

March 14, 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.*

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

A Behavioral Style Workshop for engaged and married couples is being offered next Saturday here at Grace. The presenter is Debbie Hensleigh and the workshop will help any couple understand each other and resolve conflict. The workshop is Saturday, March 20th, 9-11am here at Grace. You must register today. Register by contacting Debbie at 369-9857 or dh-init@shout.net. The cost is \$20 payable on Saturday to Debbie Hensleigh Initiatives.

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.

A small groups conference is coming up at New Horizon United Methodist Church on April 24th. Brochures are at the info table.

Bring your canned goods to donate to Restoration Urban Ministries. The Grace Youth are collecting these donations in the lobby the next two weeks.

Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:

Monday Daniel 12

Thursday Ephesians 4:1-16

Sunday Matthew 5:13-16

Tuesday Psalm 133

Friday Ephesians 4:17-32

Wednesday Matthew 5:21-2

Saturday Proverbs 17

The Straight Story on Reconciliation

(Based on Day 20 of "The Purpose Driven Life"*)

1. Shine like the brightness of the heavens.

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:3 (NIV)

2. Go and be reconciled.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23, 24 (NIV)

3. Do not let the sun go down.

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

Ephesians 4:26, 27 (NIV)

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