

GRACE

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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*Our Purpose:
Grace Evangelical Church
exists for the purpose of reaching the lost and hurting of our
community and world
in the love of Christ, involving them in the word, worship, and service
of God.*

Join us for Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship: 8:00AM • 9:30AM • 11:00AM
Sunday School: 9:40-10:40AM • 10:55-11:55AM
Evening Bible Study: 6:00PM

Need Prayer?
24-Hour
Prayer Chain Number
816-244-9868
For Emergency or Urgent Requests

GRACE to You!

Grace Evangelical Church

www.graceontheweb.org Spring 2015



Matthew 17:14-21

As our world continues to give evidence of the evil that is in it, I'm feeling compelled to encourage us as a congregation to make a more focused effort at bringing our concerns to Father God.

As a congregation, we have a long standing tradition of making the first Thursday of each month a day to fast and pray for the ministry of the church; I'm proposing that beginning the first Thursday of March (March 5) and continuing each first Thursday thereafter, that we initiate a more corporate nature to our prayer and fasting. With that as our goal, we will begin hosting 6, 1-hour prayer meetings at the church (in the library). These will be scattered throughout the day in order to work into more schedules and incorporate more participants.

The first prayer meeting will begin at 6:00am. It will open with a few minutes of worship, and we will pray. As the 7:00 hour approaches, we'll close the hour in prayer, and at 7:00 begin the second prayer meeting with the same format as the first one., closing at 8:00am This will provide a break to allow some to

leave, and others to enter, yet keep the continuity of worship and prayer. We'll do the same thing from 11:00am to 12:00pm, 12:00pm to 1:00pm, and then from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, concluding with a final prayer meeting from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. These monthly meetings will allow our congregation to keep our current issues before the Lord in prayer.

In addition to a monthly day of prayer and fasting, I'm proposing we initiate a sequence of prayer and fasting days for families. Perhaps each family would set aside a day to pray for each child, as well as the parents. There would be no set format, as each head-of-household would have authority to determine what their prayer and fasting would look like. As always, the Pastoral staff would be happy to suggest options with any person who desires a conversation on the topic. Just call the office and ask to speak with any of the available pastors. My only suggestion would be that each family during the first week of March, and again the first week of September, schedule these specific family prayer and fasting days... in order that we as a church family might be pursuing God together.

Years ago, I ran across a wonderful little booklet by Bill Bright titled, *Seven Basic Steps to Successful Fasting and Prayer*. It is available free of charge, online, at <http://www.cru.org/train-and-grow/devotional-life/7-steps-to-fasting.html>

Our prayer is that God will move mightily in our world and in our church, as we seek Him more intentionally in the coming months.

Blessing,

Pastor Darrell

Sunday School SCHEDULE

**SPRING QUARTER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL RUNS FROM MARCH 8
THROUGH MAY 31:**

March 1st - All adults and college students will meet in the Sanctuary with Missionaries.

**Our new Sunday School quarter begins Sunday, March 8th,
with two sessions of Classes.**

Classes meeting during the first Sunday School hour (9:40-10:40am):

Room #	Topic	Teacher
Room 200	<i>Thru the Roof</i> (adults with disABILITIES)	Glynda King
Room 202	<i>Romans</i>	Dave Burtis/Tom Armstrong
Room 204	<i>Growing in the Lord</i>	Frank Stanley
Room 205	<i>Membership</i>	Tom Richmond
Room 206	<i>Women's Class—Book Study</i>	Pam Clary
	Holley Gerth Book: <u><i>You're Loved No Matter What:</i></u> <u><i>Freeing Your Heart from the Need to Be Perfect</i></u>	
Room 207/209	<i>"The Church in the End Times: Where Is It And Are We It?"</i> <i>"Storm Clouds on the Horizon"</i>	Tony McDowell
Library	<i>John</i>	Walter Maris/Terry Carlson
Upper Room	<i>Who Ills Mystery Babylon the Great?</i>	Roger Mann

Classes meeting during the second Sunday School hour (10:55-11:55am)

Room 204	<i>Why Grace Is So Amazing</i>	Andrew Gillies
Room 205	<i>Reconnect</i> (College & Young Adults)	Pastor Ken Maxey
Room 206	<i>Intro to Christian Apologetics</i>	Jeremy White
Room 209	<i>Spiritual Warfare</i>	Dave & Sarah Montgomery

ReSet Sunday School Classes for 6th-12th Grade Students will be held at 10:55am in Youth Center.

High 5 Sunday School Classes for children 4 years—5th grades will be held from 9:30-10:45am in Children's Church Area with Check-in beginning at 9:15am.

NEW SERVICE TIMES BEGIN MARCH 8TH

Beginning March 8, we are adjusting our service times to **8:00am** (from 8:15) and to **11:00am** (from 10:45). These 15-minute shifts will allow us to create a new service time at **9:30am**, in order to move the service that has met in the old chapel into our current sanctuary. As a result, we will preserve the worship style of our two blended services while making room for our more contemporary service by relocating it to the sanctuary.

In addition to these changes in service times, we'll be adding an additional **Sunday School** hour and moving the time of the current Sunday School hour up by 20 minutes. This will create a new time slot for a younger generation to begin instructing their peers, and thus, continue our tradition of Biblical instruction for the next generation. The new Sunday School hours will be from **9:40-10:40am** and **10:55-11:55am**.

Sunday Evenings

With the new service changes, we are moving to a different format for Sunday evenings. Instead of a regular worship service in the sanctuary, we will be having smaller group studies led by various teachers throughout the year. From time to time, we will schedule a special event or service on a Sunday evening.

Anyone is welcome to join the Sunday Night Bible Studies, but please be aware that there will be no Children's Church offered on Sunday evenings. We will have the nursery open for children 3 years and under.

The first Sunday Night Bible Study session will begin at **6:00pm on Sunday, March 8**, and will be led by Pastor Dave Ernst. It will meet in the Library so Entrance C will be open. Pastor Dave will be teaching from the book of *Ecclesiastes*.

"In the desire and quest to make sense of the world and our existence, several empty voices have

lured men and women with the empty promise to make their lives meaningful. Solomon, considered the wisest man ever, was not immune to these false promises. The book of Ecclesiastes is a record of that king's contemplations about all that competed for his attention. In a world like ours, where the search for meaning and purpose propels mankind to try everything under the sun, Solomon's conclusions ring true today."

Join us on Sunday evenings for this enlightening study of God's word.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
ONE NATION UNDER GOD

**FOURTH ANNUAL
MAYOR'S NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER BREAKFAST
MAY 7, 2015
6:45-8:30am**

at
St. Joseph Civic Arena

Featured Speaker:
David L. Steward,
Businessman, CEO and
Author of *Doing Business by*
***The Good Book* -**
52 Lessons on Success Straight
from the Bible

Admission is free for second-level seating on a first come, first-served basis. Or, you may have a catered breakfast by reserving a floor-level seat or group table. Go to
www.stjoendp.com
or call 816-271-4640.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES:

With this edition, the "Grace to You!" newsletter is changing from a monthly publication to a quarterly one. This is our **Spring 2015 edition** and will briefly cover the ministries and events that we have on the church calendar for **March, April, and May**. **DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION IS MAY 18TH.**

As events draw near, you will find more information on them in the church bulletin, or on our website at www.graceontheweb.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

ING = Inviting New Girlfriends

ING is the theme for the Grace Women's Ministry group which is led by Jan Seitz. The Ladies of Grace welcome women of all ages to join them for various ING events that are scheduled through the year. These events offer women the opportunity to gather with their sisters in Christ to share in varied times of instruction, fellowship, encouragement, inspiration, and just plain fun. Here is what is on the calendar for the Ladies of Grace in the coming months:

► **RETREAT: "LIV.ING IN PEACE," 7:00pm Friday evening, March 27th through 2:00pm Saturday, March 28th,** at the Adams Point Conference Center in Blue Springs, MO. Retreat cost for one night lodging (4 ladies to a room) and your meals is \$75. Janiece Clark will be our speaker. Topics will include: *Forgiveness, Yielding, Boundaries, and Trust Issues*. Come be renewed, refreshed, and make new friends! **Deadline to sign up and pay at the Information Desk is March 1st.** For questions, please contact Jan Seitz, Jody Stufflebean, or the church office.

► **RE-PURPOS.ING: Wednesday, May 6th, 6:30-8:30pm.** The ladies will meet at church to share ideas for repurposing items and making household cleaning products; More details on this event will be forthcoming. Watch the bulletin or check the website at www.graceontheweb.org.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Our Men's Fellowship Group is headed up by Deacon Mark McMain. It generally meets at the church once a month for a fellowship breakfast. This offers men the opportunity to gather with other men and share some good food and hear an inspirational message from one of their brothers in Christ. There are usually one or two other special events or activities scheduled for the men to take part in during the year. Here's what's on the calendar for the next few months:

► **Saturday, March 21, April 18, and May 23** are the dates for monthly Fellowship Breakfasts which are held at the church from **8:30-10:00am**.

► **Arkansas River Canoe Trip: June 11-13**, staying at the South fork resort in Saddle Arkansas. Two days floating on the river. Space is limited—sign up at the Information Desk ASAP.

Movers and Shakers of Grace

The *Movers and Shakers of Grace* (MSG's) was organized to connect those people who are 50 years of age or older with others in the church and offer them opportunities for fun, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration. Here's what's coming up on the MSG Calendar:

► **Monday, March 9, Potluck Supper Gathering at 6:00pm** in the Library featuring a "Baked Potato Bar" with fixin's and potatoes supplied. Just bring a salad or dessert. Our speaker will be Marty Clary, who recently returned from Antarctica.

► **Saturday, April 11: Gaither Vocal Band Concert** at First Baptist Church in Raytown, MO; Heartland bus leaving church at 3:30pm. \$35 tickets available on a first-to-pay basis at the church Information Desk while supply lasts. Ticket price includes bus.

► **Saturday, May 2:** trip to New Theatre Restaurant for, *Forever Plaid*; See Pastor Dave for tickets.

► For more MSG info, please contact Pastor Dave Ernst, or go to www.graceontheweb.org.



"Hands of Grace" Community Outreach

Here's an overview of what we have planned for the next few months. Please review these projects and take the opportunity to help us take the love of Jesus to our community.

- **February 29**—Community Missions Day—various projects throughout;
- **March 22 & 29**—Supplies drive for Hillcrest - Contact Rita Maag or Shannen White for the details;
- **April 20**—Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood Drive at Grace; 12-6:00pm in Children's Church area—Use Entrance A. Call the church office to volunteer to help. To give blood, sign-up online at www.savealifenow.org using sponsor code *markapease*.
- **May 9** - Mother's Day event for the YWCA - This is normally handled by Pam Clary's Women's SS Class;
- **May 9**—Camp Quality Get-Together for Campers/Families and the Camp Chaperones at Grace.
- **June 5**—"Fore the Lord" Noyes Home Benefit Golf Tournament; at the Fairview Golf Course; Two sessions beginning at 7:30AM & 1:30PM; Watch the church bulletin for more information on how to register a team and/or become a Tournament Sponsor. To volunteer to help with the tournament, you may contact Joe Francis, Eric Conner, or call the church office.

For more information on these events,
go to
www.graceontheweb.org

RENEWAL

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL W/ GOD

RENEWAL exists to bring God's Truth & build community within the College & Young Professional age group:

1. To encourage participants to seek a vibrant relationship w/ Christ.
2. To share that relationship w/ others.
3. To recognize and use their gifts.
4. To realize worship is a daily encounter with God.

For more information about this unique group, contact Pastor Ken Maxey at church or call/text him at 244-9890.

Every week we have 3 core meetings:

Tuesday - 7pm prayer at GRACE .

Wednesday – 7:30pm Bible/Worship/Fellowship at GRACE .

Sunday – 10:55am Sunday School at GRACE in room 205, beginning March 8.

Every week we also have Get-Togethers on Friday or Saturday evening: Skating—Movie Nights—Board Game Night—Concerts—MISC. Here's what's on the calendar for March:

March 13th - Movie & Pizza Night at Ken's house, 6:00-11:00pm.

March 27th - Dave & Buster's Night; Leave from church around 6:00pm.

To keep up with the latest,
please join our FB page –
RENEWAL OF GRACE EVANGELICAL



HOLY WEEK Events

**Palm Sunday,
March 29th,
6:30PM**

Seder Service

Presented by
"Jews for Jesus"

**Monday, March 30—Friday, April 3
6:30AM**

Holy Week Services at Grace

Presented by
Southside Progressive Association

Maundy Thursday, April 2

7:00PM Communion Service

Communion served at tables set in remembrance
of Jesus' last supper with His disciples.

Good Friday, April 3

12:00PM Lunchtime Program,

"Walking Through the Last Days of Jesus,"
presented by Dr. Jimmy Albright. Sandwich
lunch served at **11:45am**. Lunch tickets are \$5
and will be sold through March 29th.

Resurrection Sunday, April 5

Morning Worship Services held at:

6:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM, & 11:00AM

NO Sunday School Classes held;

Doughnuts and Coffee will be served in the
lobby between services.

**Children's Ministry will be offered at normal
service times. (None at the 6:00AM service)**
Nursery available at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 services.



Each year, prior to
Easter, we offer the
congregation the
opportunity to order
Easter lilies to be
placed on the altar on

Resurrection Sunday in memory of loved ones. If
you would like to order a lily this year, please
watch the church bulletin for information on the
cost and how to place and pay for your order.
Plants will be yours to take home after the last
service on Easter Sunday.



Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood Drive

Our 14th annual *Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood
Drive* will be held on **Monday, April 20th**. Mark
Pease was a faithful attendee at Grace and a dedi-
cated blood donor before losing his battle with can-
cer in November of 2001. During his lifetime, Mark
donated 117 pints of blood. It is the goal of our
blood drive to match or surpass that amount each
year. We invite you to come celebrate life and
remember Mark, by donating blood – the gift of life!

This year, the blood drive will be held in the
lower level Children's Church area so please use
entrance A. Hours are from 12:00 **noon till
6:00pm**. To be eligible to donate, you cannot have
giving blood since February 20th. In order for the
Blood Center to assure adequate staffing, it is
helpful to have donors sign up for a general dona-
tion time. Please sign-up online at
www.savealifenow.org with sponsor code:
markapease or sign-up at church.



Secret Church Friday, April 24TH 6:00PM—Midnight

Come, gather with your church family and join us
for this simulcast on **Friday, April 24TH**, (2 weeks
after Easter). This year's topic, taught by pastor and
author David Platt, will be "**Christ, Culture, and a
Call to Action.**"

The culture around us is constantly changing,
and successive changes are often accompanied by
significant challenges. So how does the call of
Christ compel us to respond to these challenges?
How does a Christian respond to the rapid rise of
so-called same-gender marriage and the increasing
acceptance of homosexuality? How does a Chris-
tian live in a world of sexual slavery and rampant
pornography, a world where babies are aborted and
widows are abandoned? How does a Christian
think in a culture of pervasive racial prejudice and
limited religious liberty? What does a Christian do in
a church that exalts prosperity amidst a world of
extreme poverty? During this *Secret Church*, we will
explore biblical foundations for answers to these
questions and come to significant conclusions re-
garding how Christ calls every Christian to engage
culture with a firm grip on the gospel in the church
and a fervent passion for God's glory in the world.

This year, **Secret Church will meet in the
Youth Center at Grace**. Please use Entrance C.



If you are a new Chris-
tian, or one who has
never testified of your
faith in Jesus by being water baptized, we encour-
age you to do so.

We plan to hold a water baptism service on
Sunday evening, May 31. If you would like to be
baptized then, please watch the upcoming bulletins
for sign-up information. A pre-baptism meeting with
the pastor is scheduled for **6:30pm on Monday,
May 11TH**.



"FORE THE LORD" Noyes Home Benefit Golf Tournament JUNE 5TH

This year's *Fore the Lord Golf Tournament* will
be held at Fairview Golf Course on **Friday,
June 5th**. As in the past, we will have a morn-
ing session that begins at 7:30am and an af-
ternoon session that begins at 1:30pm. There
are several ways in which you can participate.

1) You may serve as a sponsor at one of the
following levels:

- **Platinum Sponsor**—\$500+ donation—f
name on sign at Golf Course, and en-
graved on permanently displayed plaque at
Noyes Home.
- **Gold Sponsor**—\$250 donation—name will
be put on a hole sign and a banner dis-
played at the golf course during the tourna-
ment; banner will also be displayed at the
Noyes Home the following week.
- **Silver Sponsor**—\$100 donation—name
on a hole sign at the golf course during the
tournament.
- **Team Sponsor**—\$180 for a team of 4
persons to play in the tournament..
Deadline for registration is 4pm, May 29.

2) You may **volunteer** to help with the tourna-
ment.

3) You may **donate bottled water or pop** for
the tournament. Please drop donations off at
the church office prior to the event.

Teams fill up quickly, so please turn in your
registration as soon as possible. Tournament
fliers are available for pickup at the church
Information Desk. If you have any questions,
call Jeanette in the church office at 279-2090.



Kid's Corner..

With Dan Blakely
Children's Pastor

email: dan@graceontheweb.org

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Psalm 25:9-12

"The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses."

This past week, I read the following in my devotion related to the scripture text noted above:

"The one ingredient that every soul-satisfying life has in common is this: the fear of the Lord. In other words, an awesome and imminent view of God will lead to a joyful and fulfilling kind of life. Our first question, before making any decision, must be "what would be most pleasing and glorifying to God?" And-here is the marvelous revelation from David-whatever is most pleasing and glorifying to God will also bring the most satisfaction and joy to us!

We therefore could not have a more pleasing or inspiring incentive for godly living than this two-pronged promise: God has woven this entire world together, David tells us, in such a way that what is most glorifying to Him will always also be what is most satisfying for us."

I have seen this played out so many times and heard it from so many people. That when they serve God and seek His purpose they are the most fulfilled. How important it is for children to grasp this at an early age. So in their life long journey, with a humble heart, God may guide them and teach His way; Leading them in 12

the paths of mercy and truth.

Coming Events

Winter Lock-Out for Families—Rescheduled:

Due to winter weather this High 5 Family Event was rescheduled **Friday, March 6, from 6-10pm** in Kids Church—Games, food & fun for the whole family!

IServe:

Attention all 5th grade students, mark your calendars for **May 26th, 27th, and 28th** for some great opportunities to serve in our local community through the IServe program. More details coming soon.

Lego Life VBS:

Plans are underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School scheduled to take place nightly, **June 23rd through the 27th**. A Set Design Meeting has been scheduled at **6pm** for **Thursday, March 12th** to go over plans for this coming summer. If you are interested in lending your creative talents, please come to the meeting to find out more.

Super C Camp:

This summer we will be planning camp for all kids going into 5th grade and 6th graders. The camp will be held **June 29th through July 2nd**. More information will be coming soon in March.

Summer Splash:

Keep your eyes and ears posted as we plan for a special *Summer Splash* event this summer. More details coming soon.

Baby Dedication



We have scheduled a Baby Dedication during our morning service on Mother's Day, **May 10th**. Parents, if you have an infant or young child whom you would like to have formally dedicated to the Lord at this service, please sign up at church. All parents must meet with the pastor prior to the service. This meeting will be held on **Monday, April 27, at 6:30pm**.



By definition, reset means to put back in the correct position for healing, like with a broken bone.

*Christ came and took our sin, which broke us from God, and He put us into a position of healing, covered in His blood. Reset Student Ministry is where our lives can be given a
RESET, IN CHRIST!*

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

RESET Student Ministry exists for the purpose of reaching out to the lost and hurting of our community and world in the love of Christ, involving them in the Word, Worship and Service of God.



Event Calendar

March 2015

- 4: Deadline for **Disciple Now** registration [\$25 per student]
- 12: **DISCIPLE NOW** Kick-Off 6-830pm @ RESET Youth Center
- 13-14: **DISCIPLE NOW** Student Conference
Start: 3/13 @ 6pm @ Church
End: 3/14 @ 8pm @ Church

15: NO HIGHSCHOOL CRASH

April 2015

- 5: **EASTER** // NO HIGHSCHOOL CRASH
- 17: **MPI Event** (movie, pizza, ice-skating) @ RESET Youth Center
6pm-Midnight \$10/student
- 26: **MS Destination Crash** @ Belt Bowl 2-4pm
(Middle School Only)

May 2015

- 6: **Graduation Banquet:** for 8th grade and High School Seniors @ 630pm.
- 9: **Camp Quality** 10am-Noon.
- 10: **MOTHER'S DAY** // NO HIGHSCHOOL CRASH

June 2015

- 15-20 **High-School Summer Camp:** *see Pastor Nick for details*
Camp Speaker: Jack Hagar
(No Midweek on 17th due to camp)
- 21: **FATHER'S DAY** // NO HIGHSCHOOL CRASH
- 22-27 **Middle-School Summer Camp:** *see Pastor Nick for details*
Camp Speaker: Nick Pierce
(No Midweek on 24th due to camp)



Michael & Jane Erwin
Serve India Ministries – India

Thank you for your faithful support over this past year. 2014 was a growing year for Serve India Ministries. We saw the ministry expand greatly in India with the number of pastors being trained and the number of children being disciplined. We were only able to grow our budget by 5%, but we were able to double our impact on the mission field. It is amazing to see what God has done.

Jonathan & Khan Zingkhai
City Team—San Francisco, California

In January I went on a mission trip to India. I spoke at a conference with over 1,800 students in attendance. Three friends traveled with me. We ministered to people with HIV/AIDS and orphans who lost their parents to AIDS. We visited the Naga School in my village. Our three day Disciple Making Movement training was awesome and fruitful. We will have our 26th graduation ceremony on March 21st at City Team where 9 men will be graduating from a yearlong recovery program.

Bill & Marie Eddy
Grace Covenant—Madrid Spain

We had a wonderful week in Dakar. First 5 days participating as speakers at the West Africa Retreat for Missionaries from Brazil. Over 50 people from all denominations but with one purpose- spread the gospel in West Africa. Marie and I spoke on how to care for the TCK (Third Culture Kid) from birth through the teen years. Then on the week end we did a mini camp with the 20 adolescent TCK's. Another of the touching times was when about half of them made a public decision to forgive their parents for hurts they had received from their missionary life style. Since Mom and Dad are the ones to decide to move... Mom and Dad usually are seen as causing the pain.

Brandon & Kelli Bodenhausen
In Faith —Bolivar, Missouri

We started taking the Bolivar Middle School students to a new project house. Every other Friday they'll participate at the Project House and all the other Fridays we'll continue going into the school. At the end of the year we conducted a year end interview with one of our students. The board of directors beautifully shared the gospel with him. We are having an open house this Saturday at the project house Project 310 has been allowed to participate in. Anyone who has had a hand in repairing it gets to see the finished product. Thanks to the generosity and patience of one of our board members, we are able to "piggy back" with whatever project he is working on at the time.

Guido & Kimberly Orrellana
One Mission Society—Ecuador

We believe that God is leading us to plant a church in Pallatanga and have begun the process with a weekly Bible study in town. We have also been meeting with a fellow church planter in Quito for mentoring in the planting process. Our weekends are mostly full with hosting camps and retreats until mid-May. These are retreats the local churches program and we provide lodging and meals. Kim continues to work on her Master's Program and Guido is studying to finish his semi-nary degree.

Ester Cann
One Missionary Society – Indonesia

The new year began with visits from my brothers, and then as soon as they all left I was off as well. My first stop was in Pennsylvania, then off to Virginia, and Mississippi to connect with both old and new friends, and then on to other places. Please continue praying for me to be sensitive to the Lord leading in all my travels.



Upcoming
Mission Trips Planned

Please be in prayer about joining one of these mission teams:

► **Burkina Faso, West Africa: July 6th-15th, 2014.** Street Ministry and light Construction. Working alongside missionaries, Joel & Heidi Hayslip with Go to Nations. Please sign the list and pick up an application at the Information Desk if you are interested in this trip. For details, contact Pastor Dave Ernst.

► **Show-Me Christian Youth Home in La Monte, MO: April 23rd-25th, 2015.** Projects will include; Yardwork, Sorting Supplies, and Doing Carpentry. Approximate cost is \$50. **Sign-up deadline is April 5th.** Sign up and pick up an application form at the Information Desk. For more information, please contact Dave Burtis.

► **Good Shepherd Mission in Putter, India: Tentative dates: Dec. 26th, 2015-Jan. 4th, 2016.** VBS & Medical Clinics. For details contact Gary Reynolds.

► **Dump Ministry in Tegucigalpa, Honduras: February 12-19 & 19-26, 2016.** Construction and/or other work projects for dump families, and helping at the school for the dump children. For details, contact Pastor Chris Olson.

Notes & Quotes

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful plant in remembrance of Doris. It was very thoughtful. We also appreciate all the calls and kind words.

Dave Slawson & Family

Dear Grace Evangelical,
We just want to say thank you for all your prayers and all the encouragement you have given us. We could not be in Spain without you. Thank you for being such a wonderful church!

Sarah & Michael Wilson
Missionaries

Grace,
Thank you so much for providing the meal after Dad's service. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks also for the wonderful plant. Your generosity is truly a blessing.

Leah & Brian Harrah
and the family of Victor Elrod

Dear Grace Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! It has been very helpful to me in purchasing books and materials for my final semester of school. Thank you also for your prayers & encouragement-knowing I have the support of my home church has been invaluable.

Sincerely,
Heather Slawson

Thank you so much for the beautiful potted mixed green plants in the woven basket in memory of Allen's dad. It means so much to us knowing everyone was praying for us during the holidays.

Love,
Allen & Annette Francis

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Retreat January 30, 2015

Present: Darrell Jones, Dennis Jennings, Ken Maxey, Dan Blakely, Chris Olson, Nick Pierce, Tony Bryan, Rick Lipira, David Montgomery, Ted Myers, Frank Stanley, Joe Huber, Mike Dragoo, Kelly Houston, Gary Reynolds and Mark McMMain.

Absent: Pastor Dave Ernst

Meeting was opened with prayer.

Election of Corporate Officers for 2015:

Motion passed to elect the following Corporate Officers for 2015:

Chairman – Sr. Pastor Darrell Jones
Vice Chairman – Frank Stanley
Secretary – Chris Olson
Treasurer – Finance Director – Rick Lipira

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

Motion passed to accept the CONSENT AGENDA as presented and approve the following items:

1. Minutes of Past Meetings – Nov. & Dec. 2014
2. Finance Reports
 - a. General Fund – Nov. 2014
 - b. Storehouse Account – Nov. & Dec. 2014
 - c. Special Projects Money Market Account – Nov. & Dec. 2014
3. Benevolence Report – Nov. & Dec. 2014
4. Missions Report – Dec. 2014, Jan. 2015

Appointment of Trustee Committee for 2015:

- Motion passed to rename the Trustees Committee, calling it the “Building and Grounds Committee”, and to appoint the following members to serve on the committee for 2015: *Steve Brooks, J.P. Elliott, Dave Slawson, Terry Ramseier, Mike Smiley, and Bill Meyers.* Gary Reynolds serves as chairman of the committee by virtue of his staff position as Director of Maintenance.
- The Council extended its appreciation on behave of the church to Rick Miller for his past service on the committee.

Appointment of 2015 Scholarship Committee:

Motion passed to approve Ken Maxey as designated pastor and Debbie Wanserski and Steve Snider to serve

as the members at large. *Ted Myers* serves as chairman of the committee by virtue of his Council position as Director of Christian Education.

Appointment of 2015 Benevolence Committee:

Motion passed to appoint *Pastor Darrell Jones, Pastor Chris Olson, and Rick Lipira* to serve as members of the Benevolence Committee along with the Director of Benevolence, *Mike Dragoo* and the designated staff secretary, *Jeanette Marriott.*

Amendment to 2015 Storehouse Budget:

Motion passed to amend 2015 Storehouse Account Budget to total \$83,280.00 by adding line items:

Secret Church - \$1,000.00
Missions Conference Expenses - \$7,200.00
Motorcycle Ministry Outreach - \$800.00
Biker Sunday Expenses - \$2,000.00

Acceptance of Membership Applications

Motion passed to accept the following applicants for membership: *Al Broce, Elaine Broce, Andrea Clark, Darryl Davidson, Michelle Davidson, Megan Guenther, Sammye Guenther, Allen Maag, Rita Maag, Betty Sue Sage, and Evelyn Sue Winslow.*

VBS Location;

POI: 2015 VBS will be moved to the sanctuary due to anticipated chapel renovations.

Chapel Upgrade

Plans for the Chapel upgrade were discussed; no action was taken.

Other:

- Sunday School on Easter was tabled.
 - Approval was given by General Consent to authorize Chris Olson to purchase gift cards in appreciation for the donated electrical work in the Youth Room.
 - Motion passed to send a \$100 donation to the South-Holt High School After-Prom Event and to amend the 2015 General Fund Advertising budget to add a line item in the amount of \$1,000 for this and other such donations for area school events.
 - Motion passed to donate \$3,500 from the Storehouse Account to the Hispanic Church, Iglesia de Dios Nueva Jerusalem.
 - Next Meeting: Feb. 19, 2015 – Note: on a Thursday.
- Elders Actions:** Senior Pastor's Vacation Schedule for 2015 was approved as requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Olson
Church Council Secretary

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES FEBRUARY E-MAIL VOTES

On February 4, 2015, the Grace Church Council passed the following motion by email vote:

....That the Missions Fund pay for 2 airline tickets from KCI to Madrid, Spain, for Pastor Darrell and Tammie Jones to officiate at a Pastor's and Wives retreat in Spain in April with all other expenses covered by the Eddy's ministry.

On February 5, 2015, he Grace Church Council passed the following motion by email vote:

....To spend up to \$2,400 to purchase a two-year license from ESet for an internet security program to protect individual office computers from cyber attacks. This is an immediate need as most all the computers that operate on the church network have been infected with computer viruses this week.

COUNCIL MEETING February 19, 2015

Members Present: Dan Blakely, Tony Bryan, Mike Dragoo, Darrell Jones, Rick Lipira, Ken Maxey, Dave Montgomery, Nick Pierce, Gary Reynolds, Frank Stanley; **Absent:** Dave Ernst, Kelly Houston, Joe Huber, Dennis Jennings, Mark McMMain, Ted Myers, Chris Olson

Due to lack of a quorum, the Consent Agenda and most Old Business items were tabled. The following items were addressed and actions were passed to be officially approved at the next meeting:

- Sunday Evening Bible Study time will be 6:00pm.
- Resurrection Sunday Services will be held at 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am; No Sunday School; Regular Children's ministry times; Doughnuts and coffee between services.
- Annual Commissions were renewed for Dave Burtis (Lay Leadership); Trish Devine (Counseling Ministry) & Roger Sager (Biker Ministry.)
- Up to \$5000 was allocated to upgrade Internet access .
- \$750 was allocated to provide uniform-style shirts for Nursery staff.
- \$150 was allocated to purchase CPR/First Aid Kits to be made available throughout the building.
- Bids will be taken for a Replacement Floor Cleaning System.

Recorded by,
Nick Pierce
Secretary Pro-Tem

February Finance Report

Receipts

2-01-15	
General Fund	\$28,751.15
Missions Fund	\$ 5,045.00
Building Fund	\$ 360.00
2-08-15	
General Fund	\$56,375.21
Missions Fund	\$ 3,119.50
Building Fund	\$ 270.00
2-15-15	
General Fund	\$31,907.09
Missions Fund	\$ 1,960.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
2-22-15	
General Fund	\$31,665.72
Missions Fund	\$ 3,151.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	
General Fund	\$148,699.17
Missions Fund	\$ 13,275.50
Building Fund	\$ 750.00
Specials/Reimbursed	\$ 10,109.04

JANUARY RECEIPTS

General Fund	\$ 129,265.61
Missions Fund	\$ 28,044.25
Building/Debt Reduction	\$ 825.00
Specials/Reimbursements	\$ 2,969.85

DECEMBER RECEIPTS

General Fund	\$ 160,165.20
Missions Fund	\$ 32,956.00
Building/Debt Reduction	\$ 5,708.33
Specials/Reimbursements	\$ 9,384.80

**Monthly General Fund Need to meet
2015 Budget is \$130,450.63**

**Total 2015 General Fund
Expenditures through February is
\$237, 852.29.**

Three Month Calendar Of Coming Events

MARCH

- 1: Missions Sunday with Andy Bowen, WGM, speaking at all services; Adult Sunday School Classes meet in Sanctuary with missionaries; 6:30pm Evening Mission Service—Tally Faith Promises
- 2: Open Door Food Kitchen Ministry, 9:00am-1:30pm Mom’s Group meets, 1:00-2:30pm in Nursery Boy Scouts meet in High 5, 7:00-8:00pm
- 5: Day of Prayer & Fasting; Prayer meetings in Library at 6am, 7am, 11am, 12pm, 6pm and 7pm. 6:07am—12th Man Prayer in Chapel 8:00pm—Easter Choir Rehearsal in Children’s High 5 Area
- 6: Sloan/Smith Wedding Rehearsal, 12:00pm in Sanctuary
- 7: Sloan/Smith Wedding, 3:00pm in Sanctuary with Reception to follow in Chapel
- 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins - New Worship Service & Sunday School Times Launched
- 9: 6:00pm—MSG Supper Meeting in Library—Potato Bar
- 12: VBS Set Design Meeting—High 5 Area 6-8:30pm Disciple-Now Weekend Kick-off Party in Youth Center
- 13-14: Disciple-Now Student Conference, 6:00pm Friday-8:00pm Saturday
- 16: Mom’s Group meets, 1:00-2:30pm in Nursery
- 19: Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm in Room 206
- 20-22: Singles Getaway Weekend at Lied Lodge
- 21: 8:30-10am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast in Lobby 11am-2pm—Scott Adams Memorial Service in Sanctuary/Lobby 1:00-5:00pm—Library reserved for Shower
- 22: 5-6pm—Hands of Grace Meeting in Library
- 23 – Valley Community Food Kitchen Ministry, 5:30pm
- 24: Pickett School Music Program in Sanctuary
- 27-28: Women’s “Liv.ing in Peace” Retreat in Adams Point in Blue Springs, 7pm Friday - 2pm Saturday Boy Scouts Reserved Sanctuary, Lobby & Kitchen at Grace Friday evening & all day Saturday
- 29: Palm Sunday—6:30PM *Jews for Jesus* Seder Service 5-6pm Missions Committee Mtg. (Room 206)
- 30-3: Grace hosting Southside Holy Week Services, 6:30AM daily, Monday—Friday

APRIL

- 1-3: Grace hosting Southside Holy Week Services, 6:30AM daily, Monday—Friday
- 2: Day of Prayer & Fasting; Prayer meetings in Library at 6am, 7am, 11am, 12pm, and 6pm 12th Man Prayer in Chapel 7:00pm—Maundy Thursday Communion Services
- 3: Good Friday 11:30am Lunch Program with Dr. Jimmy Albright
- 4: Lobby reserved for Birthday party , 11am-5pm

March 2015						
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- MSG’s leave at 3:30pm for Gaither Vocal Band Concert in Kanas City
- 5: Resurrection Sunday: Sunrise Service at 6:30am—No Sunday School
- 6: Open Door Food Kitchen Ministry, 9:00am-1:30pm Mom’s Group meets, 1:00-2:30pm in Nursery Boy Scouts meet in High 5, 7:00-8:00pm
- 7: Election Day—Voting Booths in Lobby
- 11: Kitchen & Lobby Reserved for Shower, 12-5pm
- 13: MSG Supper Meeting
- 16: Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Room 206
- 18: 7:30-11:30am, Camp Quality Training—Sanctuary 8:30-10am, Men’s Fellowship Breakfast in Library 12-8pm, Library & Kitchen reserved for a shower
- 20: 12-6:00pm, Mark A. Pease Memorial Blood Drive in Children’s High 5 Area Mom’s Group meets, 1:00-2:30pm in Nursery
- 23: Library Reserved for MSTA Dinner
- 24: Secret Church, 6:00pm-midnight in Youth Center Meyers/Gregor Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 25: 10:30am MSG’s leave for New Theatre Restaurant Meyers/Gregor Wedding in Sanctuary
- 26: COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 27: Valley Community Food Kitchen Ministry, 5:30pm Baby Dedication Parent Meet with Pastor, 6:30pm

MAY

- 2: MSG’s to New Theatre Restaurant to see *Forever Plaid*, leave 10:30am
- 4: Open Door Food Kitchen Ministry, 9:00am-1:30pm Mom’s Group meets, 1:00-2:30pm in Nursery Boy Scouts meet in High 5, 7:00-8:00pm
- 5: Pickett School 6th Grade Promotion in Sanctuary
- 6: Women’s ING Event, 6:30-8pm, Re-Purpose.ing
- 7: Mayor’s National Day of Prayer Breakfast at Civic Arena, 6:30am Day of Prayer & Fasting; Prayer meetings in Library at 11am, 12pm, and 6pm
- 8: Home School Graduation Practice, 4pm in Sanct.
- 9: Red, White & Camp Quality at Grace, 10am-12:30pm

May 2015						
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- 19: Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Room 206
- 21: Kitchen and Lobby reserved for Native American Mission Fundraiser Dinner
- 25: Memorial Day Holiday —Church office CLOSED
- 26-28: iServe—Student Outreach for 5th Graders
- 31: COMMUNION SUNDAY 6:00pm—Baptism Service

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 7:30am: Pre-Service Prayer in Room 206
- Sunday Worship Services in the Sanctuary: 8:00am, 9:30am, & 11:00am
- Sunday School Classes: 9:40-10:40am & 10:55-11:55am
- 6:00pm: Bible Study in Library

Tuesdays

- 6-9pm: Perspectives Class in Sanctuary (thru April)

Wednesdays

- 6:30-8:00pm: Midweek Ministries at the church Include Small Group meetings for Adult G-3, Children’s High 5, Youth ReSet.
- 7:30pm: Renewal meets in Upper Room for College Students & Young Adults.

Thursdays

- 10:30am: Women’s Prayer Meeting (room 204)
- 12:00pm: All-Church Prayer Meeting in Library
- NOTE: On the first Thursday of each month, these prayer meetings will not meet, but join the other 11:00am & 12:00pm Prayer Meetings in the Library.

Fridays

- 6-7am: Early Morning Prayer Meeting in Offices.