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Congratulations High School Graduates of 2009



- Hope Seggelink
- Whitney Black
- Brittany Bayless
- Leda Juengerman
- Jenny Johnson
- Aleasha Athon
- Michael Conn
- James McAllister
- Eric Walker
- Cameron Robb
- Grant Kee
- Jeffrey Young

On Sunday, May 17, our Grace Family celebrated "SENIOR SUNDAY" with a delicious Italian pot luck dinner. This year's slide show, prepared by Josh Bauerle, entertained the crowd with silly and sentimental photos of the graduating seniors. Rev. Pense applauded the seniors for their accomplishments and assured them that their Grace family would pray for their success in their future endeavors. Many of these young people were baptized and confirmed in our church. The first weekend of June will be a busy one for all the seniors and their families with graduation exercises and celebrations with family and friends. Keep these families in your prayers as they celebrate this exciting time!

We are called by the Holy Spirit into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ, glorifying God, growing in faith, serving others, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Reading the Gospel of Mark

The gospel of Mark has 666 verses. Reading about nine verses each day, a person can read the whole gospel in 77 days. And that is exactly what we are being invited and challenged to do. Beginning on Sunday, May 31, the Day of Pentecost through Saturday, August 15 Grace-folk are encouraged to read Mark. Specific verses will be published in each week's worship bulletin. A list of readings for the whole gospel will be available for pick-up and posted on the website. Join us.

Summertime GraceVine

There will be ONE GraceVine published for the months of July and August.

Deadline June 28
Mail out mid-July

Your editors need a vacation!
Thank you for your understanding
and patience.





From the Pastor

Dear Friends –

I've been thinking a lot about the various gifts and talents and abilities that God gives us. It is an amazing variety. I particularly have been thinking about perseverance. Think about it. Our wonderful high school graduates have persevered, completed this part of their education and made plans for future study and preparation. Their parents have persevered as well. Many of you

have pushed forward through difficult times – the illness or death of a loved one, problems with drugs, difficulties in school or work, loss of jobs – the list is pretty long these days.

Here at Grace there are many examples of folks continuing to work and pray and study and push forward – teaching young children, teaching teenagers, ushering, counting money, singing and ringing, going to all kinds of meetings, praying, - not to mention the discipline and joy of weekly worship. Then there is our new audio-visual equipment and our new church sign – both of

which took many months to come to completion. Meals on Wheels – five days a week. Food distributed through New Day – twice a week. LIGHTT – every Sunday afternoon. And these are just a few of many examples.

During an interim time, perseverance is a welcomed gift. It supports us on our journey into the future God has waiting for us. Thanks be to God.

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- All photos should be digital in either .tif or .jpg format(s).
- Articles/information may be submitted through email and/or MS Word document.

2009 GRACE STEWARDSHIP FAIR



Sunday, October 4, 2009
from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

*“Planting Seeds
and Harvesting Talents”*

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Karl Travis, Pastor at
First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth

Job hunting? Try this weekly networking opportunity!

Our friends at Grace Lutheran Church are sponsoring a Career Connection for folks looking for work. Call at 817-274-1626 or go to www.careerconnection.org for additional information.

Grace Lutheran Church
210 W. Park Row
Arlington, TX 76010
Folks meet face to face each Thursday from 6-9 p.m.



**SESSION BRIEFS -
April 14, 2009
Stated Meeting**

The Session ...

● elected Ron Musfeldt to serve as Commissioner to Grace Presbytery for the June 4 Presbytery meeting in Waco. Clerk Kent Couch was authorized to seek out and appoint a second Elder to be Commissioner.

● discussed and prepared responses to a questionnaire sent by the General Presbyter search committee.

● learned that the annual Pan American School mission trip for youth was cancelled by the school since they will not be operating during the summer months.

● learned that Grace will spearhead an ecumenical effort to complete planting of the Green Oaks median west of Mansfield Road.

● learned of and approved a gift from a member to have all of the church carpets cleaned.

● approved a motion to fund repair of the flat roof in the places where it is leaking.

● discussed a digital GraceVine alternative and the new Grace website!

● discussed and approved various Eagle Scout service projects for the church.

● learned the outcome of the Heifer project and heard about

summer VBS plans with Westminster

● learned that the new cookbook will have 300 recipes and will be available in September for use as Christmas gifts.

Commendations:

● John Sutton, for his faithfulness and creativity in organizing the well-attended Sunrise Easter Worship service.

● Lauren Geppert, for sharing her time and musical talent as part of the flute duet on youth Sunday

● Julie Bayless and Mark Hellberg, for their volunteer time and effort to produce the youth-led worship service.

● Youth Choir, for sharing their outstanding musical talent during the youth-led worship service.



To activate the Grace Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain:

- Phone John Matson at 817-465-0014
- Email johnmatson@tx.rr.com
- Go online at www.gpcarlington.org using the prayer chain link

Thank you ...

Many thanks to everyone for their kindness of prayers, cards, and delicious food that was prepared and brought to our family, on behalf of my dad's (Dean Duncan) recent passing. Our heart's have been touched by all of you.

Cathy Matson and Family

Ulster Project begins another year. . .

The Ulster Project is beginning another year soon. Twenty-two teenagers from Northern Ireland will spend a month here in Arlington in this program focused on building tolerance, trust, and on-going positive relationships between Roman Catholic and Protestant Christians. The opening worship service will be held on Monday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, 5011 W. Pleasant Ridge Road. All are welcome.



Yarn Ministry

Summer is the perfect time to start something new!

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9
Thursday, June 18



Women of Grace
There will be **NO MEETING** of
WOG in June

Things slow down during the summer for most of us. But the Yarn Ministry does not take a break ... we have work to do!. Come learn how to knit or crochet so you will have something to keep you busy during vacation! We have only three months left to make scarves for Dr. Tom Whinery's mission trip to Romania. Linda Short and her sister, JoAn, have already made 50 scarves! At each of our gatherings, we enjoy visiting and admiring each other's current works of art. We would love for you to join us!

VBS 2009

“Rome: Paul and the Underground Church”

Join your kids as they explore a crowded Roman marketplace ... tip-toe past Roman guards ... encourage Christians in an underground church ... and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love!

Rome ... where the Bible comes to life! Race a chariot, try on a toga ... nibble on medieval fare ... and experience the power of Scripture and the courage of the early church!

Rome ... where the Apostle Paul is your Bible teacher!



joins with Grace Presbyterian Church and is transformed into a Roman marketplace where kids will experience the sights and sounds, taste and smells of first century Rome.

Strap on your sandals and get ready for a fun adventure!

Who: Children ages 3 years –
Going into sixth grade (Fall 2009)

When: Mon. Aug. 3 – Fri. Aug. 7
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Grace Presbyterian
Church

5500 Mansfield Road
Arlington, Texas
(817) 468-0317

Speak to Ron Musfeldt at Grace (GPC) or Dianna Boger at (WPC), or call the church offices for information!

We are very excited again this year to join with Westminster to share God's love and Bible stories from the book of Romans.

Pre-Register NOW!

VOLUNTEERS needed!



Children's Education

Beginning June 7th, the We Believe summer program will feature Bible studies written by participants of the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program. The stories connect participants to 13 mission sites around the world. Additional volunteers to help teach and present this program are needed. If you are interested please contact Kate Juengerman.

Our children want to thank everyone who contributed to making this year's Heifer Project was a resounding success. \$404.60 was collected in support Heifer International. In addition to taking responsibility to collect and account for the money, our children voted on the selection of the animals to be purchased for families and communities around the world. Their decision was to buy a pig, water buffalo, flock of chicks, and a share of rabbits. It was an exciting vote that everyone got to participate in.

Teacher appreciation was special this year because our children dedicated a sage planting along the playground to the wonderful teachers who have dedicated their time and talents. We sure hope everyone enjoyed the church wide picnic on Sunday, 31 May. We Did!!!

VBS News: Be sure to read the half-page VBS announcement in this issue of the GraceVine. You'll also want to know that this year family participation will be encouraged. Family members will make the journey together into "Rome and the Underground Church." This will be a wonderful experience for everyone in the family, and we are looking forward to your participation!



Scott Long, Greater Arlington Lion's Club, presents \$500 check to Scoutmaster Donny Goforth.

Troop's 54th Eagle Scout – Andrew Haslam

On April 20th, Andrew Haslam passed his District Board of Review for Eagle Scout. Upon approval from the national headquarters, Andrew will become the 54th Eagle Scout of Troop 421. Congratulations, Andrew!

Greater Arlington Lion's Club Donates \$500 to the Troop

The Greater Arlington Lion's Club presented a check of \$500 to Boy Scout Troop 421 on May 11. This generous gift will be used to letter and decal the new troop trailer.

Venture Crew 421

The Crew would like to thank all of those that came to Molly's Burgers and Shakes on Saturday, April 18th. The members of the Crew worked for tips as a fundraiser for their trek to Philmont in 2010.



Guadalupe River Trip – June 19-21

The troop will kick off the summer with a float trip down the Guadalupe River on June 19-21. They will camp at Guadalupe State Park and float the river in tubes, kayaks, and canoes.



Serving at Grace



Congratulations to Our New Stephen Ministers!



New Day and LIGHTT

In April we shared our blessings with the young people in the NEW DAY/LIGHTT and Nurse Family Partnership Programs in this tangible way:

- 96 Bags of Food to Venture High School
- 34 Bags of Food to LIGHTT kids
- 76 Snacks, juice and fruit to Venture High School
- 16 Bags of Food to Nurse Family Partnership Clients

As a congregation supposedly in transition, waiting for a minister, you never cease to amaze me in the things you do, thanks in large part to Betsy's leadership. Keep up the good work and God bless you all for your generosity and loving hearts. Many young people are being nourished in body and soul through these ministries.

Joan Smith

Our new Stephen Ministers successfully completed their 50+ hours of training on May 26th and now are ready, willing, and able to serve.

Congratulations to:

Paula Bauerle
Mark Hellberg
Peggy Hellberg
Janie Whiney

A huge thanks to Dick Townsend who went through the training again as a refresher course and provided invaluable insight to the group.

The new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at both services on June 28.

If you are struggling with something in your life and would like someone to talk to and pray with you, consider having a Stephen Minister. Contact Louie Nash 817-538-5755 or louie.nash@sidehike.net

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Hendricks	6-1
Jay Fuquay	6-1
Kate Loveless	6-2
April Lechelt	6-5
Bart Robb	6-6
Rod Jones	6-7
Janet Denny	6-9
Erin Couch	6-12
John McRoberts	6-13
Peter Seggelink	6-17
Sheri Capehart	6-18
Gary Geppert	6-19
Cathy matson	6-20
Anna Perez	6-20
Charles Bogart	6-20
Whitney Black	6-21
Charlotte Sutton	6-23
Lauren Geppert	6-23
Jeff Arrington	6-23
Becky Couch	6-24
Yvonne Naykene	6-24
Hope Seggelink	6-25
Steve Waggoner	6-27
Jennifer King	6-27
Jamie Curtis	6-29
Jack Kean	6-30



Using our time & talents in service. . .

Early Service

Late Service

June 7

Guardian Angels
Acolyte
Joys & Concerns
Liturgist
Communion Servers

Communion Set-up
Communion Cleanup

Ann Livingston

Karen Ellen Anderson
Peggy Hellberg
Chip Black, Linda Black
Whitney Black, Sam McAllister
Mike McCoy and Jennifer King
Melinda and Dave Kinkel

Becky Couch
Miranda Ross

Susan Musfeldt
Virginia Kendrick, Ann Stites
Bill Epperson, John Matson

June 14

Guardian Angel
Joys & Concerns
Liturgist

Louie Nash
Paula Bauerle
Jan Nash

Ana Waggoner

Tom Denny

June 21

Guardian Angel
Joys & Concerns
Liturgist

Mike Dillman
Whitney Black
Lauren Geppert

Frank Bauerle

Bill Irwin

June 28

Guardian Angel
Joys & Concerns
Liturgist

Barb or Sam McAllister
Rick Brunson
Emily McAllister

Dixie Conine

Lisa Whinery

** * * Carpet Cleaning * * **

Some very careful scheduling has been done to allow for the carpets in the building to be cleaned on June 19.

We will need some help moving as much furniture as possible from the classrooms to the sanctuary the evening of Thursday, June 18 at 7 pm

Then again, we'll need help moving things back on Saturday, June 20th at 7 pm

Building and Grounds Ministry also asks that there be little or NO traffic in the church in between Thursday and Saturday.



ANNIVERSARIES

Syd & Chris Askew	6-1
Dixie & Chuck Conine	6-1
Janet & Tom Denny	6-2
Ann & Howard Livingston	6-7
Carol & Barry Bogart	6-8
Betty & Tom Sicks	6-8
Jamie & Bob Curtis	6-12
Diane & Scott Kee	6-15
Susan & Driscoll Bell	6-16
Robbie & Rick Brunson	6-17
Karen Ellen & Brian Anderson	6-18
Linda & Chip Black	6-20
Dawn & Joe Coleman	6-26
Tamara & Bart Robb	6-29
Cathy & John Matson	6-29
Sherry & Brent Tipton	6-30

Ordinary Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am Contemporary Celebration Service

9:45 am Church School

11:00 am Traditional Service

Welcome to life together in Jesus Christ! We extend an invitation to membership in Grace Presbyterian Church to all who feel called to grow in faith and discipleship with this warm fellowship of Christians. Please let the Pastor or an Elder, know of your desire to join. Come join our family of faith!

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