



**Are you growing?** What a funny question. There are many areas of our life in which we need to grow. We need to grow physically, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and relationally to mention a few. We welcome you here today as we strive to grow in our relationship with the Lord and others. Millions of people will watch the Super Bowl today. As they watch the game, they will see some of the most talented professional football players in the world compete. These men were not born in the shape and condition they are in today, rather they developed over time. Our desire should be to continue to develop over time to be the person God wants us to be.

**During the months of February and March we are going to focus on 40 Days of Love.** Of course there are more than 40 days combined in February and March, however we are going to take several additional weeks to prepare us for loving they way God wants us to love. In order for us to live a life of love as God desires, we must grow and mature in our walk with God. Our focus today is learning to grow for a lifetime instead of growing sporadically from time to time.

**There is always a risk involved with true love.** However, we must remain committed to living the life of love to which God has called us. C. S. Lewis talked about this when he wrote: *“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it in tact you must give your heart to no one. Not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully around with hobbies and little luxuries. Avoid all entanglements. Lock it up, safe in the casket of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken. It will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.”*

**I know you do not want to be unbreakable, impenetrable, or irredeemable. No one would really want that.** To be certain that doesn't happen we must learn to love God and others the way God desires. This will be an exciting journey for us over the next two months. My encouragement to you is simply this, take the risk to love. I look forward to seeing God work in our lives in miraculous ways.

**Expect a Miracle! Bring the Passion Home.**

In Christ's love,  
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**FAMILY NIGHT IS TONIGHT (AND SO IS THE SUPER BOWL!)**

If you ordered the “Super DVD” to use as a witnessing tool at today's football parties, please come down front after the service to pick up your DVD. We do have a limited number of extras, so if you didn't sign-up, check with us to see if there are any left after everyone has picked their's up. Enjoy tonight's Family Night with family and friends!

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY**

**For Sundays**—Our pastor and staff will always be here to conduct Sunday School and Morning Worship for any members who can safely attend. In the event of inclement weather, we will announce any decisions regarding Sunday evening services prior to the conclusion of the morning services.

**For Wednesdays**—Our pastor, staff, and deacon chairman will make a decision by 2:00 PM Wednesdays in the event of inclement weather. You may call the church office at 865-6262 after 2:00 PM on Wednesdays to get the latest information about our services. We will also use the Prayernet Ministry and the Phone Tree (computer phone system) to notify as many members as possible if Wednesday services are cancelled.

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MISSIONARY MOMENT**

**Derek Dalton\*** has a strategy for leading volunteers in the Pacific Tim: Ask the Lord to help them meet a person and share the Gospel. On this excursion, Derek and his group met Norman, a homeless man. After one of the volunteers shared his testimony, a Gospel tract was explained, and Norman accepted Jesus. Derek was certain this was God's prepared person. After all, Norman spent an hour with people he'd never met and never asked them for money. While Derek had his doubts about Norman's showing up the next day and his ability to read, Norman did both, reading the Gospel of Luke and two tracts! God is using your commitment to the Cooperative Program to share the Gospel with those whose hearts He's prepared. Pray for Norman and his opportunities.

\*Name changed for security reasons.

**2009 YOUTH Calendar**

**DEPOSIT DEADLINES — TODAY!**

Two of the several events and camps planned for this summer have deposit deadlines of today! See Bruce for more information on any youth event. *(All deposits are non-refundable.)*

**GloryDays Benton, TN** For students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dates: June 8 – 13     **Deposit: \$50 due TODAY**     Total Cost: \$250

**SonPower Orlando, FL** For students who are members of 4:12 Youth Choir  
Dates: June 21 – 27     **Deposit: \$ 50 due TODAY**     Total Cost: \$445

**CATHERINE'S CORNER BOOK CLUB**



The book club will get together on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 6 PM at the home of Jill Thompson, 4048 Meadow View Circle, Pleasant View. Please bring finger foods, your love for books, and a friend! Contact Carolyn Dowlen, 865-9989, or Jill Thompson, 746-4195, for more information or directions.

**SAINTS ALIVE**

**Valentine's Candlelight Dinner**

All senior adults are invited to “Be Our Valentine” on Thursday, February 12. The Saints Alive are sponsoring a candlelight dinner at 6 PM at the church. Tickets are \$8 each and must be purchased by Sunday, February 8. See Wade Bobbitt, Haroldean Sanford, Billy Siever, or Ramona Denton to purchase your tickets!

Mark your 2009 calendars to reserve these dates for fun-filled days with the Saints Alive: **March 16**—St. Patrick's Day Luncheon; **April 16**—lunch in Portland, TN; **May 14**—day trip to Camden, TN; **June 15-18**—3-days & nights at Carson Springs; and **July 27**—day trip to Auburn, KY.



**STUDENT SUMMER FUNDRAISERS**

1. **The youth will hold a special fundraiser luncheon on Sunday, February 15,** following the 10:15 Worship service. Bruce and the students have worked hard to organize a great fried chicken luncheon. Support the students by signing up at the Welcome Area to let them know how much food to prepare. Take-out box lunches will be available. Suggested minimum donation: \$6 per meal.

2. **RAY Days are coming soon! (Rent-A-Youth)** Do you have a honey-do list of projects at your house? The youth of Grace will be available to help you complete your list of projects for a donation to help offset the cost of summer camps and missions. Here are some suggested RAY Day projects: clean attic or garage; prepare flowerbeds or gardens; wash windows; remove fallen tree limbs; or any other project you may not be able to do on your own.

**Watch for more details on RAY Days in the upcoming issues Good News of Grace.**



**Jerusalem Project**

*“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Acts 1:8 NLT

We at Grace strive to honor Christ's command. We have planned a series of events that will provide you the chance to reach people in your “Jerusalem” with the gospel. We are calling these events our **Jerusalem Project**.

Our first event is February 15, 2009. Immediately following the student ministry summer fundraiser luncheon, we will gather for a time a prayer and then send out teams to Canvass for Christ! Grace will provide you with one prospect visit to make in your own “Jerusalem” (community). Then we ask you to pick one other family in your “Jerusalem” to reach out to on this same day. We ask only that you spend the same amount of time that they would have spent worshipping Christ in a church service, witnessing for Christ in your “Jerusalem!” This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to teach their children how to witness and minister for Christ!

If you are willing to follow Christ's command to tell people in your “Jerusalem” about Him, please sign up at the **Jerusalem Project** display outside the worship center. For more details, please contact Bro. Ken.

**A Word from the Minister on Call**  
Ken Coleman, Associate Pastor, Minister of Education

I am so excited about the upcoming “**Jerusalem Project**” on February 15. Several church members have asked me where the name came from. At our fall staff planning retreat in October, we asked the Lord to show us what His plans were for the Grace Family in 2009. He clearly spoke to our entire staff about the need to reach people here in our local community around the church. Taking Acts 1:8 as our Scriptural basis, Jesus said that we would tell people about Him every where we go. He gave us a blue print that includes going to your own personal community or Jerusalem and start witnessing there before we go to our state or our nation or overseas.

Imagine if we could harness all the planning and desire and energy and financial support that goes into an overseas mission trip and bring that passion home to Nashville, TN. We could turn this city upside down for Jesus!

I hope you will accept the challenge of the Jerusalem Project. We have formed a leadership team consisting of members that represent all age groups here at Grace. We will provide you with the resources you need, including brand new salvation poem cards. The question you have to ask yourself is... *“Am I willing to be the mouthpiece, the witness, the ambassador that Christ has called me to be?”* Folks in your own neighborhood, on your kids' sports teams, at the local gas station, in the supermarket, at your favorite restaurant, those are the folks in your Jerusalem and they all need to hear about their one and only chance to be saved. His name is Jesus!

We are planning future events that include trying to reach out to our area schools, apartment complexes, holding neighborhood block parties and more!!! Join us as we **Expect a Miracle! Bring the Passion Home!**

Bro. Ken  
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**BABY SHOWER BRUNCH**

The entire Grace family is invited to a baby shower brunch for Dan & Melissa Denton, Saturday, February 21, from 9:30—11:30 AM. The brunch will be held at the home of Cody and Missy Coleman, 2425 Tinnin Road, Goodlettsville, 37072. If you need directions, please call the Colemans at 491-1020. The Dentons are registered at Target and Babies-R-Us. (Dan and Melissa are expecting a boy.)

**Journey Camp for Kids!**

Hey Parents! We are making plans for camp! This summer we're going to Journey Camp in Linden, TN. This camp is for **Boys and Girls in grades 3-5** and will include: Kid-Friendly Praise & Worship; Mission Emphasis; Arts & Crafts; Hiking; Bible Study; Scavenger Hunts; Drama; and more! Registration and deposit deadline is just three weeks away. Contact Missi Coleman, 957-4234, for details.

**Journey Camp Linden, TN** For boys & girls completed 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dates: June 22 – 26     **Deposit: \$50 due February 22**     Total Cost: \$230  
*(Camp deposits are non-refundable and you must register by February 22, 2009!)*

**“ A NIGHT OF PRAISE ”**

The 6 PM Worship service Sunday, February 22, at Grace will be an All-Music Worship service. We will emphasize God's great blessing in musical talent at Grace.

This is a great time for you to share your gifts and talents with your Grace family. Anyone who would like to share a musical presentation may contact Bro. David at the church office, or Ed Hale at 876-2346. Please contact us no later than Sunday, February 15, so we can plan our Night of Praise!.

**LIBRARY MINISTRY**

If you have any church library books collecting dust in your home, please return them to the church. The Media Library team is in the process of doing inventory of our church library. When was the last time you came by the church library? Hey, come in and check it out! Coming soon to the Grace Media Library—**Fireproof, Never Leave Your Partner Behind!**

