Worthen Road

Contact: Dianne@grace.org or
781-862-8351, ext. 140. Registration is not required, but helpful to us.

Women

FAITHLIFT is a one day conference for women. Register for this exciting day - enjoy a continental breakfast, great teaching, wonderful praise and worship, a gourmet lunch and practical workshops. Laurie McIntyre, Pastor of Women at Elmbrook Church, is a popular speaker who speaks nationally and internationally.

Info: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Contact: A brochure with registration form is available at the Information Desk or online at www.grace.org/women

Adult Discipleship

Winter/Spring Courses for 2010 begin February 7. These courses are a great way to get started and grow stronger in your faith.

Info: Starting February 7, Adult Learning Center, 2 Militia Drive unless otherwise noted

Contact: Available courses/locations will be listed in the Winter/Spring 2010 Adult Discipleship Brochure available Sunday, January 31 in Inside Grace and at the Information Desk.

Outreach

Grace Chapel's 5th Annual WinterBlast

This is a great opportunity to invite friends or family to Grace Chapel (especially those who would be uncomfortable coming to a worship service). This year we will have a big lineup of "inflatables," including a mechanical bull, the "wrecking ball" and a huge obstacle course! There will also be performances by the Boston Ballet, Friends of Broadway, and a martial arts demonstration! This event is free and lunch will be provided. Find out more including how to sign-up to volunteer and how to send an electronic invitation to your friends online.

Info: Saturday, February 6, 10:00AM-3:00PM

Contact: www.grace.org/winterblast

International Student Ministry Gathering

Program: "Science & Faith," with Dr. Bill Long, of MIT, speaking. 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.

Info: Saturday, February 27, 6:30 PM at the home of Nora and Roberto Laver in Waltham

Contact: Nora Laver at 781-373-2115 or nlaver@tuftsmedicalcenter.org

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. Pastor Bryan and the staff are eager to meet you personally and give you a brief orientation.

Info: Sunday, February 28, 12:45 to 1:30PM in the main building.

LIFE Community

Learn. Love. Laugh! Join us for a relationship building event. Pastor Bryan and Karen Wilkerson will share fresh insights about how to make a marriage thrive. Couples will be given time to be alone and reflect on their own relationship. And to top off the evening, we'll gather again for dinner

and laugh along with Christian comedian, Leland Klassen. It's an evening you won't want to miss! Married, engaged, dating, or just good friends - all welcome!

Info: Saturday, March 6th

Contact: For tickets and information, go to www.grace.org/learnlovelaugh.

Young Adults

New Young Adult Series *Relational DNA* how to develop friendships, explore dating and commitment. This series is for all young adults 20 or 30 something, single or married. The group is called FIRE and we alternate between LIFE Community and Large Group Nights.

Info: Thursday nights at 7:00PM, Community Life Building, top floor.

Contact: contact JT at jt@grace.org or 781.862.8351 ext. 123 or www.grace.org/youngadults.

High School

Avalanche Retreat This is going to be a great weekend for High Schoolers to connect with each other, make long-lasting memories and grow in their relationships with God. Avalanche will challenge teens to Stand Firm during those circumstances and will help them rely on their faith, rather than feeling like they are crumbling under the pressure. The first step is to get them signed up for this retreat!

Info: February 5-7

Contact: To sign up or for more information contact Angela Rogers at arogers@grace.org

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 the home page of www.grace.org to view updated information about delays or cancellations, or call 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.)

February 2010 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Celebrate Recovery	2	3 MAPS Luncheon Men's Fraternity MAPS Family Connection Middle School	4 Young Adults (FIRE) Mom to Mom Adult ASL Classes ESOL Alpha	5 HS Avalanche Retreat	6 WinterBlast HS Avalanche Retreat
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Please visit www.grace.org for additional information

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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