

March 7, 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.*

Next Sunday:

Grace at the Movies! The featured movie is *"The Straight Story"*. We will view selected scenes and the message will focus on the major "God-idea" in the movie.

"The Straight Story" will be shown in its entirety Saturday, March 13th at 7pm here at Grace. Be sure to invite a friend to Saturday's showing and the Sunday service.

Grace 201 continues this Wednesday evening, 7-8:30pm.

Coming up at Grace:

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 will help 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 their individual personalities. Childcare will be provided. This event is a live video presentation from Church Communication Network. For more info go to CCNonline.com.

Women's Connection: Gardening, Tuesday, March 30th, 7-9pm.

Want to discuss "The Passion"? A short-term open discussion group is now forming. The focus will be the movie *"The Passion of the Christ"*. Please write *"The Passion"* on your envelope or call Kevin McDougal at 597-1370.

Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:

Monday Ephesians 2:11-22

Thursday Zechariah 7

Sunday Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Tuesday Zechariah 5

Friday Zechariah 8

Wednesday Zechariah 6

Saturday Proverbs 27

Formed for God's Family

"The Family"

(Based on day 19 of "The Purpose Driven Life" *)

Ephesians 2:11 *Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—*

Ephesians 2:12 *remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.*

Ephesians 2:13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been _____ through the blood of Christ.*

Ephesians 2:14 *For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,*

Ephesians 2:15 *by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to _____ new man out of the two, thus making peace,*

Ephesians 2:15 *and in the one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.*

Ephesians 2:17 *He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.*

Ephesians 2:18 *For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:19 *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,*
Ephesians 2:20 *build on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.*

Ephesians 2:21 *In him the whole building is _____ and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.*

Ephesians 2:22 *And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

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