

WELCOME TO THE GRACE PLACE

December 17 and 18, 2011

Welcome of The Grace Place on the fourth weekend of Advent. We are so delighted you have joined us for worship this weekend. This weekend we are celebrating Christmas in our services with amazing music and a message. We welcome The Cornerstone Brass, a group of five men who are sharing their special musical gifts with us with a mini-concert of beautiful Christmas music. Cornerstone was with us last year and did such a tremendous job, we invited them return this year to participate in our Christmas Celebrations! I will be sharing a message I have entitled "Christmas Checklist". In this message we will be focusing on five very important questions that will help us to really make sure we are prepared to celebrate the birthday of our Savior.

On Christmas Eve we are going to celebrate with the most beautiful and moving Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion services we have ever had. This is your best opportunity to invite your seeking friends to join you in church. In these services I am going to share the Gospel message in the clearest way I know how, so do not miss this opportunity to be used by God to bring a seeking friend to the Savior. We are offering four Candlelight and Communion services. We generally have full house responses to all four services, so plan to be here early. The service times are 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, and 8:00 p.m. We are advertising this service through television ads, direct mail, newspaper ads, etc. We believe that Christmas Eve is a time when many seekers will pause for a moment and think about the things associated with God. Make plans to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and the King of the Earth!! On Christmas Day, Sunday December 25th, we are having one worship service at 11:00 am. This service will be a fifth Candlelight Service, so plan to join us for one of these five services on either Christmas Eve or on Christmas Sunday morning.

You still have time to make an end of year tax-deductible contribution of cash, securities or real estate. Over the years your end of the year giving has enabled us to end our year in the financial black, and those contributions this year are very important in helping The Grace Place end this year financially strong. There has never been a time in my nearly 33 years of serving as a pastor when there were so many people looking to the church for help. Without your consistent financial support, we are not able to assist the way we know all of us would like to be able to. We ask you to make giving to The Grace Place a top priority because we believe God is using our church to powerfully impact the lives of hundreds of seekers each week. Would you please do the following:

- Take the time to review your contributions for the year to evaluate if you have fallen behind in your tithes, previous stewardship campaign commitments, or mission's giving.
- Please contact our bookkeeper Suzanne (287-6388) if you need your year-to-date financial statement mailed, emailed, or faxed to you. Call or email her at suzanneadams@thegraceplace.com and she will provide those materials for you promptly.
- You can donate now online at www.thegraceplace.com/giving, or you can make donations via cash (identified in a contribution envelope), check, or credit card at the SecureGive kiosk in the church lobby.
- For assistance in donating securities, real estate, or items of resale value, please contact our bookkeeper Suzanne at 287-6388.

Many times you can eliminate paying a capital gains tax on an investment and get the full donation benefits as well. For information on the increased tax benefits of these kinds of donations, please contact our Director of Finance, Suzanne Adams at 287-6388 or email her at suzanneadams@thegraceplace.com.

I trust you have a wonderful Christmas Holiday season that will be filled with the wonder of Christmas!

Pastor Rick

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Today's Celebration Service

December 17 and
18, 2011

Worship

*"Angels We Have
Heard On High
"O Little Town Of
Bethlehem"*

Welcome

Advent

Special Music

"Cornerstone Brass"

Message

"Christmas Checklist"

**Rick Addison,
Senior Pastor**

Prayer

Giving Back To God

Closing

"Cornerstone Brass"

Prayer Support/ Communion

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Christmas At The Grace Place

**This Saturday, Dec. 17th at 6 pm and Sunday,
Dec. 18th at 9 & 11 am**

Special musical guests – Cornerstone Brass

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services
December 24 – 3:30, 5, 6:30, 8 pm**

Celebrate the birth of our Savior with a beautiful
candlelight service. Childcare age 5 and under
only

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25 - 11 am

Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Eve Services – We need you help! -
Greeters, ushers, parking lot help, - we need lots of
extra hands for the Christmas events. If you can
give us a few hours, please register at the table in
the lobby this weekend.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Karon at
karonaddison@thegraceplace.com to help out!! God
bless you!!



Growth Track– Be A Part of The Grace Place

Church 101 – January 8 This class is a basic
introduction to the ministry of The Grace Place and
will help you understand church membership.

Essentials 201 – January 15 This class guides you
through the essential beliefs every Christian needs to
find success in their walk with Christ.

Discovery 301 – January 22 We want to help you
realize what makes you so unique. This class will
help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose
in life and see how God combines them for the best
fit in ministry.

Dream Team 401 – January 29 Attend an
orientation or training session in the ministry area of
your choice to learn more about how to be involved.

**THE GROWTH TRACK IS COMPLETE WHEN YOU
JOIN OR START A MINISTRY TEAM.**

All classes begin at approximately 12:45 with a light
lunch and conclude by 2:15pm.

SPORTS MINISTRY UPDATES

Open Night Gym for families is now taking place on
Thursday nights from **6-8pm**. Come out for some
great fun and fellowship playing indoor KICKBALL.

Upward Sports Kid's Basketball & Cheerleading
Program **Upward Sports** Kid's Basketball & Cheer-
leading Program will now be taking place in **July
2012** instead of January. Sign-ups will begin taking
place in April or May. Please contact Casi Brush for
further info 772-215-2496 or casibrush@gmail.com.

40 Days in the Word - New Home Groups

We are setting up new home groups that will begin in
February 2012 for a 6 weeks study of "40 Days In
The Word". If you would like to host or facilitate a
home group, please complete the registration form in
your bulletin.

Worship Service Etiquette

Thank you for using our Infant and Toddler nurseries
in the Ministry Center. We know by doing so you will
experience more from our worship service and
reduce distractions to other worshippers as well.

- Please turn off your cell phone.
- If you know that you will have to leave the
service early, please sit in the back row of a
section to keep from distracting others in wor-
ship.
- The message time and closing of each service is
very important. People are making significant
decisions in light of what they have experienced.

Thank you for not distracting other worshippers. God
bless you.

Mobile Giving

The Grace Place now has a giving app for iphones
and Droids. SecureGive's App allows you to make a
one time or recurring donation to multiple donation
categories through any smart phone or tablet device.
Download SecureGive's App for free from the
app store. Search –choose location – The Grace
Place - Click on give and following instructions.
Quick, Easy and Secure. For more information for
mobile giving or assistance contact Suzanne Adams
at suzanneadams@thegraceplace.com

Christmas Poinsettias

Please pick up a form at the Welcome center in the
lobby if you wish to purchase a poinsettia(s) in
Memory of or in Honor of someone dear to you this
Christmas.

Middle School Ministry

The 2011-12 New Years Eve Lockdown is here and
it's going to be better than ever with the world's
Largest Cheeseburgers, Giant Hamster ball, Music,
and much, much more. Cost is \$20.12 for the
evening and includes all food and fun. If a student
brings four friends who haven't attended in the last
six months then their ticket is free. Ticket are on sale
at the Welcome Desk.

Let Us Pray for You

Please write your prayer needs on the tear-off
section of the bulletin. Pastor Rick, our staff and our
prayer team will pray for you.

MOBILE
Download the Secure
Give App to your
iphone or any droid
phone.

KIOSK
located in the lobby for
credit/debit card
donations.

ONLINE
www.thegraceplace.com/giving,
set-up ACH debit from your
checking or savings account
or set-up online bill pay
with your bank.

MAIL
Postage Paid envelopes

SERVICE
In person during the weekend
services, Wednesday night
classes or at the church
offices Monday thru Friday 8am
to 5pm.

5 ways to give

Suzanne Adams, Director of Finance 772-287-6388, suzanneadams@thegraceplace.com

Celebrate Recovery Christmas Event & Wrapping Party

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to help make our event such a wonderful evening. We had over 250 show up for the wrapping and dinner and the true spirit of Christmas was definitely there. Pastor Phil & our CR worship team did a fantastic job leading us in worship and the testimony was a tribute to God for the many blessings that await us when we surrender control to Him! A special thanks to Denny Ives and his team for the many hours spent cooking and preparing the meal. Bonnie Gruener, Audrey Calderazzo, and Michelle Strunk for the holiday transformation of decorating the gym and Anne Welsh for the beautiful plants that gave the finishing touch! God smiles as He sees us serving to glorify Him and bring hope to others!

Celebrate Recovery & Open House in January!

Plan to join us on Tuesday, January 17th for our CR Open House! This is a special evening where you will hear several testimonies on many different issues. Each of these testimony givers have just completed their one year commitment in Step Study and they want to share with YOU the miracle of change and freedom they have experienced! If you think you are not one of "those people" come and listen that evening and you will change your mind! We ALL have hurts, habits, and hang ups but there is freedom from all of it through a Celebrate Recovery Step Study!

NEW Step Studies for Men & Women Begin Thursday, Jan. 26th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Give yourself the GIFT of Step Study!

For more information contact Celebrate Recovery Director, Stephanie Johnston at 772-287-6388 or email stephaniejohnston@thegraceplace.com.

Attention Young Adults!

Are you a young adult and looking for a way to connect with others your age? Are you in college and searching for your place in life? There is a group for you. The Young Adults Group ages 18-33 is currently meeting in room 185 every Sunday from 10am-11am. We have started a new class called "Leading for Christ". You're invited to be a part of this learning experience that will help get your feet planted in what many feel is the chaos around them. Don't miss out. For more information please contact Young Adult Pastor Jose at 772-287-6388 or by email at josefernandez@thegraceplace.com.

Primetimers Christmas Events

December 22nd –"Stars and Soup"- Join us this Thursday at 9:30 am for a scientific look at "The Star of Bethlehem" facilitated by Gerald Turner. Followed by potluck soup at 11:15 am in the Ministry Center café. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Are You New to The Grace Place?

If you began attending in the last 6 to 8 weeks, we'd like to invite you to our Pastor's Breakfast. It's our opportunity to get better acquainted with you. Please stop by Guest Central in the lobby for your ticket to next Sunday's breakfast.

Counseling Service

Counseling is available at a nominal fee for individuals or couples with Peggy Cioffi. Peggy has her a MS in Counseling Psychology as well as 20 plus years experience. Additionally, she is certified Nationally and Internationally as a Substance Abuse Professional. To schedule an appointment call the church office 772-287-6388 x-126 or Cell 772 485-2030.

Prayer Needs

Joann Swenson - health issues
Tom Bass - recovering from surgery
Debbi Sanders - hospitalized

Registration & Information

Information Request:

I would like information about the following ministries:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primetimers (55+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. Campus Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Small Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> MOMS Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | |

If You Are A First Time Guest:

How did you hear about us?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend |

Please Contact Me Concerning:

- Children's Ministries Team
- TGP Security Ministry Team
- Connection Café Team
- 1st Impressions
- Coffee Team
- Other

Spiritual Commitments:

- I prayed today to begin a personal relationship with Christ.
- How do I begin a personal relationship with Christ?
- How do I join The Grace Place?

Prayer Needs:

- Personal:

- Seekers I am Praying for:

- I would like my request put on the

Please complete Name & Address section on reverse. Tear off along the perforation and drop in the offering bucket or turn in at the Welcome Center.

Weekend Worship Services

- ➔ Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
- ➔ Sunday Worship 9:00 am & 11:00 am
- ➔ Hispanic Worship 11:00 am (Chapel)
- ➔ Nursery, Kid's Church & Youth: All Services
- ➔ Grace Place sermons & music anytime:
www.thegraceplace.com/live



<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Weekly Schedule...</i></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Step Study 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Zumba (Cancelled until January 9th)</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study - begins Jan. 3rd 9:30 am - Women's Step Study 7:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery - (Connection)</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Choir Practice 7:00 pm - CR Step Studies 7:00 pm - Campus Studies 7:00 pm - Middle School (Connection) 7:00 pm - High School (Chapel) 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Worship & Band Practice</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Open Gym (kickball) 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Young Adults meeting 1st and 3rd (Chapel)</p> <p><u>SATURDAY</u> 6:00 pm - Worship Service (Celebration Center) 6:00 pm - Fusion</p> <p><u>SUNDAY</u> 9:00 am - Worship Service (Celebration Center) 9:00 am - High School Bible Study (Connection Ctr) 9:00 am - Adult Bible Study 11:00 am - Worship Service (Celebration Center) 11:00 am - Hispanic Service - (Chapel)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY :</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 - 7:00 pm Light Dinner in Connection available for under \$5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 pm ✠ Kids Church (Ministry Center) Middle School: (Connection)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 pm ✠ Campus Studies (onsite)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Grace Book Place</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hours Tuesday - 9 am to 1 pm Thursday - 1 pm to 5 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday before & after services</p>
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Last week @ The Grace Place: *the people came ...*

Weekend	1315	Tithe	\$27,256.09
Saturday, 6:00 pm	376	SPECIAL OFFERINGS (Offerings given over and above tithe)	
Sunday, 9:00 am	386	Christmas Offering	\$2,549.00
Sunday, 11:00 am	492	Missions	\$617.00
Hispanic	61	Building Fund	\$140.00
		High Impact Partners	\$90.00

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

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