

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.

May 3, 2009

Dr. André K. Dugger, pastor

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Bro. André's Sunday Sermon Series

Hope in a Hopeless World

Today's Sermon:

The Legacy of Hope

Ruth 4:1-22

May 10

Finding Hope in a Messed Up World

Genesis 6:5-22

May 17

There's Hope Even When You've Blown It

Luke 19:1-10

TONIGHT!

Plan to attend our exciting time of praise and worship tonight at 6:00. Our worship team will lead us as we lift our hearts & voices to the Lord. There will be popcorn, snow cones and nachos available.

MOTHERS COLOR A

CHILD'S LIFE WITH LOVE!

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Each year our TN Baptist Convention promotes a special offering for the TN Baptist Children's Home during the month of May. The mission of TN Baptist Children's Homes is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to children and families in crisis.

This Mother's Day we have set our church goal at \$5,000.00. Special pink envelopes are inserted in today's bulletin for your designated offering. Please pray about what the Lord would have you give.

To learn more about the ministry of TN Baptist Children's Homes, visit their website, www.tbch4kids.org.



SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

Bring your mother with you to Grace Baptist Church!

Honor your mother with a gift to the TN Baptist Children's Home!

Call your mother and tell her thank you!

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 MAY 3 GROW - ADULT 3 SPURLINS

Sunday - May 3

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM Worship Celebration, *Broadcast on WAMB 1200 AM & 99.3 FM*
- 11:30 AM Senior Adult Appreciation Luncheon
- 4:30 PM 4:12 Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Evening of Praise & Worship

Tuesday - May 5

- 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 - May 6

- 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 (*We Serve Others Night!*)
- 6:15 PM Grace University; Sanctuary Choir & Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday - May 7

- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, *Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering*
- 6:30 PM CHET Drama Presentation
- 7:00 PM Ladies Bible Study, *Esther*

Friday - May 8

- 6:30 PM CHET Guitar Recital

~ Upcoming AWANA Schedule ~

- May 6 - We Serve Others Night
- May 13 - Pepsi/Coke Challenge Night
- May 20 - Awana Store, Last Chance to Finish Books Night!

~ ETC—Extended Teaching for Children ~

Thank you to the following folks that are ministering in our ETC today, May 3 are: Michelle Villa, Vicki Wray, Gina Turner, Shelley Keef, Joey Keef, Julie Carr, Tony Ragland, Missi Coleman, and Jessica Suggs.

Those scheduled to minister next Sunday, May 10 are: Brenda Steakley, Heather Stauder Belenda Trevor, Nona Suggs, Matt Stauder, Tracy Coleman, Heather Doughtie, and Shane Barry.



~ Ruth's Kitchen Korner ~

Menu May 6, 2009

Barbecue, Corn, Baked Beans, Cornbread, 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!

~ Meet Our Church Leaders ~

MINISTERS.....The Congregation
 SENIOR PASTORAndré 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

Minister on Call with our Pastor

May 3-9

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

~ Hall Monitors ~

May 3 & 6.....Mark Ingram
 May 10 & 13Allan Hooper
 May 17 & 20Bill Loviza

~ Van Drivers ~

TodayJerry Elmore, 384-3515
 May 10Mark Ingram, 876-8235
 May 17Dan Denton, 859-0609

~ Deacon Led Team #1 ~

May 3-9

Wade Bobbitt, Captain.....868-8470
 Tim Dalton643-3835
 Chester LaFever865-2680
 Eural Lucas868-7375
 Jeff Mead822-6723

LAST WEEK'S RECORDS:

Sunday, April 26, 2009 through Thursday, April 30, 2009

OFFERING RECEIVED:

Budget Offering \$22,634.83
 Missions 62.00
 World Hunger .50
 Children's Home 10.00
 SonPower Mission Camp 85.00
 Total \$22,792.33

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 301
 Guests in SS 8
 Morning Worship 390
 Evening Worship 56
 Grace University 187
 Slavic Mission 31
 True Vine Mission 65

PRAYER CONCERNS:

As Recorded on Friday, May 1, 2009

Hospitalized:

Alive Hospice June LaFever
 Skyline Tony Phillips
 Little Rock, AR Elsie Pouzar



Dismissed from Hospital:

Pat Doughtie Carolyn Dowlen
 Dawn Honeycutt Kim Morrow

Billy Hicks
 Harry Tomlin

Scheduled Surgeries:

Claude Canter, May 6

Cancer Treatment:

Eva Crafton Andrew Gosnell
 Tracy Lawrence Janice Mundy
 Daphne Pryor Isabella Skidmore

Frank Isbell
 Randy Myers
 Phyllis Watson

Other Prayer Requests:

Harlen Baker Kathie Canter Myles Cumberbatch
 Becky Forster Donna Greene Allan Hooper
 Barbara Howell Eural Lucas Ann McClain
 Charlotte Morgan Joan Morrissey Adam Parrish
 Dale Sanders Patsy Smiley Bettye Waller

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, *Trent Elmore, 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!

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

The Grace Softball team plays at Moss-Wright Park in Goodlettsville. We encourage everyone to support our team and enjoy an evening out at the ball park. The following is the list of game dates and times scheduled:

May 7, 8 & 9 PM May 11, 8 & 9 PM May 18, 6 & 7 PM
 May 28, 8 & 9 PM June 1, 6 & 7 PM June 8, 8 & 9 PM



Sanduary Flowers



...are placed today in memory of Gilbert Darden, whose birthday was May 5, by his wife Abby Darden and family.

...are placed today by Lois Midgett and family, in memory of her husband, Doyle Midgett, who passed away May 9, 2004.



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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It is a joy to have a relationship with the only true God; knowing that He is able to bring hope to us today as well as to those who are yet to come into our family tree. When we depend on ourselves, we get the results of what we are able to accomplish; when we depend on God we get the results He is able to provide. We are not able to provide ourselves the hope we need, but God is. Not only does He provide us the hope we need, He is our very hope.

There are times in all of our lives where it appears all is lost. Loss occurs in many different ways. Most of us think that our loss is the worst loss of all, but the truth is everybody experiences losses that are real to them and difficult for them. As we walk through these dark and difficult times of life it is very important for us to remember that God is with us. As we encounter these occasions of loss we must wait faithfully and actively upon the Lord. Waiting actively means we continue to do the last thing He led us to do while we await His powerful work in our lives. Many misunderstand waiting to only be a passive idea, but God wants us to be actively involved with Him in what He is doing even while we wait for what is to come. Do not become lazy, instead participate as God leads and directs.

Ruth is a wonderful example for us of one who waited actively for the Lord to do something great in her life. Ruth continued to keep her faith in the Lord and by doing so; she reaped the phenomenal blessings God had in store for her. Part of her reward was seen in her lifetime, and part came long after her life on earth ended. Ruth had an eternal legacy as Jesus was born from her family tree. God has an eternal legacy for every one of His children.

Keep your eyes on the Lord even during tragedies and hardships and you will experience His provision. Don't give up on God; He never gives up on you.

Today it is a blessing to honor our senior adults. Grace has been blessed for almost 100 years with some of the most godly men and women who ever lived. Be sure to thank our Saints Alive for who they are and all they do.

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



On Promise of Letter:
Michelle Southerland
522 Amquiwood Ct.
Madison, 37115

Congratulations to the following new member of our Grace family who was baptized Sunday, April 26, 2009:
Sesley Hart

CHRISTIAN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

Our Grace family supports the ministry of CCM with donations of food, clothing, and other resources. CCM has reported their continued need of all food items to stock their shelves. They are in need of breakfast items, cereals, oatmeal, instant grits, etc., along with all canned foods. This year, CCM has been chosen to receive 100% of the donations from the local US Postal Service Food Drive Saturday, May 9. This will be a tremendous blessing. They will need help unloading the trucks. Anyone who is able to help on Saturday May 9, is asked to contact Sue Harding at 860-2474.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MISSIONARY MOMENT

As a catalyst for church planting in the Tucson metro area and southern Arizona, Sean Benesh recruits and cultivates church planters. He trains and resources them and provides a healthy environment for the area's church planting clusters. Join Sean and his wife, Katie, in praying for a church planting movement to take place in the Tucson area and for churches to be planted among every ethnic group. Your support through the Cooperative Program is making a difference in the lives of those living and working in Arizona. Pray for the resources and the additional church planters needed to share the Gospel with every person in the Tucson area.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SCRIPTURE STATEMENT

God expects us to be prepared at all times to give a witness about what Christ has done in our personal lives. Practicing Christian money management helps us give generously—a powerful witness to other Christians and non-Christians alike. (read 1 Peter 3:15)

SENIOR ADULT APPRECIATION DAY



Today is Senior Adult Appreciation Day. We start with exciting Bible Study classes followed by a wonderful time of worship. To show our love and appreciation to the senior adults within our Grace family, we will provide a special luncheon for all senior adults today following the morning worship service.

The menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu, green beans & potatoes, salad, rolls, and cobbler with ice cream for dessert. Mmm...mmm...good! You won't find a better Sunday dinner anywhere!

And our day doesn't end there! Come back tonight at 6:00 PM and join us in the gym for some fellowship and exciting praise and worship!

PERSONNEL TEAM

This Wednesday, May 6, the personnel team will meet in room 112-B for a short yet important meeting. Any members of the personnel team that are unable to attend are asked to call team captain, Joe Steakley.

SAINTS ALIVE DAY TRIP Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Today is the last day to sign up and pay your \$17.00. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 AM for a fun-filled adventure to the Tennessee River Freshwater Pearl Farm in Camden, TN, Tuesday, May 12. Sign up sheets are in the Senior Adult Wing. \$17.00 will cover the Pearl Farm and lunch. Contact Wade or Venita Bobbitt, Haroldean Sanford, or Irene Bennett if you need details.



5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 17, the 5th graders will have a great time of fun and fellowship immediately following the morning worship service. They will eat lunch out and then go to Monkey Joe's for a fun-filled afternoon. Each 5th grader will need to bring \$10. Parents—you will need to pick up the boys and girls at Monkey Joe's no later than 2:30 PM. (Monkey Joe's is on Gallatin Rd, between Home Depot and Outback.) See Rosalyn Green for details.

MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT AND SERVICES



Memorial Day at Grace means a day full of picnic fun and outdoor worship. Make plans now to invite and bring your friends and family members with you Sunday, May 24, for our Annual Memorial Day Cookout and Worship. Check with your Sunday School teacher to discover how your class will help with the cookout, or call the church office to see how you can help. The fun begins at 5:00 PM.

YOUTH SUMMER FUNDRAISER Sunday, May 31, 2009

Our youth have only a few short weeks of school and then... SUMMER! Summer means camps, mission trips, ministry projects, long days and short weeks. The youth of the Grace family have several events planned for this summer and they are working hard to help raise the needed funds. Last month they held two RAY days. This month they will hold a summer fundraiser lunch Sunday, May 31, immediately following the morning worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. This is also the day of the Jerusalem Project, so you can worship, enjoy a great meal, help the youth, and witness to the community all in ONE day. Now that's a great day at Grace!



GRACE UNIVERSITY Summer 2009

Have you read the entire New Testament? This summer we will offer an exciting New Testament survey class. Over the course of 12 weeks, Pastor André, Bro. Ken and RE Loftin will review the entire New Testament with adults of all ages! Our student worship will continue to challenge Jr. High and Sr. High students to live for Christ. Grace Kids R.O.C. program will be led by Emily Fisher and feature a study called "The Seven C's of History." The boys and girls will experience fun and dynamic Bible study and even a few fun field trips as well! You do not want to miss a single night during our summer semester of Grace University. Summer semester begins June 3.

A Word from the Minister on Call

Ken Coleman, Associate Pastor, Minister of Education

Wow! God is doing some amazing things at Grace. Have you noticed how many people are making decisions for Christ during the services recently? God is moving in the hearts and lives of folks at Grace and in our community. There is a lot of "behind the scenes" work that leads up to people coming forward during the invitation time on Sundays. For example, very rarely does a person make a decision on the spur of the moment in our worship services. 90% of the time when you see someone come forward in church, they have already been contacted by your ministerial team, Sunday School teachers, and Grace members. Also, our pastor does an enormous amount of counseling during the week leading people to make spiritual decisions in their lives.

Who has God placed in your life that needs to make a decision for Christ? Are you certain that your entire family (immediate and extended) are prepared to meet the Lord one day? Can you say for sure that all your neighbors, co-workers, and teammates have made the most important decision of their lives? Accepting Christ into our heart is the most important decision that any of us will ever make. Look around this week for people in your life who need Jesus. I challenge you to meet with them this week in private and share your testimony with them. Invite them to join us Sundays and Wednesdays here at the Grace Family. Who knows, when they make a decision for Christ publicly, you will have played a huge role behind the scenes in leading them to the Father.

Our next JERUSALEM PROJECT is a two-parter. Part One is Wednesday night, May 13, at 6:00 PM. Our youth will canvas our community with VBS registrations, brochures from Grace, and evangelistic tracts. We need adult drivers to chaperon the teenagers on this special night. If you can help, please see Bruce today to volunteer.

Part Two of this month's JERUSALEM PROJECT will be Sunday May 31, immediately following the youth fund raiser luncheon. We invite families to join us as we drop off VBS reminder cards throughout our community. This will give you a chance to meet our neighbors around Grace and it will give you chance to witness for Christ! If you want to participate but are not staying for the luncheon, see me to get your assignment after worship. Please contact your Sunday School teacher this week for more details.

I wish to thank the Grace Family for your prayers and expressions of kindness during my recent illness. I can honestly say that this was the worst sickness I have ever faced. I praise God for his healing power in my life! Missi and I and the kids love you all dearly!

Bro. Ken
kcoleman@gbcnashville.com

GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Our special day of recognition for all graduates is Sunday, May 17. Please encourage all your family members to join you for worship as we honor those that are graduating from high school and college.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009 June 1—4, 2009

VBS: 8:30 AM to 12 PM Music Camp: 12 PM to 3 PM

Registration forms are available through our website, www.gbcnashville.com, as well as at the Welcome Areas of the church. It's not too early to register your boys and girls for VBS and Music Camp! If you have questions about VBS, please contact VBS Director, Missi Coleman at 957-4234.



To get your music camp T-Shirt, you must register for music camp and have your \$20 registration fee paid no later than May 20, 2009! Remember—your registration fee for music camp includes the cost of your daily lunches! See Bro. David if you have questions about Music Camp.

Jerusalem Project for May is connected to VBS!

Wednesday, May 13, the youth will go out and deliver VBS flyers plus Grace information and tracts to our community, our Jerusalem. Then we will follow up with a second round of canvassing Sunday, May 31, as we go back into our community with VBS reminder cards. All Sunday School classes are invited to participate in the second part of this Jerusalem Project. See your teacher for details today.

Parents & Sunday School Teachers—Please note Sunday School Promotion for Preschoolers & Children will take place Sunday, August 9, 2009.