

GRACE CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.

Let's Get Radical

Part 4: Radical Service

Welcome to Grace. We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today! Today we are continuing our sermon series "Let's Get Radical" by exploring how Grace Church can take a radical approach to service. During our time together we'll take a look at some of the many reasons why we should engage in "Radical Service" to our church, to our community, and to the rest of the world.

Today we will encourage each of you to get involved in doing "hands on service". Grace Church has had a long tradition of being a church that has been committed to serving others and we are grateful for that; but I want to encourage each of you to help us to "Put a Face on Grace" by engaging the people we serve in a more personal way. Today you'll hear from some people who have done just that, and how what they have done has helped to change the world one person at a time.

At the close of our services we'll present each of you with an opportunity to prayerfully consider where you can serve to help make the Kingdom of God a reality in the lives of all people.

Please remember our "Lend a Helping Ham" campaign; we'd like to collect 200 - 3lb. canned hams to share with those who are less fortunate than we are. So be sure to pick one up and bring it to Grace by November 15th.

Thanks for being at Grace!

Blessings,



Pastor Mike

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE 10/03/09

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| • Pledge cards mailed (number of family giving units) | 203 |
| • Stewardship goal | \$550,000 |
| • Pledge cards received | 12 |
| • Percentage received | 5.9% |
| • Stewardship percent to goal | 4.5% |

Get Connected at Grace!

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NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Our Presence

9 am Worship - 173, 10:15 am 70
 11 am Worship - 132 Total: 375
 Sunday School - 116 Small Groups - 91
 Total: 207

Our Generosity

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| Needed weekly toward budget | 7,554 |
| Received last week toward budget | 10,564 |
| Needed YTD | 423,475 |
| Received YTD | 414,776 |
| Shortfall YTD | [8,699] |

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8, 2009

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

GATHERING AND PARISH NOTICES

(You are invited to sign the friendship registers located at the end of each pew.)

PRELUDE *Trumpet Minuet* Greene/arr. Wolff

(We center ourselves for worship as the light of Christ is brought into our midst.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has told us to love the Lord our God with our whole hearts.

People: God has also told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Pastor: Let us center ourselves on God's word during this time.

People: May we be inspired during this time to go forth in the name of Christ in service to the whole world.

*HYMN NO. 181 *Ye Servants of God* HANOVER

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God we confess that we are often caught up in the tide of our own desires. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people who have been charged with accomplishing your will in the world. Often we live in apathy rather than hope; many times we are driven by personal ambition rather than by social justice; and sometimes we dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. It is in Jesus' name we pray.

(Let us observe a moment of silence for personal confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious. God forgives our sins and helps us begin again.

Thanks be to God!

*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal, page 71

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(You are invited to offer the peace of Christ to those with whom you worship.)

RESPONSE NO. 328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord* WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power, and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Interlude* Rawsthorne

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:35-40; James 1:22

ANTHEM *Ain't Got Time To Die* Johnson

SERMON *Let's Get Radical* Pastor Mike
Part 4: "Radical Service"

*HYMN NO. 568 *Christ for the World We Sing* ITALIAN HYMN

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE 664 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* THE ASH GROVE
Congregation, please join the choir in singing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

(The light of Christ leads us out to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.)

*POSTLUDE *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH
arr. Young

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD.

**As you are able, please stand*

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

9:00 a.m. - GREETER: Steve Brock & Jeff Kerrigan; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Evan Williams; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Kelly Trexler; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Chip & Sabra Permar; **HALL HELPERS:** Lito Lewallen; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Carolyn McKinney; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Stacy Hiers; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Sandy Crossley & Gen Fleischman; Narthex: Charles & Dianne Bray; **JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Jason Smith; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Chip & Sabra Permar; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Stone; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Logan Hiers; **USHERS:** Karen Weyler, Eva Thomas, Betty Moore; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Sam Lewis; **CLOSER:** Frank Stovall; **LAWN SERVICE:** Mark McKinney, Scott Romine, Andy Rio-Anderson, Caleb Rio-Anderson

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Bill Cross in memory of Ellen Ann Cross.



The pink rosebud in our worship service today is in celebration of the birth of Miller Ann Norman. Miller was born on October 31 and weighed 7 lb. 6 oz and is 19.5" long. The proud parents are Ben and Melissa Norman. Congratulations, Norman family!

The Smith family offers sincere thanks for all the wonderful meals following the birth of our third son, Julian. Thank you for your wonderful support and generosity, Grace families!

~Jason, Frankie, Spencer, Adrian & Julian Smith

IN THE HOSPITAL

Linda Hadnott - Cone, 3705

OUR SYMPATHY

Let us offer our sympathy to the family of Mary Johnston. Mary died on Saturday, October 31. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 3 at Westminster Gardens.

Please remember in your prayers: Faith (friend of Nick Andrews and patient at Bell House), Jim Nussbaum (Vic Nussbaum's brother), Earl Rideout (Sugar Dunlap's brother-in-law), Jill Osborne (Mae Boles' niece), Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Maria Collen, Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), Elaine Kesler, David, Karen & Cameron Pruitt (David is in Afghanistan), Debbie Frye, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

- **SERVANT CENTERS OPEN TODAY**...Our "Servant Centers" (formerly "Volunteer Centers") will be open today before and after each worship service. Included with your bulletin today is the latest version of the gifts and talents survey, renamed "Service Opportunities." The name changes reflect the fact that every member of the Church has pledged to support the Church through service to others. That service may be a part of the Church's ministries or it may be outside the organized Church, in the community and world - or, as is the case with many of our members, it may be both. If you haven't filled a survey out recently, we would appreciate your completing the one in your bulletin and returning it to the church office ASAP. Use it to let us know where you already are serving and/or where you would like to serve. Thanks for your support and cooperation in this attempt to make Grace a stronger Church and a more effective witness.

~The Volunteer Services Committee

- **GUM FOOD MISSION REPORT**...In October, 82 pounds of dried beans were collected and delivered to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Thanks for your generosity.

The missions food for November is **CANNED GREENS**. Mixed greens, turnip greens and mustard greens are a few good choices. Greens are a healthy addition to a meal. Pick up a few cans to bring to church this Sunday. Thanks for helping the hungry in Greensboro. Coming up in December - Oatmeal.

- **BACK PACK PROJECT**...We are also in desperate need of additional food items for our Peeler Elementary School backpack project. So please add cans of Beef Stew to your shopping list!
- **LEND A HELPING HAM**...Help Grace Church collect 200, 3 lb. canned hams for *INASMUCH Ministries* to distribute to the needy in our community this Thanksgiving. Please bring these hams to church by Sunday, November 15th.
- **HABITAT OPPORTUNITY**...Grace Church will be participating with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro on a mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana on February 7th-14th, 2010. During the week, the team will work on construction projects in the Greater New Orleans area. The approximate cost will be \$375 plus ancillary expenses. Please contact Pastor Mike at mmoran@grace-methodist.com if interested.



ALL CHURCH MEN - Grace will compete in this year's church basketball league. If you're interested in playing please contact Jarrod Clayton at 686-4590 or jarrod.clayton@rsmi.com.



F.U.E.L. in November! ALL YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES are invited to come out for FUEL at our regular times November 8th. We will not meet on the 15th due to the FX09 Fall Retreat. Then, on the 22nd we will gather to DO "Advent Angel" crafts, share a meal, and assemble shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child as a group...more details to follow. INVITE A FRIEND as we get FUELED UP! See you Sunday!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, 12/12 - We will be working in the OCC Warehouse in Boone, NC on December 12th from 5-9pm. We will have other events planned for that evening (dinner, bowling, etc), stay the night, and head back to GSO on 12/13. You must be 13 years old to participate. There are 35 available spots and those not taken will be given to another church in GSO. **THIS IS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS. RSVP to Christina McCord by 11/22.** We're still working out the price but it shouldn't exceed \$75 (includes gas, lodging, dinner, and bowling.)



Family Event on Sunday, November 22 from 3:30 to 7pm! Come to one event or to all! We will begin at 3:30pm with Advent Angels, dinner for families at 5pm and filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child at 5:45pm. Be on the watch for more information! Families will need to sign up for dinner ahead of time. To sign up, go to our website at www.grace-methodist.com and look on the first page for "Family Night", click on Kim's email, and respond with number expected to attend. You may also register for dinner by calling Kim at 272-2171, ext. 102 and leaving a message on her voice mail.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD... **"The Power of a SIMPLE gift"**

Grace youth and children are partnering together to assemble shoeboxes for **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!** These shoeboxes will be delivered to needy children all over the world, who without our generosity would not have a Christmas. **HELP US SHARE GOD'S LOVE!!! Items will be collected from Nov 1-22. They can be dropped off at the sanctuary/fellowship hall entrances or in the upstairs hallway in the Education Building.** Shoeboxes will be assembled by the youth and children on the evening of November 22.

What we NEED...

***PRAYERS- Please pray for the child who will receive your gift.**

***SHOEBOXES- We need lots of shoeboxes to pack the gifts in!!!**

***DONATIONS to ship the shoeboxes- \$7 made out to Samaritan's Purse-DO NOT make the check payable to Grace.**

***POSSIBLE ITEMS TO PURCHASE for shoebox donations:**

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans