

The Good News of Grace

Expect a Miracle! Bring the Passion Home.



Grace Baptist Church exists to...

Glorify God, Reach people, Accept people, Care for people and Equip people.

March 15, 2009 Dr. André K. Dugger, pastor Vol. XX No. 11

Bro. André's Sunday Sermon Series

40 Days of Love!

Today's Sermon:
Love Is Not Easily Angered
 1 Corinthians 13:5

March 22 *How to be Successful at Relationships* 1 Corinthians 13:7
 March 29 *How to Humbly Restore Relationships* 1 Peter 5:5b

SAINTS ALIVE ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON Monday, March 16, at 11:30 AM

You don't have to be a leprechaun to enjoy our Saints Alive St. Patrick's Day Luncheon! The menu is home-made soup, crackers and dessert. The fun begins at 11:30 AM. Leave your pot of gold at home—There is no charge! Contact Wade or Venita Bobbitt if you have any questions about our Grace seniors' ministry, Saints Alive!



JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR TWO MISSION CHURCHES Sunday, March 22, at 6:00 PM

We have scheduled an exciting Joint Worship Service next Sunday night with our two mission churches. True Vine and Slavic Baptist Church of Grace will join us as we worship God as brothers and sisters. As Christians, we strive to set the example of being one in Christ. We will collect a special offering for an orphanage that Bro. Sergey and his congregation supports. We will pray with the folks of True Vine about purchasing land for their church. Following the joint worship, we will all join together for a dessert fellowship. Be sure you and your family are here!

We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We are honored and happy that you have joined us today! During the fellowship time, please see an usher who will give you a guest registration card. Please fill out the **GUEST REGISTRATION CARD** and drop it in the offering plate. After the service, we invite you to take the **RED GUEST TAB** to one of our welcome areas where you will receive a gift from the Grace family.

MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 GROW – ADULT 6 CLASS

Sunday – March 15
 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Blended Worship Service WAMB 1200 AM & 99.3 FM
 11:45 AM VBS Volunteers Meeting, and 3rd & 4th Graders SS Event Family Night

Monday – March 16
 11:30 AM Saints Alive St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
 5:30 PM Room in the Inn

Tuesday – March 17
 6:00 AM Men's Fraternity Bible Study
 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM CHET
 8:30 AM Ministerial Team Meeting
 6:00 PM Fitness Ministry

Wednesday – March 18
 5:15 PM Ruth's Kitchen Korner, family meal served 5:15-6:15 PM
 5:30 PM Bells of Grace
 6:00 PM Youth Worship; Children's AWANA (Silly Hat Night)
 6:15 PM Grace University; Sanctuary Choir & Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday – March 19
 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, first session of *Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering*, led by Heather Stauder
 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, *Esther*



~ Upcoming AWANA Schedule ~

March 18 - Silly Hat Night
 March 25 - EMT Night—Special Visitor

~ ETC—Extended Teaching for Children ~

Thank you to the following folks that are ministering in our ETC today, March 15 are: Chip Connor, Tina Dozier, Belenda Trevor, Darlene Smith, Alicia Peacher, Kevin Dozier, Tonya Meador, Brian Biggs and Kelley Darnell. Those scheduled to minister next Sunday, March 22 are: Chip Connor, Paula Satterfield, Belinda Trevor, Ashton Mead, Denise Elmore, Sheridan Adcox, Erica Elmore and Jessica Suggs.



~ Ruth's Kitchen Korner ~ Menu March 18, 2009

Hamburgers, French Fries, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Drink, & Dessert. Prices are: family maximum, \$16; Adults/Youth, \$4; Children (ages 4-10), \$2.50; Infants to age 3, free. Reservations are required, Please call the church office at 865-6262, to make or cancel your reservations by Tuesday afternoon. Join us for a time of family fellowship, then stay for Grace University!

Minister on Call with our Pastor March 15-21

Bro. Ken..... home 746-0028
 cell 957-4225
 Pastor's number..... cell 838-9103

~ Hall Monitors ~

March 15 & 18 Shane Barry
 March 22 & 25 Jody Covington

~ Van Drivers ~

Today Dan Denton, 859-0609
 March 22 Mark Ingram, 876-8235
 March 29 Dennis Roberson, 310-5396

~ Deacon Led Team #3 ~ March 15-21

Shane Barry, Captain 876-2557
 Brock Brewer 863-0145
 Jim Green 451-1228
 Jimmy Morrissey 228-3993
 Bill Ragan 228-6862
 Jim Reynolds 868-3257

~ Meet Our Church Leaders ~

MINISTERS..... The Congregation
 SENIOR PASTOR André K. Dugger
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR, EDUCATION Ken Coleman
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR, MUSIC / WORSHIP David Harbison
 MINISTER TO STUDENTS (YOUTH) Bruce Cullom
 CDC / PRESCHOOL / CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Rosalyn Green
 MINISTRY ASSISTANT Mary Bradley
 MINISTRY SUPPORT Joy Christianson & Jean Oster
 PIANIST Debbie Roach
 ORGANIST Thelma McMurray



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LAST WEEK'S RECORDS:

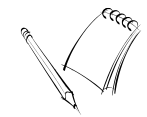
Sunday, March 8, 2009 through Thursday, March 12, 2009

OFFERING RECEIVED:

Budget Offering \$22,029.53
 Missions 100.00
 Lottie Moon .25
 Annie Armstrong 85.00
 World Hunger .25
 Children's Home 5.25
 Benevolence 100.00
 Total 22,320.28

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 284
 Guests in SS 4
 8:00 Worship 46
 10:15 Worship 320
 Home Worship 102
 Grace University 216
 Slavic Mission 28
 True Vine Mission 53



PRAYER CONCERNS:

As Recorded on Friday, March 13, 2009

Hospitalized:

Alive Hospice June LaFever
 Hendersonville Jack Adams
 Skyline, Madison Daphne Pryor



Nancy Legard

Dismissed from Hospital:

Laura Collins Melissa Denton & baby Parker Neal
 Billy Hicks Allan Hooper
 Michael Skidmore Kay True

Scheduled Surgeries:

Bruce Cullom, Sr. March 31, 2009, Little Rock AR

Cancer Treatment:

Eva Crafton Tracy Lawrence
 Randy Myers Daphne Pryor
 Phyllis Watson

Janice Mundy
 Isabella Skidmore

Other Prayer Requests:

Jim & Charlene Allen Lesley Bowling Kathie Canter
 Mitch Canter Bill Cavanaugh Walter Demonbreun
 Susan Dyer Donna Greene Allan Hooper
 Barbara Howell Eural Lucas Skylar McGee
 Wayne McNeese Judd Pendergrass Elsie Pouzar
 Tommy Tillman Tina Wilkerson George Williams

Those in Nursing Home/Homebound:

William Barnes Lillian Benjamin Evelyn Blair
 Bonnie Brady Juanita Buck Barbara Cato
 Anna Duke Jimmy Duke Willie & Billie Ferrell
 Martha Friedberg Jessie Mae Fulks Nancy Hall
 Sue Hall Lillie Mae Hiland Danny Johnson
 Mamie Frances Johnson Martha Lou Johnson Denny Martin
 Fannie Reasonover Emma Savage Dale Spurlock
 Louise Vick Geneva Wall Bentley Yates

Pray for those serving in the military: (*deployed)

Joey Brush, Tyler Bush, Kari Coleman Casteel, *John Casteel, Cody Coleman, *Brandon Hughes, *David Malone, Shawn Moore, Chason Wall & *Jerry Wood

Please call the church at 865-6262 to update us on any names to be added or removed from the above listings!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ADDITION

...Parker Neal Denton, was born March 10, 2009 to parents Dan & Melissa. Parker Neal weighed in at 6 lbs 4 oz, and just over 19 inches tall! Proud grandparents are Dan & Sherry Denton and great-grandmother is Ramona Denton.

Sanctuary Flowers



...are in memory of Robert Jackson, who passed away March 12, 1982, given by wife Hazel Jackson and daughter Cheryl McAdams and her family.

A
Word
From
Your
Pastor



How do you deal with anger? That is a much different question than how should you deal with anger. This question is about reality. What do you really do? We will see from our study today, that in order for us to love the way God wants us to love, we must deal with anger the way God tells us to deal with it. Dealing with anger properly can save your relationships and maybe even your life. Dealing with anger inappropriately can destroy you completely.

We often think that anger is all bad. That is not true. Anger is not the problem. The problem is, anger is inappropriately expressed by most of us, and because of that, we have problems at home, work, school, church, and everywhere else we go. Properly managed and resolved anger is actually a good thing. It helps us have great marriages, great family relationships, great work relationships, great relationships at school; and overall can lead to an incredibly successful life. We must learn how to put anger in its proper place and respond in a God honoring way.

The two most common extremes concerning anger are that people either clam up when they are angry or people blow up when they are angry. We have almost an entire society who does not understand how to deal with their anger. True, biblical anger management is seldom taught in school, church, home, or anywhere else. Most people either bottle up their feelings refusing to talk through issues when they are angry, or they respond with severe bitterness and animosity. Consequently we have what psychologist call "the age of rage."

Today we will study God's Word concerning how to deal with anger properly. God's Word is filled with incredible instructions for us concerning this important matter. Read the following passages:

"Hot tempers cause arguments." Pr. 15:18 (GN)

"... anger causes mistakes." Pr. 14:29 (LB)

"People with hot tempers do foolish things." Pr. 14:17 (GN)

"Lord, help me control my tongue; help me be careful about what I say." Psalm 141:3 (NCV)

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." Romans 12:2a (NLT)

"In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

Let's put God's Word into practice moment by moment in our lives. Don't sweep your anger under the rug and don't respond in a sinful manner. Instead, let's learn to respond as God teaches us so we can have truly successful lives.

Last Sunday while we were worshiping God here at Grace, one of our sister churches in Illinois had a terrible incident occur as their pastor was shot to death during one of their services. As I write this article many of the details of "why" are not yet known, and we may never know. This should; however, be a reminder to us of the evil that exists in our world and the need to pray earnestly for God's hand of protection and power to be demonstrated in, around, and through the Grace family. I happen to have a friend I grew up with who is a member at FBC Maryville, where this tragedy occurred and I know they would all appreciate our prayers.

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In Christ's love,
André K. Dugger
akdugger@gbcnashville.com

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MISSIONARY MOMENT

Bill Wright is a North American missionary serving as director of missions and ministries for the Columbia Metro Baptist Association in South Carolina. Cooperative Program support from churches like yours enables Bill to challenge churches in his association to catch the vision that their mission field starts at their doorstep and extends to the ends of the earth. Bill knows that we must display Christ's love in tangible ways to a culture needing to see Jesus before they will ever respond to the Gospel. Please take a moment and pray for Bill and his wife, **Stephanie**, as they cast the vision among the churches and minister among the people living in and around Columbia, South Carolina.



"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."
John 4:35 (NIV)

2009 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING GOAL \$4,000.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

The Jesus Expedition, Exploring the Miracles of Jesus

June 1—4 8:30 AM to 12 PM

Music Camp, The Jesus Expedition

June 1—4 12 PM to 3 PM

Now is the time to schedule a week of vacation so that you can work with VBS at Grace. We are seeking volunteers to staff our 2009 VBS Kick-Off, VBS, and Music Camp.

Some of the jobs that need to be filled:
teachers, classroom helpers; crafts; registration; recreation; music; etc.

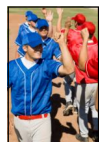
Entry level jobs (for those who has never worked with VBS) include:
help serve lunch; carry out trash; set up chairs or tables; hall monitors; etc.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this year's VBS is asked to contact VBS Director, Missi Coleman at 957-4234. **There will be a short planning meeting today following the 10:15 Worship service. Even if you have not already signed up to be a VBS volunteer, come join us in room 112.**



3RD & 4TH GRADE SS FELLOWSHIP

Boys and girls in the 3rd & 4th grades are going to Monkey Joe's for barrels of fun today, following the 10:15 Worship service. The cost is \$9 per person. Parents will need to pick up the children at Monkey Joe's by 2:00 PM. See Rosalyn Green for details.



MEN'S SOFTBALL

Today is the last day to sign up for our 2009 Men's Softball Team! Registration is \$35 per player. All games are played at Moss Wright Park in Goodlettsville. Make checks payable to Grace. Contact Scott Heavener, 478-7012 for details.

CATHERINE'S CORNER BOOK CLUB

Carolyn Dowlen will be our host on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 PM. Bring a finger-food and a friend, and be ready to enjoy the fellowship! We will discuss some great non-fiction books, *Home Invasion*, *Faith of the American Soldier*, and *It is All About Him*. Call Carolyn Dowlen for directions or details, 865-9989.



EASTER LILIES

For Easter, we will decorate the Worship Center with beautiful Easter Lilies. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Dora Rankhorn at 299-1603. The cost is \$12.50 each and checks need to be made payable to Grace Baptist Church.



RAY DAYS ARE COMING!

Saturday, April 4 is RAY Day. (Rent-A-Youth) The youth of Grace are available to help you with projects around your house in exchange for a donation to their ministry. Your donations will help offset the cost of summer camps and missions. Contact Bruce Cullom to reserve a crew of youth for your Spring project.

LOOKING FOR GRADUATES

Attention Parents, Friends, and Family Members—we are looking for all Graduates for 2009! For our special day of recognition for all graduates in May, we need a current or recent picture of each graduate. The deadline for turning in pictures to the church office is April 30, 2009. If you know of someone who will be receiving a degree or a diploma this Spring, please contact Mary Bradley at the church office, 865-6262.



Dear Grace Family,

To know you is to love you. Thank you for all the love you've shown me during my hospitalization and my period of recovery. Your visits, phone calls, cards and, above all, your prayers are greatly appreciated. The Lord has truly blessed me!

In Christ's Love,
Eural Lucas

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

I am so excited about the results that are coming in from our March Jerusalem Project. Here are some of the comments we have received back from our area schools... "Thanks so very much for the treats! It is nice to know we are appreciated" and "Our teachers appreciated so much the breakfast goodies your church sent over Monday morning. What a wonderful idea! What a powerful message that you sent to all of us teachers here about the service of the church and Christians" and "Thank you so much for the goodies Monday morning. News of breakfast spread like wild fire throughout the building! We were all so excited and snacked all day! Thanks so much for thinking about us. You made our day!" Our goal is for our area teachers to experience the practical love of God. We want folks in our Jerusalem to know that the Grace Family is a good neighbor as we seek to minister to our community. Keep up the good work! I am so proud of our Sunday School teachers for embracing this concept and running with it!

Remember the Women's Bake Off is right around the corner on March 22 after the joint worship celebration with our mission churches, True Vine Baptist and Slavic Baptist. I encourage all the ladies of the church to make a dessert to share. Bring your entire family to share in this time of worship and fellowship.

The Spring semester of Grace University is under way. If you have not chosen a course yet, allow me to invite you to our study entitled, "Speechless: Silencing the Christians." God expects us as Christians to obey the government He has established. When that government dishonors the Lord, what should our response be as Christians? Join us Wednesday at 6:15 PM to be challenged to take a stand as believers in this world!

Thank you to everyone for praying for Ben after he broke both bones in his wrist in soccer this week. We love you all for loving us. Yesterday I had the privilege of volunteering at the TN Special Olympics at Lipscomb University. What a blessing it is to minister to the children and adults that are so special in the eyes of the Lord!

Bro. Ken
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JERUSALEM PROJECT IN MARCH

We are so excited about reaching out to our community, our Jerusalem. Our focus for this month has been teachers in our local schools. We have taken homemade goodies to the teachers' lounges of our area schools, to let teachers and administrators know that Grace Baptist Church prays for them and appreciates them. The final two days for delivering goodies are March 23 and 30. On Sunday, March 29, we will conduct prayer walks on each campus. For details see Bro. Ken.



MEN'S GOLF RETREAT at PARIS LANDING STATE PARK

May 21-23, 2009



Space is limited to the first 20 men to sign up. Total cost is \$200. Deposit of \$100 due no later than April 12. Contact Shane Barry or Kevin Dozier for details.

MUSICAL "WICKED" COMING TO NASHVILLE

For all you lovers of The Wizard of Oz, Bro. David has secured tickets for the **Friday September 11, 2009** performance of WICKED. The orchestra level seats are \$88.00 each and a deposit of \$44.00 each must accompany your reservation. **Deadline to reserve your tickets is Sunday, April 5.** See Bro. David to place your reservations or for details.

SISTERS BY GRACE

Events and fellowships on the calendar for the women's ministry of Grace are:

- March 19 Catherine's Corner Book Club, contact Carolyn Dowlen, 865-9989
- March 22 Women's Bake-Off, contact Joy Christianson, 865-6262
- April 3-5 Women of Joy, Louisville KY, contact Brenda Steakley, 496-2128
- November 14 Grace for the Holidays, contact Sarah Dugger, 838-9166



WOMEN'S BAKE-OFF & DESSERT FELLOWSHIP

The women of Grace will hold a Women's Bake-Off and Dessert Fellowship following our joint evening Worship Service with our mission churches, True Vine and Slavic Baptist, on Sunday, March 22. Join us for an exciting worship at 6 PM and stay for a time of fun and fellowship. The Bake-Off will include prizes and we will get to eat the entries! Sign up at the display table in the hallway to let us know what dessert you will bring. If you have questions about the Bake-Off, call Becky Smiley at 299-8436, or Joy Christianson at 865-6262.

