



JANUARY 2010

ECHOS OF GRACE NEWSLETTER

"And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:16-17

Grace Baptist Church, Wilmington NC January 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Vision Sunday—January 10th Dinner-on-the-Grounds / Afternoon Service						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2
3	4	5	6 Wednesday Suppers resume	7 Men's Luncheon	8	9	
10 Vision Sunday	11	12 WCA Day at CiCi's Pizza	13 Leadership Meeting	14	15 15-18 Youth Ski Retreat (?)	16 <i>Wedding of Karen Lee & Dean Miller</i>	
17 <i>Missionary Buddy Fitzgerald</i>	18	19	20 GBBI begins	21	22	23	
24 Sanctity of Life Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	 January 3-9 is Prayer Emphasis Week 						

Start the Year Off Right:

January 3-9: Prayer Emphasis Week

As we embark upon this new year, we are seeking God's direction and leadership for our church family. We have many ideas and dreams for the future, but above all we desire to follow the Lord and do only His will. It is most crucial, therefore, that we begin this year with a renewed dedication to daily communicate with our Heavenly Father.

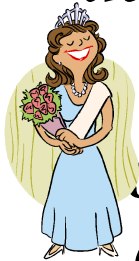
We are asking that everyone in our church family set aside some "extra" time before the Lord, particularly during the week of January 3-9, to ask the Lord for wisdom as we make decisions about our ministry emphasis for the coming year. The church sanctuary will be open Monday through Saturday 6-8 a.m. for individuals or groups to drop in and pray. The emphasis of our services on January 3rd will be prayer, and our service on Wednesday night the 6th will be a "Symphony of Prayer."

Sunday January 10th will be our Vision Sunday. We will have our regular Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship classes and our Morning Worship Service. Then we will have Dinner-on-the-Grounds in our Fellowship Hall. (Please bring food—enough for your family and a little extra!) When everyone has had time to eat, we will reconvene in the sanctuary for our Vision Meeting. (This service will take the place of our Evening Service.) We will present our goals and plans, including the theme for the coming year. Please don't miss this important day for our church family! Let's join together in seeking God's will for 2010.

Ladies DELIGHT Corner

Save the Date:
March 12-13

Ladies Retreat in Myrtle Beach



Theme:



Take Me Away...
Queen for a Day

Speaker: Carol Trahan

Northland Baptist Bible College

Cost: \$70 if paid by Jan. 4th

\$75 January 5 - February 7

* February 7 is deadline to register

Payment must accompany registration

The Heart ♥ of Grace

NEW ARRIVAL!

Joshua Cole Newkirk

Born December 17, 2009 to Josh & Aubrey Newkirk
Gloating Grandparents: David & Janet Long

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mirian dos Santos

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO:

Charity Metcalfe, in the death of her mother
Leslie Nobles & Amy Diggs, in the death
of their grandmother

Brent Coats, in the death of his grandmother
Vancey Dyson, in the death of her sister-in-law
The family of Charles Brantley

Congratulations

Pastor Benson

on completing your first three years
here as Pastor of Grace Baptist Church!
We love you and praise God for you
and look forward to many more years
of your leadership here!

GBC TRIVIA CORNER

NOBODY answered our December trivia question...
Pastor Benson has two brothers and two sisters, and
he is the "baby"!

**Let's try something a little different this year...
Let's do some Bible "trivia." (We are not implying
that anything in the Bible is trivial; just digging
down to little-known facts.)**

**THIS MONTH'S QUESTION (We'll start with a fairly
easy one): What is the middle verse of the Bible?**

A New Year's Fruition

encouraging words for our Grace ladies

At this time of year, we often talk about resolutions, but how often do you get the chance to rejoice in the realization of things that you have worked for? Goals and desires (resolutions) in your life are wonderful but what joy there is in being able to meet some of those goals (fruition). How can you move from resolution to fruition in your spiritual life?

Have you ever read Titus 2:3-5 and thought, "That is going to be me this next year.?" In your mind you decide, "I'm going to teach someone how to be or learn from someone how I can be a better spiritual woman." While you sense the need, it is difficult to accomplish this. You are busy, and you are not sure how to approach someone and ask them to be involved with you in a discipleship relationship without feeling a little bit strange. "Will this other lady think that I'm putting myself up as some sort of spiritual giant because I offer to help her spiritually?" "Will this lady think that I've got serious problems just because I asked for her to be a mentor to me?"

Grace's Ladies of D.E.L.I.G.H.T. ministry has provided a way for you to go beyond just wishful thinking to realize joy in spiritual accomplishment. Not only can you set a goal that closely follows Titus 2:3-5 but you can accomplish some of that goal as you meet in a discipleship relationship with other ladies. "Far Above Jewels" will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings starting January 20, 2010. This ministry opportunity is designed for ladies of all ages and spiritual maturities. If you have children, they will be in Kids 4 Truth or Youth group so that you can focus on what God wants you to study. There will be a variety of topics discussed both spiritual and practical. What a great way to spend spiritually profitable evenings!

All you have to do is to pick up a response card from the back table at church and fill it out and leave it at the church office. There is also an informational brochure that help you understand more about what the ministry "Far Above Jewels" entails.

Start this year off the right way spiritually and get involved with a caring group of ladies as they discuss spiritual truth. Wouldn't it be great to look back at the year 2010 as one of great spiritual growth in your life? Go on and sign up and see how God can use you to cause spiritual fruit to be accomplished this year.

by Steve Ridge

*All Grace Baptist Bible Institute classes
begin January 20, 2010*