

# The Good News of GRACE Church

We are a church with a glorious past, an active present and a challenging future!

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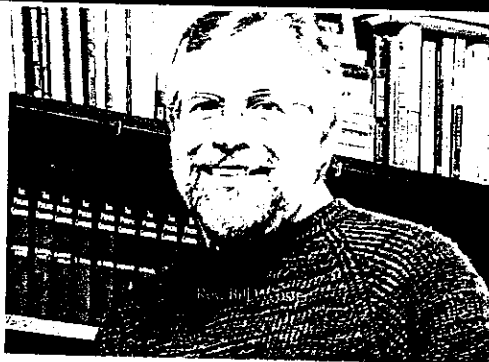
**From the Pastor's Computer**

## WANTED

In 1914 a small ad was printed in a London newspaper. The ad was seeking new recruits, it read:

**MEN WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY. SMALL WAGES, BITTER COLD, LONG MONTHS OF COMPLETE DARKNESS, CONSTANT DANGER, SAFE RETURN DOUBTFUL. HONOR AND RECOGNITION IN CASE OF SUCCESS."**—Ernest Shackleton

The author of the ad was the famed and celebrated British Polar Explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton who had previously explored great portions of the South Pole. Now he was searching for new members for his latest expedition, which became known as the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-1917. I'm sure no one would have read the ad and answered it, if it were not for the fact that it was signed by Sir Ernest Shackleton. When people saw it was Shackleton who was offering the adventure, many people signed up to go with him. They were willing to risk life and limb because they knew the explorer. They trusted him to lead them and to safely get them through the toughest times. Because Shackleton placed the add more people applied for



the position than he could handle. In December 1914, Shackleton and 27 men set sail on the wooden ship, Endurance for the Antarctic.

Today a similar ad has been placed on our hearts to be enlisted for the greatest adventure - to be members of a church, to live out the great commandment and the great commission. The author is not Sir Shackleton but Jesus Christ. Today, how do you respond to Jesus' request for you to join Him in ministry?

### GRADUATING?

Let the church office know if a graduation is occurring in your family this spring so that we can honor the person and celebrate the achievement in worship on Sunday, May 29th. Deadline in 5/15.

### The 15% Challenge

While our community has shrunk nearly 50% in the past 25 years, our church has grown. We have expanded in area, in ministry and mission, as well in membership and in worship attendance. Our worship attendance remains 2 1/2 times larger than was 25 years ago when our community was twice its size. During the April Session Meeting Rev. Bill Winters challenged the Elders to grow the worst attendance by 15% by December! They were asked to do three things:

1. to pray for the 1/3 of our population that does not attend worship anywhere and to pray for the 1/3 of the population that attends worship sporadically.
2. to invite people to worship.
3. to understand the culture surrounding us and then to devise a strategy to reach the 'unchurched'.

Our leadership is doing this. And so must each of us. Everyone in our church must be praying, inviting and working to grow the Kingdom of God. On coming weeks and months look for some new changes and additions as we work to exceed our goal of increasing worship attendance by 15%.

# CHURCH FESTIVAL

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# CAR SHOW

Are you ready for the Festival & Car Show?

Saturday, May 21st!

The next meeting for this year's event is set for Thursday, May 5th, @ 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

The day long festival is quickly coming upon us! Remember, there are two parts to the festivities!

## 1. FESTIVAL

## 2. CAR SHOW

The car show aspect of the event begins at 4:00 PM with the trophy presentations to be made at 7:00 PM on the min stage. If we were having the car show this weekend, we would be ready to go! The car show, organized by Cathy & Terry Greer, is all set. Now we just need great weather for the cars to show up.

The Festival aspect is also coming together. This will begin at 12:00 Noon and run until 7:00 PM. Every week new donations are coming in and groups are requesting to be part of the festival. Extreme Entertainment has 3 blow-up, inflatable children's rides coming and Max's Concession will be here adding to the carnival atmosphere. The list of Non-profit organizations that have committed to coming has risen to 10. 15 craft tables have been sold with more crafter inquiring about the event.

Again this year we have 20x40 tent, which has been promised to us by Wheeling Tent & Awning. Ed & Christy Moore, of 'Risen Witness' and Deuces Wild are booked to play. The festival will close out with Deuces Wild playing from 4:00-7:00.

The date, SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, has been cleared by Mayor Phil Wallace, who has also agreed to block off as many streets as we need for the car show around the City Park (he and his wife have also agreed to help). We are gearing up for an incredible event. We are anticipating an even bigger event than last year! BUT, in order for it to be a really huge, and an even bigger success than last year, we need everyone's help and assistance.



Brian Daws of Deuces Wild performing on the main stage



Sarah Webster with Bob Wetzel in his Jag!

While the Greers are heading up the car show part of the day, we have other people heading up other aspects of the festival. The Manager of the Crafters ..... Sherry Stratton  
The Manger for Non-Profits ..... Lisa Buckingham  
The Manger for Out-side Vendors ..... Linda Archer  
The Manger for Children's Games ... Casey Stratton  
Managing our Food ..... Our Deacons  
The Manger for Entertainment on the stage  
David Buckingham  
Quarter Master ..... Jim Albert

Are you ready to get involved? Just talk to one of these folks real soon or come to the festival meeting, in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 5th!

## Free Legal Clinic

Our next Free Legal Clinic is set for Wednesday, May 11. The clinic offers hope and justice to the people of eastern Ohio providing advice which ranges from bankruptcy law, consumer law, tenet and landlord rights, divorce to child custody issues. The Free Legal Clinic is open on the 2nd Wednesday with the doors opening at 5:30 PM for registration.



## Why are we Here?

At Disney World new members of the cast (*new employees*) are reminded why they are there. The trainer asks, "What business are we in? Everyone knows McDonalds' makes hamburgers. What does Disney make? It makes people happy! It doesn't matter who they are, what language they speak, what they do, where they come from, what color they are, or anything else. We're here to make 'm happy." We need to remember why we are here too. We know McDonalds exists to make hamburgers. We are here to offer grace. Just as Disney World tries to make people happy, we are here to offer GOD's grace to everyone. It doesn't matter who they are, what language they speak, what they do, where they come from, what color they are, or anything else. What really matters is to remember why we are here on the corner of 4th and Hanover Streets - and that's to offer grace to everyone!



## INTERNET CHURCH

Our Internet Church is growing and expanding in many ways. Our viewership/worshippers plugging in continues to rise. It continues to meet the spiritual needs of those near and far. Our Internet Church may appear to be a unique ministry to the Valley but we have seen that it is a powerful ministry, which is impacting the lives of so many people.. Just this month we were able to broadcast a funeral and wedding to people who could not physically attend. Through our Internet Church they were able to attend these worshipful events as well as our Sunday Worship Celebrations. Thanks to our Internet Church people who weekly produce our worship celebrations.

## E-NEWSLETTER

An E-Newsletter may be coming to a computer near you - soon! The cost of paper, postage continues to rise along with the cost of ink and toner for our copier, all items necessary in producing our monthly newsletter. With the rising costs and our limited resources, we are thinking of producing the monthly newsletter 'Good News From Grace Church' in an electronic format. We would e-mail the newsletters to everyone who had an e-mail address while still printing a number of newsletters to be placed in the sanctuary.

## HEAR THE CALL?

Jesus is calling disciples to follow Him. Jesus calling you. Are you ready and willing to respond Jesus' invitation? At GRACE Church, we are interested in disciples, not numbers on a roll. We are interested in growing disciples who are active mission and ministry, not stagnate numbers in a book. Are you ready to accept Jesus' call and become His disciple? Are you ready to join GRACE Church, making this your church home?

If you are interested in being:

- ☀ a disciple of Jesus Christ
- ☀ more actively involved in HIS ministry
- ☀ and a member of GRACE Church, then now is the time to talk to Rev. Bill. New members will be received on Sunday, May 22nd at both the 10:30 & 7:00 worship celebration! This is New member Sunday!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

## Spring Flower Sale



*Mother's Day Weekend  
Friday (5/6) & Saturday (5/7)  
9 AM - 2 PM @ Webster Hall*



No pre-ordering needed!  
Choose from beautiful potted plants,  
hanging baskets, and flats of flowers  
for your yard. All proceeds benefit  
children & youth ministry programming.

Questions? Contact Lisa Buckingham  
at 724-317-7291 or 740-633-2699.

## **Summer Adventure @ Grace**

**June 27—July 1      6—8:30 PM**

It's nearly time for Summer Adventure (formerly called VBS or Bible School). We have a great staff in place and we're gearing up for a great time together! This free program is open to anyone age 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Lisa is putting together the registration flyers, which will be available soon. Start inviting all of the children you know, because this is definitely something they won't want to miss!



### **A RANDOM REQUEST**

Lisa Buckingham is on the hunt for an old-fashioned aluminum frame glider to put on her front porch (the big, heavy, padded kind that rocks back-and-forth as well as side-to-side). She is willing to arrange pick-up AND pay for one. If you know of one that is up for grabs, please let Lisa know. Thank you!



### **TWO ALL-CHURCH SUMMER FIELD TRIPS!**

**Thursday, July 21**  
Idlewild Park

**Friday, August 12**  
Washington Wild Things  
Baseball Game

*We will be joining with Faith Presbyterian Church  
for both of these events!*



# The Good News of Grace

## Gifts and Memorials



### Happy Birthday

#### May

- 3 Greg Conners
- 10 Jenny Duncan,  
Sue Levi
- 11 AnnMarie Ellison
- 12 George Sorge
- 13 Sandy Morehead,  
Kristy Davis  
Cameron Duncan
- 16 Matt Webster
- 17 Christy Shreve,  
Amy Henderson  
Rick Shimble  
James Buckingham
- 18 Paula Benline  
Joe Crow  
Julie Mamie
- 21 Terry Stratton
- 22 Juliann Rohn,  
Larry Kiss  
Kim Ellis
- 25 David Sullivan
- 26 Kris Garbark
- 28 Janie Davies,  
Amanda Blust  
Sophie Crichton
- 30 Becky Hood  
Mason Suto



#### Gifts

Wanetta McClerry  
**Internet Church**

Simon Kim Ellis  
Mr. & Mrs. John Gallagher  
Nancy Pennington

#### In Memory

Hayden Alexia Coulter  
From  
Donna & Mike Coulter  
Paul Josson

Donations for the May  
Car Show

From

Cloud 9 Hair Salon  
Economy Auto

Abbey's

Winter's Hardware  
M.C. Thomas Insurance

#### Sympathy

Our Sympathy is extended to Don Bonnell and his son, Duane on the death of Joan Bonnell on April 12, 2011.



## ANNIVERSARIES

### May

- 5 Todd & Christina Harris
- 9 Joe & Claudine Crow
- 12 Joe & Peg Coleman
- 14 Robin & Kristy Davis
- 17 Dave & Kay McFarlan
- 29 George & Christy Shreve
- 31 Bill & Margaret Webster
- 31 Jim & Nancy Powell

## OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Hoagie Sale!

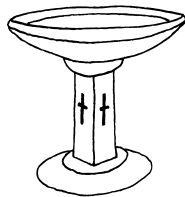
We sold 300 hoagies and raised  
\$500.00 for Building Fund &  
\$500.00 for Women's Retreat. We also purchased 2 roaster ovens for the kitchen.

## Trash & Treasure Sale

Our Trash & Treasure Sale was a great success this year! We raised \$1,114.55.

\$614.55 will go to our Presbyterian Women Mission Pledge and \$500.00 to the Building Fund.

## SHUT IN COMMUNION



### Baptism

Luke

David Mamie received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 10th.

Luke is the son of Rich & Jill Mamie and the brother of Brandon and Adam.

### Congratulations

To Jim

Doty and Andrea

Doty married

April 16, 2011.

Jim is the son of Carole and Bob Archer.



The Elders will take Communion to the shut-ins the first of each month. Anyone who hasn't been contacted and would like a visit, please call the church office—633-2699.

## The Good News of Grace

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### Treasurer's Report April



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\$6,017.69

Contributions \$16,483.46

Disbursements 14,449.68

Balance \$ 8,051.47

Linda Archer,  
Treasurer



### Baking With Bertha

#### Mini-Magic Meatballs

[by Peggy Walker]

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 slices torn dry bread
- 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1 T. dry parsley flakes
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/3 c. lemon juice

1/3 c. grape jelly

Combine ground beef, bread, soup mix, egg and parsley. Shape into balls. Arrange in flat baking dish (do not grease). For sauce, combine ketchup, lemon juice and grape jelly. Pour sauce mixture over top and Bake at 335 for 30 minutes until done. Excellent for hoagies or spaghetti.

### -Edwin's Corner-

- Q. What's the same size and shape as an elephant, but weighs nothing?
- A. An elephant's shadow.
- Q. What is more fantastic than a talking dog?
- A. A spelling bee.

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### Building/Roof Fund

Our monthly payment toward our roof and building is: \$1,000.00

Our current **Balance due is \$125,533.33**

Thanks to everyone who is helping toward paying off our balance.

A \$1 a week can make a difference if everyone is contributing!  
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### Call to Worship

#### And Scripture Reading for May

- 1st Carole Archer
- 8th Kasandra Hadzima
- 15th Mark Davison
- 22nd Becky McKinney
- 29th Rose Rigas



### PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12th—

Celebrate birthday of the Church and the gift of God's Holy Spirit! All are invited to bring a gift for the church—coffee, Kleenex, hand soap, stamps, hard wrapped candy and other supplies are always needed.

We will have a Birthday Cake and re-member to wear red.



**MAY**

Acolytes 1st Zach Shimble

- 8th Sarah Shreve
- 15th Cory Garbark
- 22nd Chris Buehner
- 29th David Buehner

THANK YOU 

I just

wanted to tell you how much I appreciate all of you especially during this Holy Season. Hope to see you soon. Thank you for your prayers, God bless you, Shirley Paboucek

Dear Friends of Grace, Thank you so much for the Easter basket. I know I'll enjoy everything in it. It was so thoughtful to remember me. God Bless all of you. JoAnn O'Toole

Thanks a lot for the Easter Basket and all the goodies that was in it. I do enjoy the sweets. It was so thoughtful remembering the shut-ins. Thanks again, Lois Mitchell

Dear Friends of Grace Church, Thank you for all the gifts you gave to me. With love,

Ronald Brown





# May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion worship 10:30 AM &amp; 7:00 PM  <b>Brielle Durbin Baptism</b>            SCOPE 6-8</p>	<p>2 GATHERING OF DAUGHTERS 6:30 PM</p> 	<p>3 T.O.P.S. 5:30 PM at Webster Hall</p>	<p>4 BOOK DISCUSSION 7PM            Bible Study at Wayne Hays 1PM  <b>Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM</b></p>	<p>5 Girl Scouts 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall            Coffee House 7PM at Webster Hall</p>	6	7
<p>8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!  <b>Nathaniel Shreve Baptism</b>            SCOPE 6-8</p> 	9	<p>10 T.O.P.S. 5:30 PM at Webster Hall</p>	<p>11 Free Legal Aid Clinic 5:30 PM at Webster Hall            Monthly Trustees Meeting 7PM  <b>Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM</b></p>	<p>12 Ministerial Association Mtg. 10AM            Girl Scouts 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall            Coffee House 7PM at Webster Hall</p>	13	<p>14 Memorize Galatians 6:9</p>
<p>15 Grace to Go at Wayne Hays 3PM  <b>DEADLINE for Pirates Tickets!</b>            SCOPE 6-8</p>	16	<p>17 T.O.P.S. 5:30 PM at Webster Hall</p>	<p>18 Bible Study at Wayne Hays 1PM  <b>Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM</b></p>	<p>19 Girl Scouts 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall            Coffee House 7PM at Webster Hall</p>	20	<p>21 <b>CAR SHOW</b> In the M.F. Park Noon-7PM            Live Music, Food, Crafts, Games, Door Prizes, Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles!!</p>
<p>22 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY            Worship 10:30 &amp; 7PM            SCOPE 6-8            Men's Dinner 5:30 PM</p>	23	<p>24 Monthly Session Meeting 7PM at Webster Hall            T.O.P.S. 5:30PM at Webster Hall</p>	<p>25 Christian Ed Meeting 7PM in the Library  <b>Bell Choir Practice 5:30 PM</b></p>	<p>26 Girl Scouts 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall            Coffee House 7PM at Webster Hall</p>	<p>27 Send a card to a friend day!</p>	28
<p>29 RECOGNITION OF H.S. GRADUATES  <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30 AM &amp; 7:00 PM</b></p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>	<p>31 T.O.P.S. 5:30 PM at Webster Hall</p>	<p>Grace Presbyterian Church  <b>7 North Fourth Street</b>            Martins Ferry, OH 43935            Phone 740-633-2699            FAX 740-633-9624  <a href="mailto:gracepc2699@sbcglobal.net">gracepc2699@sbcglobal.net</a></p>			

# The Deacons Docket

## LENTEN MISSION PROJECT: BOUNTIFUL BASKETS

The Deacons & SCOPE (our youth group) are teaming up to create Easter baskets for our shut-ins. We are putting together twenty baskets, and on Palm Sunday evening, members of the Deacons and SCOPE will deliver the baskets and enjoy a short visit with our shut-ins. So far, we have received a wonderful amount of supplies for this project, and we are truly grateful! With only a few weeks left, we ask that you please continue to give generously.

- 4/3: Cans of Soup
- 4/10: Donations to pay for Grace Church coffee mugs
- 4/17: Apples, Oranges, & Bananas

If you have any questions, please contact Kay McFarlan, Deacon Chair.



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## “STOCK THE PANTRY” CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

After a worship series on hunger in February, Bill and Lisa have challenged the congregation to help to keep our church’s food pantry and the Martins Ferry Food Bank stocked up. On the first Sunday of each month, when we have communion, we are having an additional “Stock the Pantry” offering of canned and boxed

goods. When you arrive at church, just drop off your bag up front near the pulpit before worship begins.

Whether you can bring a single can of soup or three bags full of groceries is unimportant. The goal is to get in the habit of offering up food from

our home pantries to provide for families in the area with little or nothing to eat on a

regular basis. Hunger needs in our community are increasing at an alarming rate. Let’s commit to meeting those needs!



Have you checked out Holy Grounds Café yet? We are open every Thursday evening from 7:00—9:30 PM. There is always great music and cheap food and drinks: a perfect combination! It really is a wonderful place to unwind with friends of all ages. Grab a pal and swing on by!

The Deacons will run a food booth at the Car Show & Festival on Saturday, May 21st. If you want to help out, contact Sandy Albert or Sandy Morehead!