

# 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 29, 2009

Dr. André K. Dugger, pastor

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## Bro. André's Sunday Sermon Series

### 40 Days of Love!

Today's Sermon:

## How To Humbly Restore Relationships

1 Peter 5:5b

Coming in April—New Sermon Series

## Hope in a Hopeless World

April 5	<i>Special Words of Hope</i>	Matthew 27, Luke 23, John 19
April 12	<i>Hope Comes in the Morning</i>	John 20: 1-8
April 19	<i>Hope in the Middle of Despair</i>	2 Samuel 12:13-24
April 26	<i>How to Have Hope When All Is Lost</i>	Job
May 3	<i>The Legacy of Hope</i>	Ruth 4:1-22
May 10	<i>Finding Hope in a Messed Up World</i>	Genesis 6:5-22
May 17	<i>There's Hope Even When You've Blown It</i>	Luke 19:1-10

## HOME WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 5, 6 PM

Once a month our families of Grace Baptist Church hold worship services in small groups. Many gracious and loving families have opened their homes to us.

The following people will be hosting HWC on Sunday, April 5, 2009:

- Wade & Venita Bobbitt, 868-8470
- Greg & Amanda Tomlin, 358-0013
- Brady & Deanna James, 479-8231
- Candace Anglea, 822-2242
- Todd & Mandy Posey, 384-3930
- Eddie & Carolyn Gregory, 822-0227
- Kevin & LeAnne Hale, 746-8643
- Jeff & Beth Mead, 822-6723



Please sign up at the HWC display table to let us know which HWC you will attend. If you would be interested in being a host family, please see Bro. André.

### 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 29 GROW – ADULT 7 4 SQUARE CLASS

#### Sunday – March 29

- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM Blended Worship Service WAMB 1200 AM & 99.3 FM
- 4:30 PM Tenor & Bass Choir Rehearsal
- Jerusalem Project, Prayer Walks at Area Schools

#### Monday – March 30

- 5:30 PM Room in the Inn

#### Tuesday – March 31

- 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 – April 1

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

#### Thursday – April 2

- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, *Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering*
- 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, *Esther*



#### ~ Upcoming AWANA Schedule ~

- April 1 - Pastor's Night and First Weigh-in for Grand Prix Cars
- April 8 - Chips Galore Night and Final Weigh-in for Grand Prix Cars
- April 15 - Pajama Night

#### ~ ETC—Extended Teaching for Children ~

Thank you to the following folks that are ministering in our ETC today, March 29 are: Chip Connor, Sarah Dugger, Belenda Trevor, Gina Turner, Jamie Covington, David Chapman, Jody Covington, and Shane Barry. Those scheduled to minister next Sunday, April 5 are: Chip Connor, Vicki Wray, Kim Morrow, Gail Green, Angela Watson, Jane Santi, LeAnne Hale, Lana Brewer, Barry Brewer, and Cynthia Brewer.



#### ~ Ruth's Kitchen Korner ~ Menu April 1, 2009

Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, 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 29-April 3

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

#### ~ Hall Monitors ~

March 29 & April 1 .....Dennis Roberson  
April 5 & 8 .....Lisa Roberson  
April 12 & 15 .....Brian Biggs

#### ~ Van Drivers ~

Today .....Dennis Roberson, 310-5396  
April 5 .....Jerry Elmore, 384-3515  
April 12 .....Jerry Elmore, 384-3515

#### ~ Deacon Led Team #1 ~ March 29-April 3

Wade Bobbitt, Captain..... 868-8470  
Tim Dalton ..... 643-3835  
Chester LaFever ..... 865-2680  
Eural Lucas ..... 868-7375  
Jeff Mead ..... 822-6723

#### ~ 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



### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### LAST WEEK'S RECORDS:

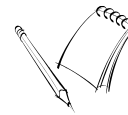
Sunday, March 22, 2009 through Thursday, March 26, 2009

#### OFFERING RECEIVED:

Budget Offering \$16,160.74  
Missions 20.00  
Annie Armstrong 40.00  
World Hunger .25  
Children's Home .25  
Sr. Adult Min. 50.00  
Total \$16,271.24

#### ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 291  
Guests in SS 10  
8:00 Worship 56  
10:15 Worship 334  
PM Worship 137  
Grace University 207  
Slavic Mission 14  
True Vine Mission 35



#### PRAYER CONCERNS:

As Recorded on Friday, April 3, 2009

#### Hospitalized:

Alive Hospice June LaFever  
Baptist Dale Sanders

#### Dismissed from Hospital:

Paul Fisher (Kevin Fisher's father) Tony Phillips

#### Scheduled Surgeries:

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

#### Cancer Treatment:

Eva Crafton Frank Isbell  
Janice Mundy Randy Myers  
Isabella Skidmore Phyllis Watson



#### Other Prayer Requests:

Sheridan Adcox	Jim & Charlene Allen	Harlen Baker
Bonnie Brady	Lesley Bowling	Kathie Canter
Susan Dyer	Donna Greene	Allan Hooper
Barbara Howell	Eural Lucas	Wayne McNeese
Gary & Charlotte Morgan	Joan Morrissey	Adam Parrish
Frank Parrsh	Judd Pendergrass	Kathy Poindexter
Elsie Pouzar	Jim Sanders	Richard Slate

#### 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!

#### 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. Some of the things youth can do for you are: prepare flower beds; remove fallen tree limbs from yard; paint fences; help clean out garage; and so much more! 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. Youth—meet at the church at 10 AM, bring a sack lunch and plan on a ride home at 4 PM!



#### Bro. André, Sarah and the Entire Grace Family Extend Christian Love and Sympathy to:

...the family of *Kristin Hunter*, who passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009. Kristin's family is related to Satterfield and Wood families.

**A  
Word  
From  
Your  
Pastor**



**Are you committed to restoring broken relationships?**

People make mistakes, and since we are people, it stands to reason that we make mistakes like everyone else. In relationships, mistakes made by one or both parties can bring devastating consequences. Those who were once close friends can become bitter enemies because of a broken relationship that resulted from one of the individuals offending the other. This happens in families, churches, businesses, schools, and everywhere else people exist.

**How do we restore broken relationships so we don't allow the devil to win in our lives?** There are many wonderful truths God gives us to help us in this matter. Obviously the best idea is to strive to not allow our relationships to ever be broken in the first place. That takes work. That takes forgiveness. That takes a never ending commitment. Since we are imperfect people in an imperfect world, we must realize we will experience broken relationships from time to time and our goal should be to restore the relationships as quickly as possible.

Arguably the most important ingredient in restoring relationships is humility. The Bible says, *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."* **James 4:6b (NIV)** We must humble ourselves before God and we must learn to humble ourselves before one another. We cannot have the attitude that we are better than anyone else. When we approach someone with whom we have tension in a relationship, the first key is for us to come to them with a loving, humble attitude.

**We must turn to God for help in restoring relationships that have been hurt.** We must also let the other person know that we affirm them, rather than look down on them. If we have sinned in the relationship in any way, we must confess our sin and take responsibility for what we have done. It is important to not expect the other person to be perfect, since we know that we are not perfect ourselves. As we begin restoring the relationship we should adjust our life to the needs they have and stop attempting to demand our way and our rights. If the goal is to restore the relationship in a God honoring way, it will mean we have to resist living with an "I told you so" attitude.

**Fortunately for us, God is committed to restoring our relationship with Himself when we fall short of His glory and He is our example of how we should live toward others.** Refuse to allow the devil the victory in your relationships. Humble yourself and let God bring restoration.

**As Easter approaches,** let's live with a focus on Christ and the victory He brings through His death, burial, and resurrection. This victory makes restoration more than just a possibility; it makes it a reality when we live in Christ's strength.

In Christ's love,  
André K. Dugger  
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**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MISSIONARY MOMENT**

Just as the St. Louis Arch represents the gateway to the West, North American missionaries Ben and Linda Hess use new church plants as the gateway to the multitudes of people living without Christ in Missouri. Building on knowledge gained as an International Mission Board missionary in Kenya, Ben uses his prior experiences for developing contextualized church planting training and models in Missouri. There are great needs in and around St. Louis, but the greatest need is for people to be transformed through a personal relationship with Christ. Ben and Linda need your prayers and your faithful support the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Thank you for including them in your prayers this week.

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SCRIPTURE STATEMENT**

"By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead."  
Hebrews 11:4 NIV

Abel gave because he had faith in God. Even his death signaled victory. He became and example of faith for the new Israel, the church. Our giving demonstrates our faith and presents an example of faith for others.



Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. You can read more about Annie Armstrong at her website, www.anniearmstrong.com. (Annie has a page on facebook too! Check it out!)

**2009 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING GOAL \$4,000.00**

**A special note from the pastor to our Grace family:**

Beginning next Sunday, April 5, we will go back to one morning worship service at 10:15 AM. We have tried the two morning worship services for two and a half years, but have never been able to reach the number of people we thought we would reach. With this in mind, we believe the Grace family will be better served putting all of our attention, efforts, and energy into one morning worship service. For those who have learned to love the early, traditional service, we trust you will welcome with equal excitement the opportunity for the entire Grace family to be together once again for our morning worship experience.

**EASTER MUSICAL**

The Music & Drama Ministries of Grace Baptist Church will present:

**On a Hill Too Far Away**

Dress Rehearsal Presentation—Good Friday, April 10 at 7 PM  
Worship Presentation—Easter Sunday, April 12 at 10 AM

Invite your family, neighbors and co-workers to join us for a moving and worshipful presentation of the story of Calvary. Two tickets have been placed in this bulletin for you to use as invitations. More tickets are available at the Welcome Areas.

**EASTER LILIES**



For Easter, we will decorate the church 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.

**LIVING/FLOWERING CROSS**

Make plans now to bring fresh-cut flowers with you on Easter Sunday morning to transform the old wooden cross into a living/flowering cross. The living/flowering cross is a beautiful picture of the difference Jesus makes in a person's life. Just as the flowers transform the wooden cross, Jesus died and rose again to transform us.



**COMMUNITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT  
APRIL 11, 2009 AT 10:00 AM**



Please help support this fun event for preschoolers and children by donating individually wrapped candies. (No plastic eggs needed!) Colorful collection tubs will be in the Welcome Area, in front of the Media Library.

**ROOM IN THE INN**

Tomorrow, Monday, March 30, will be our final night to host Room In The Inn (RITI) for this year. We wish to thank everyone who has worked so tirelessly to make this ministry a success. On Sunday, April 26, we will recognize all of our RITI workers in our 10:15 AM Worship Celebration.



**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. Formal pictures are preferred. 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 at the church office, 865-6262.



**MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM**

It's time to get down to it and start SMASHING! TODAY after church, at 1:00 PM, we will have batting practice at Moss Wright Park in the Bottom Fields (below field #2 where we play our games). This is voluntary only. Contact is Scott Heavener, 507-5137.

**Sanduary Flowers**



...are in memory of Jane King, whose birthday was April 1 and homegoing was March 18, 2001, given by her mother Carey Brisendine and family.

**JERUSALEM PROJECT**

Today we will conduct prayer walks on each campus of our area schools where we have taken homemade goodies to the teachers' lounges on each Monday of March. Each Sunday School Class will go to their assigned school to prayer walk. See your Sunday School teacher for the details. We are letting our teachers and school administrators know that Grace Baptist Church prays for them and appreciates them. Don't forget, we have one more Monday in March for delivering goodies, and that's tomorrow, March 30!

Our Jerusalem Project for April is another exciting way Grace can reach out to our community, our Jerusalem. We will focus on one of the newer apartment complexes in our area, Dry Creek Farms, located on Dickerson Rd, across from Forest Lawn Funeral Home. On Sunday, April 19, we will hold a Chili Supper and Worship Service at Dry Creek Farms Apartments. For details on any of our Jerusalem Projects, see Bro. Ken.

**SAINTS ALIVE**



The Saints Alive will travel to Portland, TN, for our April outing. We will enjoy a fun and relaxed lunch at 5 Chefs Restaurant. We will leave the church at 10:30 AM, Thursday, April 16. The cost of the meal will be \$15.08 per person, including tax and tip. Please sign up by April 12. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Senior Adult wing. Contact Wade or Venita Bobbitt for more information about Saints Alive!

**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.



**Journey Camp for Kids**

Parents—your second deposit of \$50 is due this week for your 3rd-5th graders that are registered for Journey Camp in July. See Missi Coleman or Bro. Ken for details.

**MUSICAL "WICKED" COMING TO NASHVILLE**

Your response has been terrific! We've sold all the tickets that Bro. David had reserved for the **Friday, September 11, 2009** performance of *WICKED, the untold story of the witches of Oz*. **We have been able to get our hands on more tickets and now have 19 available!** 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.

**MEN'S GOLF RETREAT at PARIS LANDING STATE PARK  
May 21-23, 2009**

This is a great opportunity to invite your golf buddies that may not attend church. 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.



By Baptism:  
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By Letter:  
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Victoria and Alexandra**  
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