

**July 11, 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](mailto:dave@findinggrace.com).

**The audio** of today's message is available online ([findinggrace.com](http://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.*

**Summer Activities for K-5: Water Day This week** at Grace Mahomet, July 14, 2-4pm. Fun water games for children. \$1 per person. **Movie matinee** at the Grace Mahomet gym, 1:30-4pm, August 2. \$1 per person.

**Are you in need of using the Grace building?** You can reserve it by contacting Ann Kirkland by phone 373-1271 from 1:15-2:30 during the week or emailing her at [akirkland@findinggrace.com](mailto:akirkland@findinggrace.com). The facility use will be first come first served with priority given to regularly scheduled events.

**Grace 101 and 102** will be held Sunday, July 18 from 1-3pm. Grace 101 and 102 are basic orientation classes to life at Grace and living a life full of God's grace.

**We will be offering baptism** during the Sunday service July 25. Please check baptism on your connection card if you would like more information.

**Listening station in the lobby:** Please feel free to borrow any of the CD's or magazines from the listening station in the lobby. We just ask that you are careful with the items and bring them back so that others may enjoy them.

**Grace Youth at Knight's Action Park in Springfield-** Saturday, July 17. We will be leaving Grace at 8:30 am and returning around 6pm that night. Admission is \$10.95 to the water park and rides or a round of golf is \$2.00. Bring a sack lunch and money for supper. Contact Bruce and Vicki Lewey at 356-5302 or [bigfig@insightbb.com](mailto:bigfig@insightbb.com). Also, don't forget your permission slip!

**Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:**

**Monday** Psalm 27

**Thursday** II Timothy 1

**Tuesday** I Samuel 17

**Friday** I John 4:13-21

**Wednesday** Genesis 1-3

# "What Am I Afraid of and Why?"

*Pastor Gary Sinclair*

## **What is at the core of our fear?**

We fear \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3:10

## **The fear of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Psalm 33:8; Psalm 103:10-11, Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; Exodus 20:20

## **So where do we begin in dealing with fear?**

1. Develop a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Proverbs 9:10
2. Admit to and ponder what you fear \_\_\_\_\_.  
John 1:9; 2:12
3. Consider what you've been doing to \_\_\_\_\_ from exposure.  
Romans 12:2
4. \_\_\_\_\_ that God will help you to discover during our upcoming messages how you can begin to live freed from your fears instead of being controlled by them.

## **Digging Deeper This Week**

- Monday: Make a list of your biggest fears right now. Spend some time today praying through Psalm 27 and giving those fears to God.
- Tuesday: Read 1 Samuel 17.  
What does God say to you about the "Goliaths" of your life?
- Wednesday: Reread the creation story in Genesis 1-3.
- Thursday: Read 2 Timothy 1.  
Think about God's provisions to help with our fears.
- Friday: Read 1 John 4:13-21.  
Find out how fear impacts our love and vice versa.