

WELCOME TO THE GRACE PLACE

December 3 and 4, 2011

Welcome to The Grace Place Church. We are delighted you have joined us for worship this weekend. This is the second weekend of Advent and we are focused on celebrating Christmas each of the weekends leading up to the celebration of Jesus's birthday. About 15 years ago Jimmy Stewart died after having made over 75 movies in his 89 years. Probably his most famous movie was a Christmas movie entitled "It Is A Wonderful Life." In the film Stewart plays the part of George Bailey, a suicidal business man who finally realizes the impact of a simple, ordinary hard-working man. It is a wonderful story that reminds us that most of the time we seriously underestimate the impact of a single life on other people. As wonderful as the film is - there is no guarantee that based on the story line - everyone is going to have a wonderful life. The good news is that the Bible gives us clear insights into how to have a wonderful life and this weekend I am going to share those insights with you in this service.

On the weekend of December 10 and 11 our worship ministries will present a Christmas Concert entitled "Comfort and Joy". God has always used music to tell the Christmas story. When the angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem, they sang the Christmas story. When Mary told her cousin Elizabeth about her supernatural pregnancy, she sang a song. That is why I believe a Christmas Concert is just a natural way to celebrate the birthday of our Savior. There will be personal invite cards available this weekend for you to take with you to invite a guest to join you for the concert. The concert will be presented during our regular weekend service schedule, Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

During the month of December we have several other significant Christmas events planned that are designed to help us all keep the true meaning of Christmas in focus.

- On the weekend of December 17 and 18 the Cornerstone Brass will be in all three services to help us celebrate Christmas with incredible music. These young men are very gifted musicians and their musical reparatory will encourage and uplift all of us.
- We are planning a tremendous Christmas out-reach utilizing our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion services. We will be advertising 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 related to God. That is why we are offering four Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion services. The service times are 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm. These services will include tremendous music with The Grace Place Choir and band, a Christmas message, communion and a beautiful candlelight ceremony.

Do not miss this opportunity to invite your friends and family to join you for these special Christmas events. I can promise you that if you bring a seeking friend or relative to any of these Christmas celebration events that they will hear the Gospel presented clearly and have an opportunity to make a commitment to Christ. There are personal invite cards available in the lobby, so please get as many as you can use to distribute this week.

I trust you have a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season! When you are out of town, remember you can be a part of our internet church via www.thegraceplace.com/live at any of the regularly scheduled worship times!

Pastor Rick

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Today's Celebration Service

December 3 and 4,
2011

Worship

*"As It Is In Heaven"
"I Vow To Worship
You"*

Welcome

Special Music

Kids Choir

Worship

*"Hark The Herald
Angels Sing"*

Message

*"It Is A Wonderful
Life"*

**Rick Addison,
Senior Pastor**

Prayer

Giving Back To God

Closing

"As It Is In Heaven"

Prayer Support/ Communion



Christmas At The Grace Place

This Saturday and Sunday - Kids Choir
Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6pm and Sunday, Dec. 11th at 9 & 11 am

Christmas Concert "Comfort and Joy" A special Christmas story told through music, an event you don't want to miss.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th 6 pm

Celebrate Recovery Christmas Party and Wrapping Event Dinner at 6 pm with an awesome testimony and great food. Come and celebrate with us. Join us as we wrap over 800 presents for Sandy Pines Children/Mental Facility.

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



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 worshipers 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 worship.
- 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 worshipers. God bless you.

Women's/MOMS Bible Study Christmas

If you have been a part of our Bible Study or MOMS groups we invite you to these "potluck" events below. We have some exciting things planned for the new year!!

Tuesday, December 13th, 9:30am - 12:00 noon - Christmas Brunch at Rebecca Sechrist home in Legacy Cove. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift from your home to bless someone else with!!

Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Christmas Finger Foods Potluck at Ava Pennington's home in Locks Landing. Bring a wrapped ornament to share. Directions are 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.

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.

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.

Share Christmas

Check out the Christmas Tree in the lobby to help Salvation Army chosen children and or Christmas in a Shoebox. Both are due back Sunday December 13th. Chose a child to bless this Christmas season.

For more information contact Karon at the church office 772-287-6388 or at karonaddison@thegraceplace.com.

Primetimers Star and Soup

Join us on December 22nd at 9:30 am for a great scientific study on the Star of Bethlehem facilitated with Gerald Turner and soup afterwards 11:15 am. Sign up at the front desk to enjoy this enlightening approach to "The Star of Bethlehem". For more information contact Gerald at gltanpat@yahoo.com or Karon at the church office 772-287-6388.

Fusion News

Fusion (40+ group) will meet at the church for the Christmas Concert on December 10th which begins at 6 pm. For more info contact Jud at 1-772-626-1694 or Kathy at 1-561-248-6909.

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. Tickets go on sale this week and will be available at the Welcome Desk.

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.

4 ways to give

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.

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

Celebrate Recovery- Pastor Rick Speaking this Week!

Have YOU been wondering what celebrate Recovery is all about? Join us this week as Pastor Rick comes to share a message of GRATITUDE in the spirit of the Christmas Season. You will be unconditionally accepted at Celebrate Recovery we ALL have a hurt, habit, or hang-up so you will fit right in. Take a risk and come and check us out it will be a night to connect with all of us! Dinner starts at 6pm if your schedule allows, and the meeting begins at 7pm in the Connection Center gym. You will be blessed with our praise and worship guaranteed you will leave the large group meeting with a smile on your face! The Welcome/Orientation group begins at 8pm and you will learn all about Celebrate Recovery and what it has to offer you! See you on Tuesday! For more information, please contact Celebrate Recovery Director, Stephanie Johnston at 287-6388 or email stephaniejohnston@thegraceplace.com.

High School Ministry

A High School Parent's Meeting will be held on this Sunday, December 4th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Jamie and Mary Matt's house. This will be our last meeting for 2011 and we will be recapping all the things God has been doing in our High School Ministry this past year. Please mark your calendars and join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship. We will also discuss what we have in store for our teenagers in 2012. Our High School Parents will be given time to ask questions and share in their experiences of raising teens with others. For address information please contact Jose Fernandez at josefernandez@thegraceplace.com or call him at church 287-6388. Our thanks to the Matt family for hosting this event!

Celebrate Recovery - Christmas Dinner & Wrapping Party

Join us on Dec. 13 and give back this Christmas season at our annual Celebrate Recovery Christmas Dinner Event & wrapping Party. We are helping to provide Christmas for 80+ Children in Recovery at Sandy Pines Hospital in Tequesta. Their ages are 7 years to 17 years old. These kids would not have Christmas if many of us in the community did not step up to help. Many of them are wards of the state or have had damaging things occur in their lives. Our CR has taken on 20 of these kids and each child get a complete new out fit, shoes, and 3 or 4 things from their wish list. Many of them have never experienced the love and joy of Christmas and cannot believe that complete strangers would love them enough to give them anything.

The gym will be beautifully decorated and the meal begins at 6pm we are serving a dinner and you bring a dessert! At 7pm we will have praise and worship, a skit and an inspiring testimony of God's love and grace in the life of a couple that has turned their wills and marriage over to the care of God.

The Grace Place serves as the main hub for all the wrapping of over 800 gifts for all 80 kids. This will be a wonderful evening of celebrating together "the reason for the season" come and join us in the spirit of giving God the glory for the ultimate gift he gave to us!

For more information, please contact Celebrate Recovery Director, Stephanie Johnston at 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 the church office at 772-287-6388 or by email at josefernandez@thegraceplace.com.

Counseling Service

Counseling is available at a nominal fee for individuals or couples with Grace Place Staff, Peggy Cioffi. Peggy has her 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 - hospitalized

Adaila Unruh - health issues

Phyllis Rape - recovering from surgery

Gerald Cooper and Family - loss of Freida

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
- 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 Wednesday prayer sheet.

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

<i>Weekly Schedule...</i>	
<p><u>MONDAY</u> 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Open Gym (kickball) 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Step Study 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Zumba</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study 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> 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Step Study (Cancelled) 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><u>WEDNESDAY :</u> 5:30 - 7:00 pm Light Dinner in Connection available for under \$5</p> <p>7:00 pm ✦ Kids Church (Ministry Center) Middle School: (Connection)</p> <p>7:00 pm ✦ Campus Studies (onsite)</p> <p><u>Grace Book Place</u></p> <p>Hours Tuesday - 9 am to 1 pm Thursday - 1 pm to 5 pm</p> <p>Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday before & after services</p>

Last week @ The Grace Place: *the people came ...*

Weekend	1013	Tithe	\$21,449.40
Saturday, 6:00 pm	185	SPECIAL OFFERINGS (Offerings given over and above tithe)	
Sunday, 9:00 am	369	Missions	\$413.00
Sunday, 11:00 am	396	Building Fund	\$111.00
Hispanic	63	High Impact Partners	\$110.00

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

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