

Grace Notes

April 2011



From the Pastor's Desk



While composing this month's Grace Notes, I'm quickly reminded of the fact that spring is in the air as the lifeless trees and plants of winter are in bloom with their beautiful splendor. If it wasn't for all the pollen in the air and the annual blanket of yellow covering my car triggering watery eyes and allergies, it would be my most favorite time of year. The colors of fall come close, but nothing compares to the newness and beauty of spring with all the flowers and new growth taking place across God's creation. In spite of those allergies I can see dimly through my tears and runny nose and enjoy the show. I hope you can do the same.

I mention that simply because the celebration of Easter is a lot like that as well, isn't it? We know

the beauty of the buds, the flowers, and the new growth that's taking place through Christ's resurrection within us, but like my allergies, the repentant season of Lent and the events of Holy Week, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday – Jesus' betrayal at the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday – and Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday - certainly seek to cloud our vision of the significance of the angel's announcement to the women at the tomb on that first Easter morning that said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He's not here! He's risen just as he said!" It certainly must have been a morning unlike any other – through the tears and gloom of a crucified Savior – God brings forth new life from the grave in the resurrection and forever transforms our hearts and lives by His grace. We live our new life in Him and He lives in us and because He does, our lives are never the same again as we live for Him and not for ourselves.

April will certainly be a busy time for our Grace Lutheran Church and School with all we have going on with the Transforming Congregation's

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Serving the City as One

Just as a reminder to those of you who registered as participants in Serve the City as One you should have been contacted by now about your service project. This community outreach event will be held on Saturday, April 2 and hosted by First Baptist Church in Huntsville.

From the Pastor's Desk

Network Consultation Weekend to be held on April 1-3, our continued Pastoral Call process, the closing out of our Midweek Lenten Services, our Sunday Sermon Series on, "Just Walk Across the Room," and our Holy Week festivities all leading up to our glorious celebration of Easter on April 24!

I hope you're making plans now to join with us throughout Holy

Week with our Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:45 PM on April 21 and our Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 6:45 PM on April 22. This year's Easter celebration will feature a Traditional Easter Sunrise Communion Service at 7:00 AM highlighting our Midweek Series of, "Christ in the Strangest Places." The Youth will be serving our Easter Breakfast from 8:00 – 9:15 AM.

Then, join with us for our special Easter Festival Celebration Service to be held in the Family Life Center beginning at 10:45 AM with a life-applicable message of our new life in Christ. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors and together let's celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Blair Clark

Generations In Faith Together (GIFT)

We've been taking a break from GIFT for Lent, but will be getting started again after Easter on April 27th! We'll be learning a new verse with sign language and music, hearing a new story, and, as always, creating some excellent art. Our story will be "A Friend in The Night", which is based on a parable Jesus shared with his disciples to help them understand the importance of prayer. So, please come join us April 27th as we kick off our final Theme Set for the year!

GIFT: Families with children 5th grade and younger come together on Wednesday evenings during the school year to hear Bible Stories, learn key Scriptures using songs and sign language, and create art to share. It's a wonderful, fun way to spend time with your family, learn, and have fun all at the same time! Your children will love it and you will too! So, come join us on Wednesdays 6—7:30 PM! For more information contact Heather Roberts (roberts2006@bellsouth.net) or John Mays (jbmays96@yahoo.com).

Kids Praise Team: GIFT children learn to sing and play instruments. We do traditional hymns, praise songs, Bible songs, and other fun music. The kids perform periodically for the congregation. It really is A LOT of fun! Practice is Wednesday evenings during GIFT, which starts at 6PM. For more information please contact John or Emily Willis (430-9537 or mail2ew@gmail.com)

The GIFT Center is located in the Annex across from the Assembly Room and the School Library.

What would it be worth to you to have a teenager some day who won't go to sleep without talking to you about their day? Praying with you? Blessing you? Would it be worth five minutes? Tonight? Every night?"



It's Finally Here

The TCN Consultation Weekend April 1-3!

After months of meetings, preparations, surveys, a congregational self-study, and the tireless efforts of many of our staff and volunteers, Grace Lutheran Church and School will be hosting our first ever Transforming Churches Network (TCN) Consultation Weekend on April 1-3, 2011. The Transforming Churches Network (TCN) is an officially Recognized Service Organization (RSO) (as are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) who sponsors The Lutheran Hour radio broadcast) and the content of their work has gone through doctrinal review by our Synod's officials. To date some 22 Districts of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have sought the assistance of TCN including our Southern District for assisting in the revitalization of some 400 congregations across our Synod as part of Synod's "Ablaze Movement."

What this means for us is that in response to the congregation's approval of our Task Force Recommendations evaluating our mission and ministry effectiveness, we have contracted with TCN and the Southern District – LCMS for an onsite professional consultation

of our entire ministry effectiveness. It is much like the NLSA School Accreditation Process our Day School undergoes every seven (7) years, or like that of our body (as the Bible calls the Church) that goes to the doctor for an evaluation of one's health and the subsequent prescriptions that are ordered for increasing one's health. The major difference between this consultation and the others Grace has contracted in the past, is that upon approval of the report, our congregation and pastor will be assigned a specially trained Coach who will walk with us in completing our assignments within the next 18-24 months.

The consultation will include a weekend of staff and leader interviews, church and school focus groups, a training seminar, a special Sunday message delivered by our consultant, and presentation of our final report containing 5 strengths, 5 areas needed for improvement, and 5 prescriptions for assisting our congregation in our ministry effectiveness in our community. Our congregation will have four (4) to six (6) weeks to pray over and discuss whether or not this is the ministry direction God would have us to take in accomplishing Christ's mission. A special congregational meeting will be

held to accept or reject the entire report and prescriptions. A 2/3 vote of the congregation is required and there are no line-item vetoes for the report or prescriptions offered by the consultants.

As we enter this special weekend, please keep the following TCN Team members in your prayers as they prepare, travel, and assist us in this process next weekend. The team assigned to us includes the following:

- **Rev. Terry Tieman** – TCN Executive Director will serve as the Lead Consultant
- **Rev. Jim Kirk** – Emeritus Pastor/Part-Time TCN Coordinator of the East Region of the Mid-South District – LCMS
- **Mr. Bill Klein** – Layman and Worship Leader at St. Paul's – Decatur, AL
- **Mrs. Heidi Lewis** – Director of Christian Education living in Hernando, MS
- **Rev. Ted Richter** – Emeritus Pastor living in Pensacola, FL.
- **Rev. Steve Link** – Assigned Coach for us and Pastor of Grace – Pensacola, FL
- **Gene Menzel** – Southern District Coordinator of TCN and observer

The Principal's Corner

God never promised us a rose garden. He came up front with us and admitted that the arena of this world is not a "friend of grace to help us onto God." Nevertheless, strange as it may seem, He went on to tell a handful of Palestinian peasants (and all godly servants in every generation) that their influence would be nothing short of remarkable. As Mark 5:13-15 states "You are the salt of the Earth...and the light of the world." That is what we are called to be and that is why it is so important to continue to educate, train, and equip our young to become the next change agent of this world. Imagine, the church equipping generation after generation to go forth and make a difference.

Many have asked what that looks like in a school setting. How do we set ourselves apart? The answer is simple and yet complex. Education is not just

about reading, writing, arithmetic, fancy tech labs, Smartboards, E.L.M.O.S., science labs, Smart Response Systems, and the like (although all those wonderful resources are needed for training children for the information age). Education is also deeper than SAT tests. Education is personal, caring, genuine mentoring. Education is about people. How well we train and equip our children in handling the complexities of life is what makes a Premier School. What better starting point to teach from than the Bible! God tells us that equipping and training must first center on God, from that solid foundation everything else will blossom and grow. Our work is cut out for us at Grace. Our task is to prepare children for a complex, cynical world that will despise them for being change agents in Christ. But it's how we equip them that will make all the difference in the world. Leaders are made by

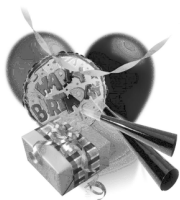


Matthew 4:19
the opportunities we present to them and how well we equip them. Technology, community service, and offering classes that allow for a variety of unique skill development is only an extension of what we are working on; the true heart is and always will remain Christ. It is through such lenses that God will bless and strengthen our efforts. Together, through Christ who blesses us, can we therefore make a difference. I invite you all to check out our new testimonial video and share it with those whom you know. Who knows? It may just make a difference.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpcQmivow54>

Serving His Kingdom,

Joshua Swartz
Principal



A Special Word of Thanks

I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks and praise to God for you, the members of Grace Lutheran Church, for all

of your many well-wishes, e-mails, cards, gifts, crows, and more in helping me to celebrate my 50th birthday!

Thank you all for the expressions of love that were offered and for your assistance in helping me over the hill! God is good and I thank Him for His grace and love in Jesus Christ.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Blair

Join us for a Sunday Morning Bible Class Starting April 3rd!!

We would like to have the whole congregation take the classes the “Truth Project” and “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality”, so we are offering them again to give you that opportunity.

Exploring Grace

If you’re looking for a new church home, would like to discover the distinctive philosophy that makes Grace Lutheran Church an exciting and alive community of believers, or just want to “refresh” your knowledge about the Christian

faith then join us. This is an 8 week course that concludes with a special 3 hour Saturday morning workshop! *Please contact the church office or Pastor Blair for more information.*

This class is meeting in the School Library at 9:30.

Leaders: *Scott Miller and Jim & Beth Hartmann*

Just Walk Across the Room

One of the most effective ways to introduce others to the Christian faith is also the simplest: venture out of your comfort zone to show a genuine interest in others, then start conversations about your faith that are rooted in friendship.

Class begins at 9:30 in the Annex Assembly Room

Leader: Pastor Blair Clark

The Truth Project

The goal of the “Truth Project” from *Focus on the Family* is to look upon the face of God – and to be transformed in the process. We will look at the fundamental issues of What is Truth? Who is Man? Who is God? Does God Care? Do I care? This video series will challenge us intellectually and spiritually to see God’s hand in history and in our



lives and to live out our love for the Lord and for each other.

Class begins at 9:15 in the 7th Grade Classroom

Leader: *Dick Bradshaw*
“Life Light” Study of Romans

In the letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul reveals the crushing weight of God’s law condemning us in our sin. When it appears that nothing can tip the scales in our favor, Paul points to

Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Christ bore the weight of our sins and paid the price for our salvation. You will discover new insights as you dig into the book of Romans. Enjoy this time of growing in your personal faith in Jesus Christ, and then serving and witnessing to others.

Class begins at 9:30 in the 6th Grade classroom.

Leader: *Kevin Brandon*

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

You can’t be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. God awakens us to a biblical integration of emotional health, our relationship with Jesus, and the classic practices of contemplative spirituality. As believers, we are to live differently than the current evangelical culture by truly focusing on Jesus instead of busyness and/or ministry, and to deal with emotional issues that interfere with our relationship with Him.

Class begins at 9:30 in the 8th Grade Classroom.

Leader: *Judy Zecher*

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College and Career Class

One of the most effective ways to introduce others to the Christian faith is also the simplest: venture out of your comfort zone to show a genuine interest in others, then start conversations about your faith that are rooted in friendship. We will be discussing the materials from Bill Hybels' book Just Walk Across the Room.

We meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at Panera Bread Co. (corner of Airport Rd. and Whitesburg Dr.)

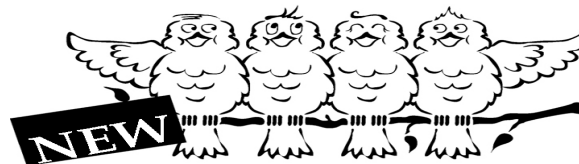
Leaders: Heather Roberts (256-883-9319) and Joy Brindley (256-489-7657).

High School Class – Does God Exist?

Dr. Stephen Meyer pits four world views against one another in the quest to decide which one gives the best answers. He examines the evidence and provides the tools needed for students to defend their Christian faith and make it their own.

We meet in the Youth Room at 9:30.

Leaders: Matt & Billie Hurst



WEEKDAY BIBLE CLASSES:

Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace"

Have you wondered where your money goes?

This video teaching by Dave Ramsey has

lessons on saving, debt elimination, investing, planning for the future, giving, etc. These principles apply to everyone – whether you are financially secure or are struggling with debt.

We plan to resume this class in August. Let us know of your interest!

Cost of materials per couple is \$99.00.

Leaders: David Zecher (256-464-6524) and Bob Drensek (256-859-5383)

Weekday Bible Classes

Monday Mornings at 9:30 AM. We are studying Ray VanderLaan's "Walk as Jesus Walked" led by Sylvia Miller. Join us in the church library.

Tuesday Mornings at 9-11 AM. We are studying Beth Moore's newly updated video study on David, "Seeking a Heart Like His". We meet in the home of Nancy Rice (256-880-9374).

Thursday Mornings at 9:30. We are currently studying the book of Ephesians.

We meet in the home of Sina Andrews (256-461-9384).

Bethel Bible Series is a 21 week overview study of the Bible that ties together the themes, events and time periods of the Old and New Testaments. We will begin a new Old Testament study next fall.

Contact Judy Zecher (256-722-3612) or Millie Sallo (256-880-1128) if you are interested.

The Congregation is Cordially Invited to:

**The Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 24
8:00-9:15 a.m., in the FLC Gym**



Fresh Orange Juice & Apple Juice
Baked Sausage and Egg Dish
(Regular Recipe or Lite Recipe)
Hash Brown Casserole
Buttermilk Pancakes
Cranberry-Walnut Pancakes
with Hot Maple Syrup & Honey
Oatmeal with Butter & Brown Sugar
Homemade Coffeecake Buffet
Fresh Donuts
Chilled Fruit Cocktail
Hot Coffee or Tea

***Freewill Offering for
Senior Youth Trips and Retreats!**

Grace Lutheran School Endowment Fund

...A Professionally managed Fund that gives perpetual support to Christian education at Grace Lutheran School.

Is it Possible to Give Something to the School Endowment Fund and Still Receive an Income for Life?

Yes. There are ways to receive a lifetime income stream from a gift to the church, the Endowment Fund or any other charity. One way is through the use of a

charitable remainder trust (CRT). It works like this:

- An asset is put into a special trust called a charitable remainder, trust that is regulated by federal law, and is invested.
- The donor receives an income tax deduction for part of the value of the gift and income
- from the trust for his or her lifetime or for a term of years.
- After the donor passes away, the money remaining in the trust is distributed to the Endowment Fund or charity of one's choice. This is an irrevocable gift.

Midweek Lenten and Holy Week Series

“Christ in the Strangest Places: Fulfilled, Foreshadowed, Forever!”

Midweek Services

All Services Begin at 6:45 PM

March 30, 2011
Week #4: “Christ in the Strangest
Places – Enlist!”
Judges 6:16

April 6, 2011
Week #5: “Christ in the Strangest
Places – Invest!”
Jeremiah 32:25

April 13, 2011
Week #6: “Christ in the Strangest
Places – Finish!”
1 Kings 11:3

Holy Week Services

April 17, 2011
Palm Sunday
“The Guy with the Donkey!”
Matthew 21:3

April 21, 2011
Maundy Thursday Communion Service
“Christ in the Strangest Places – Refuge!”
Joshua 20:7-9

April 22, 2011
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
“Christ in the Strangest Places – Nobody!”
Deuteronomy 7:7

EASTER SUNDAY
April 24, 2011

7:00 AM
Easter Sunrise Communion Service
“Christ in the Strangest Places – Buried?”
2 Kings 13:21

8:00 – 9:15 AM
Easter Breakfast
Family Life Center Gym

10:45 AM
Easter Festival Celebration Service



Ladies of Grace

You are invited -- LWML

**The Mountain Lakes Zone
Christian Growth Worship
At Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Florence, Alabama 35630

April 9, 2011

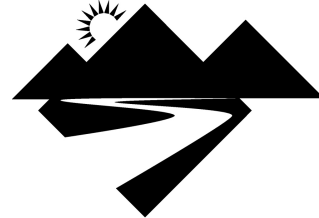
Registration – 8:45 – 9:30 A.M.

Registration fee is \$7.00, which includes lunch.

Judy Zecher will be the Bible Study Leader.

If you are planning to attend please let Lynn Harmon know by March 31st.

We will take the van.



Mite Marathon from the Portland LWML Convention

The latest remaining balance we need is \$248,503 as of March 11th. Marathon Mites can be sent directly to the national office at PO Box 411993, St Louis, MO 63141-1993 but be sure and mark them as such. Or you can donate online at lwml.org. Thanks to those who may have already given those Marathon Mites. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Newly Revised “Exploring Grace”

If you’re looking for a new church home, would like to discover the distinctive philosophy that makes Grace Lutheran Church an exciting and alive community of believers, or just want to “refresh” your knowledge about the Christian faith, then mark your calendars for Sunday, at 9:35 AM, as our

newly revised “EXPLORING GRACE CLASS” meets. This is an 8-week course that concludes with a special two and half hour Saturday morning worship! Please contact the church office or Pastor Blair for more information.

Thanks, thanks and more thanks!



Dear Members of Grace,

In recent months, I've undergone two major surgeries and lost my dear father and my favorite aunt, but I must say that I've never in my life felt more loved, more honored, more treasured. That's because you, my wonderful Christian friends and sweet family, have cuddled and comforted me; you've nourished my body with delicious food and my soul with your prayers. You've sent me cards and flowers and emails; you've called me and visited me. In every way, you have been wonderful vessels of God's love.

That's part of what being a Christian is all about, isn't it? We allow God to use us. We fill ourselves up with His love and let it overflow into the kindnesses we extend to others. I am very grateful for God's love as shown to me through you. I really do feel as if "my cup overflows" Thank you, everyone!

In God's love,
Kay Bradburn

Dear Members of Grace and Burnt Offerings,

Thank you so much for the fund raising efforts for Maisie Anne. Your generosity means so much to our family. Maisie is doing well and we hope to visit Grace soon.

Sincerely,
Jennifer House

Dear Pastor Blair and all Members of Grace,

Thank you for the gift bag you presented me last Sunday as a new member. I'm glad to now be an official member of Grace's congregation.

Sincerely,
Judith B. Gibson

Dear Pastor and all our Church Family at Grace,

And a special thank you to the children who helped make the beautiful Chrismon tree in our living room. It gives us joy and brings such a loving Christmas message. We have received so

many gifts from our church family, and they have and do fill our hearts and home with your love. How we would love to hug you all. Pastor mentioned the second grade made the angels on top of the Chrismon tree. Each Chrismon is just beautiful - especially

because you made the. Thank you! God bless you all.

With all our love,
Dick and Shirley Olson

Psalm 118:24

"This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift! I am thankful that you have included LCMS World Relief and Human Care in your stewardship. Please pray for our staff as they carry out our Synod's work of mercy throughout the world. You are a part of a great crowd of witnesses who on behalf of the people of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod share Christ's mercy in our life together as we provide relief and care for body and soul. None of it would happen without you. Thank you! We thank God for you and your gift of \$6,515.50 to Building Homes and Hope - Haiti.

In Christ, Rev. Matthew Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Foster Community Update

Hispanic Cooking Class

April 9th is the next cooking class for the Hispanic community at Grace. Attendees will be from the English Classes, Iglesia and the A&M Hispanic Nutrition class. They want to learn how to make more salads (including cole slaw like Kentucky Fried Chicken serves!). We are **Making a Difference** in the quality of their lives by acculturating them. There is even opportunity to share the love of Jesus and bring new members to Iglesia.

Special thanks to the Ladies of Grace Circle members for their generous donation to help pay for supplies needed for upcoming cooking classes. This assistance is greatly appreciated and it is nice to know that what we are doing for the Foster / Hispanic Community is supported by so many Grace members. THANKS-you are **Making a Difference** through your donation!

The members of Iglesia de la Comunidad would like to thank Grace for Making a Difference in their lives.

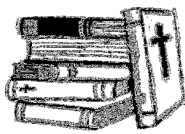
English Classes

The last class for this session was held March 17th. The next 10 week session begins April 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The group is learning our common table prayer and it is interesting to hear it said with a Latino accent. Thanks to Sheila Sierk for having provided evening meals for everyone in attendance. It is much easier to learn when you are not hungry. Most of the students in this past session do not have a church home so we are praying they join Iglesia. Thanks to those who have helped with this session: Sheila and Dennis Sierk, Clint and Marion Camealy, Lila Nelson, Jack and Marilyn Renfro and Phil and Kleone Nelson.

CAJA Yuri Night

This is a fund raiser for CAJA - nationwide we are known as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Grace Lutheran School will be represented by a banner and advertising.

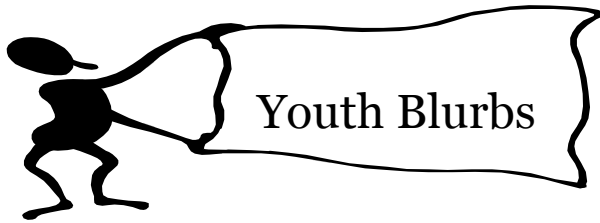
Hello! "Yuri Night" (remember the Russian Cosmonaut) is coming April 9th. If you would like to spend an evening with astronauts, food/beverage and a live band...call Mary Conner - 256.881.1533 for more information.



Christian Book Club

Christian Book Club Meeting

The **Christian Book Club** will meet in April 13, at 10:00 am in the church library. The book we are reading is *Out Live Your Life* by **Max Lucado**. We will discuss this book at this time.



Our Church offers **one of the best ministries possible to young people: "Faith Mentoring!"** Many studies reveal and the Bible itself agrees that **young people learn about God best when their parents become directly involved** in the faith life of their children. Our ministry utilizes **small groups, Youth Counselors, and parents** attending with their youth to **learn, play, and serve together. It is called:**

"Faith Journey"

**for Middle School and Senior High Youth
Wednesday Nights
6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Annex
(Wed. Night Supper, 5:15-5:45 p.m.)**

April 27 Learning Night: Church & Saints/God's Call
May 4 DREAM TEAM
May 11 Learning Night: Lord's Prayer Overview
May 18 Learning Night: Ten Com Overview

SUPER SATURDAY NIGHT !

**For Middle School & Senior Youth, Grades 6-12+
Saturdays, Apr. 2, 7:00-9:30 p.m.**

In the Family Life Center Gym & Youth Center !!!

***FREETIME IN THE YOUTH CENTER!**

- *Open gym, basketball, games, friendship, food, fun!
- *Christian Growth & Prayer
- *Video games, foosball, pool, Rock Band, Wii!
- *Everyone in Grades 6-12+ is invited to come and bring friends!
- *Please bring brownies, cookies, or a snack to share.

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND IS COMING!

- *ORAL REVIEW – Fri., April 29, 7:00 p.m.
- *BANQUET – Sat., April 30, 6:00 p.m.
- *RITE OF CONFIRMATION – Sun., May 1

Jeremiah Burhans	CJ Creel
Christopher Dresek	Sawyer Ragan
Julianna Speck	Sophie Thorsen
Megan Zecher	

SENIOR YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!

We will gather to set-up on Sat., April 23, 6:00 p.m., in the FLC Gym. On Easter Sunday, April 24, plan to come to the kitchen at 7:00 a.m. with your breakfast casseroles. We will prepare everything and serve at 8:00-9:15 a.m. Clean-up will be at 9:15-10:00 a.m. Parents, we need your help; please plan to come during one of these shifts.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & ADVANCED DEGREE GRADUATES!

Sunday, May 1, 2011
at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Services
With a Reception in their honor
9:00 a.m., in the Family Life Center

If you have not yet been contacted, please let us know if someone in your family is graduating from high school, college or with an advanced degree. We want to make sure that our Congregation has a chance to recognize you and praise God for you. Please see Kevin Brandon.

SENIOR YOUTH SERVANT-MISSION TRIP CAMP RESTORE, NEW ORLEANS Sun.-Sat., June 12-18, 2011

Camp Restore is a meal site with bunk-houses for relief workers. They will deploy us for an entire week of servant events to "Restore Faith, Home, and Community" in post-Katrina New Orleans. We will serve wherever needed with projects such as sheet rock, ceramic tile, painting, site clean-up, prayer-walking a neighborhood, etc. We will also have Bible study and prayer for each other each night. A few spaces are left – see Kevin Brandon ASAP! Cost is \$340 per youth; \$315 per adult.

Those Serving in the Month of April

8:00 AM

Elders

Bill Zecher

Ushers

Tom Naatz

Frank Childs

Mark Scott

Greeters

Apr 3 Frank & Carol Childs

Apr 10 Paul & Shirley Counts

Apr 17 Bob & Sabina Wank

Apr 24 Dennis & Sheila Sierk

Sound & Video Operators

Apr 3 Tommy Presley

Apr 10 Harvey Lange

Apr 17 Bill McFerrin

Apr 24 David Zecher

Acolytes

Apr 3 Austin Clark, Megan Zecher

Apr 10 Kristin Thoms, Sophie Thorsen

Apr 17 Jeremiah & Zachary Burhans

Apr 24 Julianna & Justin Speck

10:45 PM

Terry Miller

Norma Palmer

Joy Brindley

Chris & Heather Roberts

Susie McIntosh

Joyce Larder, Peggy Stuckey

Anthony Howard, Jim Hartmann

Brian Steeve, Kathryn Bradshaw

Ken Ols, Bob Drensek

Bob McCutcheon, Paul Drensek

Jesse Rullman, Christopher Drensek

Emma, Josh & Sarah Miller

CJ Creel, John Bloom

Helen Steeve, Maddie Denis



Saints Alive April Events

On Wednesday April 6th the Saints Alive will take a walking tour of the historical section of the local Maple Hill Cemetery. We will leave the Grace parking lot at 9:30 AM to meet our special guide Jackie Reeves for a one hour tour. The cost will be \$8.00 person. Lunch will follow at the 1892 East restaurant in Five Points.

On Wednesday, April 20th we will host Herb Lewis at Grace Assembly Room and learn about the Bird Habitat in north Alabama. Follow by a TBA lunch. We will be the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis in their family garden.

Sounds like two fun spring days so make certain that you sign up and not miss them.



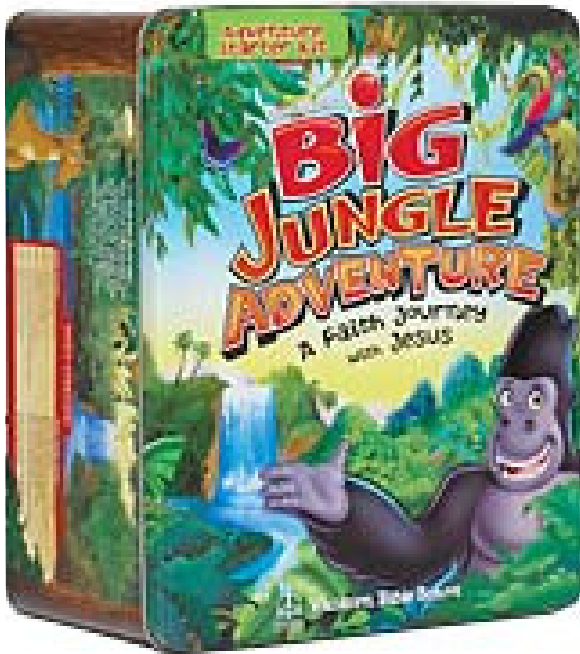


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Big Jungle Adventure

Vacation Bible School!

We are planning for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday mornings June 13 through June 17 2011 with Concordia's BIG Jungle Adventure. On this adventure, kids will learn about Jesus and how He cares for His people of all times and places. As kids hear the stories from Scripture, they will learn to relate these Bible truths to their own Faith Journey.

Please help support this important mission. First, mark your calendar. Second, pray and ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior and ask God to provide leaders and helpers for the best VBS yet!

Bible Theme Verse

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen 2Timothy 4:18