

February 8, 2004

Good morning!

If you are new to Grace, we extend a special welcome. Relax. Don't feel any obligation to give monetarily...you are our guest!

Grace Community is a new kind of church focused on finding. Finding God. Finding hope and truth. Finding forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Finding relationships and personal growth in an open creative church.

The emphasis at Grace is twofold: be a church home for non-churched people and provide Christ followers a rich environment for spiritual growth.

The pastor's name is Dave. You can reach him at the church (373-1271) or online at dave@findinggrace.com.

The audio of today's message is available online (findinggrace.com) or at the information table in the lobby.

*Our mission is to **experience** the grace of God in our lives
and to **extend** the grace of God to our community.*

Coming up at Grace:

Grace 201: Session 2 (The Word and Prayer), Wednesday, February 11, 7-8:30p

Grace 301: Part 2 (Contagious Christianity), Saturday, February 14, 8a-2:30p

Grace 101, Sunday, February 15, 1-2:30p. A basic introduction to Grace Community and our mission

Grace 201: Session 3 (The Word and Prayer), Wednesday, February 18, 7-8:30p

***Good \$ense (Grace 303)**, Saturday, February 21, 10:30a-4:30p This one day class will give you practical and Biblical tools to help you move to financial freedom in the New Year. A complete budget training taught by author and financial counselor Dick Towner. Cost for workbook is \$10. Register by writing "301" on your envelope.

Grace 201: Session 4 (The Word and Prayer), Wednesday, February 25, 7-8:30p

***Faith Launch: Fueling Your Child's Relationship with Jesus**, Thursday, February 26, 6:30-8p Every Christian parent longs for their children to know their Savior, Jesus. In this program, Focus on the Family's "Family Night Guy" Jim Weidmann will equip parents to present the fundamentals of the Christian faith to their children in fun and creative ways. Childcare will be provided.

***Parenting: Understanding How God Made Your Family to Fit Together**, Thursday, March 25, 6:30-8p (in partnership with Focus on the Family's Young Families)

Best-selling author John Trent helps parents understand the unique personalities of each family member. In addition, parents will discover a plan of action for building healthier relationships within the family based on these individual personalities. Childcare will be provided.

*These events are live video presentations from Church Communication Network. For more info on each event, go to CCNonline.com.

Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:

Monday Psalm 23

Tuesday John 10:1-21

Wednesday Ezekiel 34:1-19

Thursday Ezekiel 34:20-31

Friday Ephesians 2:11-22

Saturday Psalm 100

Sunday Isaiah 52:13- 53:12

Formed for God's Family

"It's a Flock"

(Based on day 15 of "The Purpose Driven Life" *)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

1. The family is a flock.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3 (NIV)

2. Who is in this flock?

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15 (NIV)

3. What does God think of this flock?

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28 (NIV)

4. Are there some benefits to being in this flock?

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:9-10 (NIV)

* "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, 2002 Zondervan Publishing