

WORDS OF GRACE

A Publication of GracePoint Church

EMBRACING OUR MISSIONAL CALLING

“Jesus said to them, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” Jn 20:21

In our five-year pursuit of becoming missional, we are now ready to launch fully missional ministries. We have embraced a missional focus in all our ministries. But fully missional ministry happens in the community, not on our church grounds.

To be missional means to actively partner with God in God’s missionary work. To be missional means to demonstrate to a dark and dying world what God’s coming kingdom will be like. To be missional is to engage in ministry that brings hurting people into

a saving, healing relationship with Christ.

To be missional requires every member to be a missionary. To be in mission means to serve those outside our fellowship. As Bishop Temple put it, “The Church is the only organization that exists for its non-members.”

To be a missional congregation requires that two main activities be happening at the same time. We must be both an equipping church and a sending church.

Prior to the 60’s, people looking for help or for God, saw the local church as the place to come. But in our post-Christian, post-denomination, post-modern world, very few non-Christians

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DRIVEWAY/PARKING LOT PROJECT

For several years the Stewardship Property Committee has considered what to do with the church’s driveway and parking lot, as major repairs are needed. Session has approved moving forward with these repairs and has challenged the congregation and the Foundation with raising the necessary funds to complete the project. Last September the congregation voted in favor of taking out a bank loan in order to finance it. Should this become necessary, the Finance Team has already spoken with bankers to start the process of obtaining a line of credit that can be drawn against as needed for payments as the project progresses.

The Foundation met on May 4, 2011, and agreed to fund one-half of the cost of the project up to \$65,000. It will match dollar for dollar monies raised by the members and friends of the church, up to this amount. Some money has already been contributed toward this major capital improvement. Those funds will be matched, as well as funds given in the future. The match will not include funds received from bequests or allocations from the general fund.

The Foundation is pleased to support another major capital need for GracePoint.

Stewardship Team

Don Sanders, Foundation Chairman



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people to God

LOVING
God and each other

GROWING
in grace and truth

SERVING
Dubuque and the world

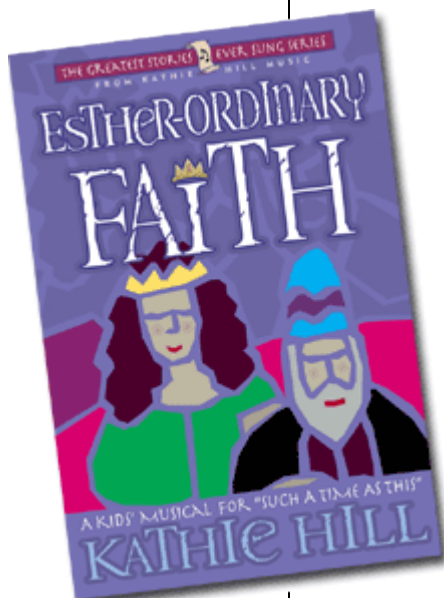
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GracePoint's Music Theater Day Camp

August 1-7
10:30am to 4:00pm

For grades 1-12
Cost: \$10.00 per student
(scholarships available)

Bring a sack lunch. Snacks are provided.
A musical t-shirt is included in the registration price.
Space is limited, so apply early!

Call GracePoint, 563-583-3929
www.gracepointdbq.org

Many volunteers are needed to make this music camp a success. If you can help with any of the following positions, please contact Pastor Dana.

- Assistant Director—Help the director with small group rehearsals and other musical details for the final performance.
- Registrations—Create an inviting check-in experience; help coordinate t-shirt purchase and distribution.
- Walk-about Volunteers—Hand out invitations to the musical on June 20th.
- Set Builders—Build and paint any props necessary for the production.
- Costuming—Help acquire and coordinate the costuming for rehearsals and on the day of the production.
- Sound Engineer—Run sound board during rehearsals and the production.
- Snack Master Team—With assistance from the Fellowship Team, plan, coordinate, and help serve snacks during the week of the musical.
- Camp Wrangler—Be available to monitor the building and keep kids in the proper areas, especially the younger ones.

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come to a church to find help or Christ. Therefore, to be missional requires going into the community to serve and to save in Christ's name.

Under the missional model, the ministry that happens within the walls of a local church is *primarily* corporate worship and the equipping of God's people *for* community-based ministry.

We have no reason to believe that God's kingdom will grow, and as a result GracePoint will grow, if we *only* depend on people coming into our facility to be served by our in-house ministry.

We will continue to offer in-house ministry that serves the needy. And

there will always be a trickle of people that find their way to our in-house ministries and are served, saved, and restored. But the number that do so will never be adequate to expand God's kingdom, nor to sustain GracePoint.

If we don't go into the community, there is little purpose in coming to church, as the purpose of being God's people is to be in mission. Our building is the training ground, not the mission field. We come to church to get fired up and equipped, *so that* we can then go into the mission field of our city. Once we do so, we can legitimately claim to be a missional church.

Pastor Chris

GRACEPOINT'S BENEVOLENCE FUND POLICY

PURPOSE

GracePoint has an established Benevolence Fund for the purpose of extending limited, short-term financial help to those in immediate crisis living within our tri-state region and to fund our Food Pantry ministries.

OVERSIGHT

This fund is under the authority of Session, and is directly administered by the Board of Deacons.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Deacons submit a monthly report to Session detailing the current balance of the fund, and the amount and purpose of any funds distributed. Session maintains the right to request names and details of any given distribution of funds.

AMOUNT

The portion of the fund designated for extending financial assistance is capped at \$2,500 annually and is referred to as our "Local Benevolence Fund." The portion of the fund to purchase material goods for our Food Pantry ministries is capped at \$6,000 annually, and may be adjusted as costs fluctuate. At the beginning of each fiscal year or during the year, Session will approve whatever allocations are needed to replenish the Food Pantry fund. This fund also receives donations through designated giving.

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QUALIFYING FOR FUNDS

- 1) The Local Benevolence Fund is primarily designed to help non-members living in the tri-state area, and GracePoint's members and regular attendees, who are experiencing an immediate financial crisis and have no other means to meet that need.
- 2) Requests made for those living outside our tri-state area are considered under very special circumstances, and do require Session approval.

ACCESSING THIS FUND

- 1) Any official member of GracePoint can present a request to the Deacons to access funds for someone in immediate financial crisis using our Local Benevolence Fund Request Form.
- 2) If an actively serving Deacon requests funds for a family member, the Deacon is dismissed from the room as the Board of Deacons discusses this request.
- 3) The Deacons will normally only consider and approve requests in an officially called Deacon meeting. Exceptions can be made for dire emergencies above \$25 with approval granted by the Deacon Moderator after consultation with at least three other Deacons via phone call, e-mail, or conversation. Such emergency allocations will need formal approval at the next Deacon meeting.
- 4) In addition to these formal requests, access to the Local Benevolence Fund is permitted between Deacon meetings for emergencies of \$25 or less, and are administered through the director of our Food Pantry or the Deacon Moderator. Such requests still require the submitting of a Local Benevolence Request Form, which should be signed initially by the requester, and then eventually by the Deacon Moderator. All such requests must follow the guidelines detailed in #6 below.
- 5) The annual maximum total amount of any distribution to an individual or family is capped at \$200. If an emergency situation arises that requires going over this amount in a given year, this request will need approval by Session. Special caution will be exercised before granting funds to any individual who seeks funds repeatedly each year.
- 6) Distribution checks are made out to the agency or business that provides the requested need, not to the GracePoint member making the request nor to the individual in need. Distributions are not made in cash. If a situation can only be addressed outside these parameters, a Deacon or church member will accompany the person in need as these funds are being used to assure they are being used for the designated request. Whenever possible, receipts for the services rendered are acquired and submitted.



Next Mexico Mission
Trip Fundraiser

June 25

HOT DOG DAY

Central True Value

11am - 3pm

Spread the word!

Global Missions Report

LOU AND DEB AISENBREY

On June 5 at GracePoint, Sam & Elizabeth will share about their call to minister to the Islamic world in Africa.

Sam grew up at Third—another person “sent out” from this congregation.



On June 12 at GracePoint, Woody & Barbara Busse will share about their continued call to minister to Iranian Christians in the U.S. and in the countries of Central Asia.

Barbara grew up at Third—another person “sent out” from this congregation (two generations before Sam)!

Lou and Deb left Cedar Rapids in 1992 to be missionaries working with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The main mission of Wycliffe is translating the Bible into many languages around the world. The Aisenbreys are doing this, but there is much more to the ministry of translating scripture for people who don't have the Bible in their native language. Enjoy a few thoughts from a recent newsletter from Lou and Deb.

Lou had spent weeks in his studio recording 25 hours of material from the books of Luke and John in Warmey (a local language). Later, he and several other Warmey speakers enacted a radio drama incorporating scriptures to teach God's principles dealing with debt. This drama and several others were edited and prepared for distribution on both CD and cassette. The goal for all this activity was to prepare for a blitz to bring the message to key villages and radio stations so that Warmey people would have a way to respond to God's word. They are taking this another step forward and are adapting this to Megavoice, the digital audio players that allow small groups or individuals to listen to scripture teachings on solar-rechargeable players.

This would be a challenge at any time, but they often have to deal with crippling power outages. Sometimes they have three or four a week, but one week it was 18 hours daily. You can see that it is discouraging sometimes when they have so much to do. The Aisenbreys are planning a short trip to the U.S. this summer, and we may be able to schedule Leo and Deb for a visit to GracePoint.

While in Orlando last winter doing an audit for Wycliffe, I learned that there are now projects going on to put scripture into a program that be accessed via cell phones. There are cell phones anywhere you travel today in the world, and this technology allows more people access to scripture in their native language. Today many countries try to restrict importing Bibles. This new application bypasses that problem. Isn't it wonderful that we can use the newest technology to help people hear God's word in their native language. It is great for GracePoint members to be able to assist folks like Lou and Deb to bring more people to a saving knowledge of Christ.

For the Global Missions Team,
Don Sanders

2011



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| Sunday | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | 1 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast | 2 | 3 | 4 8:00a Bridges Out of Poverty Seminar |
| Pastor Dana on Leave | | | | | | |
| 5 10:00a Summer Worship Mission: Sam & Liz 11:00a Fellowship Time 11:00a Guys and Gals | 6 6:00p Food Pantry | 7 | 8 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30p Deacons Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 11:15a Rescue Mission (serving lunch) |
| Pastor Dana on Leave | | | | | | |
| 12 10:00a Summer Worship 11:00a All-Church Potluck Mission: Busses 1:30p Bethany Home | 13 6:00p Food Pantry | 14 | 15 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30p Elder Ministry Teams | 16 11:30a Red Hat Ladies 6:30p Session | 17  | 18 |
| Pastor Dana on Leave | | | | | | |
| 19 10:00a Summer Worship 11:00a Fellowship Time | 20 6:00p Food Pantry | 21 | 22 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast | 23 | 24 | 25 11:00a - 3:00p Hot Dog Day at Central True Value (mission trip fundraiser) |
| General Assembly | | | | | | |
| 26 10:00a Summer Worship 11:00a Fellowship Time 6:00p GraceUnderground | 27 6:00p Food Pantry | 28 | 29 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00p Golden Oldies | 30 | | |

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership to Date:

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Active | 155 |
| Inactive | 3 |
| Perm. Inactive | <u>6</u> |
| | 164 |

Kristy Moore, adult, was baptized on Sunday, May 1, 2011, and Jennie Burns, adult, was baptized on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

June Session Meeting is changed to June 16th since General Assembly will be held June 22 to June 25. Pastor Chris, Pastor Dana, Wilma and Don Sanders (appointed as delegates) will be attending.

Administrative Bookkeeper's Report:

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| General Fund Beginning Balance, April 1, 2011 | \$17,045.31 |
| Total General Fund Receipts | 41,501.73 |
| Disbursements | \$18,796.49 |
| Allocations and Transfers | 7,885.35 |
| Subtotal Disbursements/Allocations | 26,681.84 |
| General Fund Ending Balance, April 30, 2011 | \$31,865.20 |

Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session

BLOOD DRIVE—SAVE THE DATE

BECAUSE WE CARE—The time has come, once again, to serve the people in our community by donating blood through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. On July 20th, we will host a blood drive that will meet the needs of people of all ages, walks of life, and

income levels. YOU can impact the lives of as many as three people with ONE blood donation. It is hard to believe, but 40% of the population is medically eligible to donate, but only 5% do so. Please prayerfully consider donating, and help GracePoint continue to fulfill our mission of serving Dubuque.



If you have any questions please contact Pam De Meester.

GOLDEN OLDIES

Golden Oldies will meet on Wednesday, June 29th, 5:00pm, at Sunshine Family Restaurant.

Sign up at the Connect Center the Sunday before the event or call Bob Boelk, 557-9166.

All seniors are welcome!



GUYS AND GALS

On the first Sunday of the month, after the service, a group of seniors meet for brunch at Chuck and Jo's restaurant on Iowa Street. All seniors are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Betty Muellich at 582-3505.



Friday
June 17

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Al Hakanson
- 6 Seth Wilhelm
- 6 Thomas Zivojnovich
- 7 Dawn Buol
- 11 Howard Higley
- 12 Dori Brietbach
- 14 Kim Bell
- 16 Roger VanDerZyl
- 17 Pete Jenner
- 18 Brent Harknett
- 18 Hope Zwart
- 19 Daniel Zivojnovich
- 19 Dan Baker
- 20 Shirley Wilhelm
- 21 Miranda McCaffrey
- 23 Marilyn Learn
- 25 Matthew Shaffer
- 28 Rachel Schwarzmann
- 28 Kristina Bell
- 29 Benjamin Jensen

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Mike and Erin Barsema
- 11 Mike and Phyllis Kelly
- 13 Mary and Joe Burns
- 15 Kim and Jerry Bell
- 15 Todd and Amy Wilhelm
- 21 J'Neane and Kent Briden
- 23 Kenneth and Marla Irion

Check Out the Library

We receive donations of new and used books and videos all the time. There is always something new in the library.

The library is open Sundays from 8:30am till noon. If you have any new books or videos to donate to the library, contact Mable or Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



SUMMER WORSHIP

How many languages do you speak? It is said that the average European speaks two and some speak many more. Many have considered it necessary to speak German and French to show a broad education and cultured upbringing. (I think “pig Latin” might show my culture a bit more. ☺)

What about “worship languages?” How many languages of worship do you speak? Do you speak mid-century liturgical; Southern Baptist hymnody, African American gospel, Gregorian chant, or Contemporary praise and worship? What about modern revival worship, or emergent? Do you speak Taize? There’s no need to feel bad if you don’t.

Summer worship is here. This summer we will merge together our Traditions and Horizons worship to offer worship to God in a language of expressions that is rich and unique. Rather than looking at the experience as a loss of our more comfortable means of communicating honor to God, we can consider this summer’s worship an opportunity to doubly honor God through our open spirits toward one another.

God counts service and humility as greatness. God also is honored when every tribe, tongue, and nation revere Him. This summer we bring together our “languages of worship” (Traditions being like a combination of mid-century liturgical and Southern Baptist hymnody, and Horizons being more a mixture of contemporary praise and worship, modern revival, and emergent.)

May the Most High be honored as we minister to Him in joy, humility, and unity.

Pastor Dana



Middle and High School Youth
6:00 to 8:00pm
 Sunday evenings

SUMMER IS HERE!

June

- June 1st-19th Pastor Dana's family vacation
 June 22nd-25th General Assembly
 June 26th Campfire at the Perreards! Roast hot dogs and marshmallows over an open fire, attempt to pet our neurotic labradoodle, play ultimate frisbee in the Sherrill City park. It's all right here! 6-8pm.

July

- July 3rd No Grace Underground. Family and fireworks!
 July 8th-10th Lifest. We'll meet mid-morning at the church and be back Sunday early evening.
 July 17th Need a host family for GraceUnderground at someone's home.
 July 24th Possible canoeing or need a host family.
 July 31st Possible canoeing or need a host family. (Mission Peoria on hold to support the Music Theater Camp.)

August

- Aug 1st-7th Music Theater Camp. Helpers needed.
 Aug 7th No GraceUnderground.
 Aug 14th Water wars and giant slip and slide?
 Aug 21st River night!
 Aug 28th GraceUnderground season premiere.

Connecting
 Loving
 Growing
 SERVING

**“What Teens Need:”
 from a 2004 article in
 Suite101.com.**

“As children grow towards the adolescent phase or teenage-hood, they are stigmatized with fluctuating and difficult moods that may seem like erratic or risky behavior. Most of this we, as adults having been there ourselves, can recognize these as symptoms of the emotional trauma of leaving childhood behind. But because we have been there ourselves doesn't make it easier sometimes to cope with. We tend to forget what it was like and what we needed at that time. Many of us turned away from our parents or the other adults around us and sought comfort and support with our peers. We can however stay close to our teenagers and provide them with the support and help they may not know how to ask for, as they wend their way into young adulthood.”

What teens need:

#4 Positive feedback and encouragement. Look for their strengths and support them to use them.

I have recently seen in the youth involved with GraceUnderground a healthy desire to use their strengths to serve God. Their help with the Rummage Sale set-up was invaluable. Thanks teens!

Pastor Dana

PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler or Lois Trausch-Wolfe.

Daytime Prayer Chain

Pat Kohler
583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg
583-5338

Ramona Hennings
583-8739

Edie Ege
583-1974

Wilma Sanders
582-7346

Mable Boelk
557-9166

Sue Lemon
583-4454

Lois Trausch-Wolfe
583-0534

(Lois starts the evening chain.)

Evening Prayer Chain

Sharon Baker
588-2115

Glenda Temple
582-0464

Pam Hillary
556-5846

Karen Storlie
556-7548

Kim or Jerry Bell
582-4956

SERVANTS OF THE LORD**Summer Worship Venue /10:00am**

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Ushers (June) | Bob and Mable Boelk |
| Greeters (June) | |
| Communion Preparers | Robin Wlochall, Bob Boelk |
| Communion Servers | Bob and Pam De Meester |
| Prayer Ministry Team | Kevin and Mary Hirschey / June 5 Pam De Meester, Karen Storlie / June 12 Pam Hillary, Pauline Brimeyer / June 19 Paul and Sharon Jensen / June 26 |

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

June 4, 2011

Saturday, 8:00am–4:00pm

Registration fee: \$6.00* (includes lunch)

Many of you responded enthusiastically to Jim Ott's recent presentations on poverty. Now, due to a growing interest in how we can show Christ's compassion to the poor in our neighborhood, GracePoint will host Jim's complete six-hour workshop, "Bridges Out of Poverty."

This workshop will help us understand how those in poverty live and the hidden "rules" that keep them from getting ahead. We will learn how the Dubuque Bridges Initiative is challenging the culture of poverty in Dubuque and why the poor need "allies" like us. We will learn how we can enter into intentional relationships with folks who long to move ahead to a better future. Handouts will be provided during the workshop. An optional book that describes the Bridges philosophy in detail is available for \$20.00.

Please register by signing up in the GracePoint lobby or by calling the church office, 583-3929. Checks should be made out to GracePoint with Bridges on the memo line. They can be mailed to or left in the church office. If you have questions, please call Alan Crandall, 557-0327.

*This is a special rate for GracePoint members and regular attenders only.

A PERSONAL REQUEST FROM YOUR PASTOR

“Don’t you only work one day a week, Pastor?” While this comment is usually made in jest, there is an element of misunderstanding behind this question. After all, the majority of a pastor’s time is spent engaged in ministry that is not public.

Since this confusion exists, and because pastors should be held accountable to the members who support them, let me present a typical week in the life of a pastor. These hours vary, depending on the week, and vary for Pastor Dana versus Pastor Chris, but this does give you a generalized summary.

Sermon/Teaching Prep & Prayer: 15-20 hours

Pastoral Care/Counseling: 5-10 hours

Worship Planning: 4-6 hours

Worship Leading: 4-6 hours

Teaching: 2-4 hours

Coordinating with Leaders via email & phone: 5-10 hours

Writing Communications: 5-10 hours

Leadership Meetings: 3-6 hours

Missional Leadership (administrative, networking, etc.): 7-10 hours

“On call” for emergencies: 24/7

Range = 50-60 hours per week; one day off per week

You’ll notice that the major missing element is community-based ministry. The goal this year is to shift at least 5-10 hours a week to such outreach.

God has done an amazing thing here at GracePoint by providing two pastors for **three years** that offer 100-120 hours of ministry each week. This is how we have accomplished so much in fulfilling God’s vision in just five years.

Being a pastor is both calling and career. Like all dedicated professionals, our work is a major part of our identity and lifestyle, not just a job. So it is hard to separate out when we are “working” and when we are “off duty.” The work of the kingdom and the shepherding of God’s people are *always* on our hearts and minds.

I communicate all this to clarify any confusion, but mostly to ask for your accountability and prayers. Pastor Dana and I really don’t need to be held accountable for working too little, but for working too much!

We need you to ask us now and then, “Are you taking your day off? Are you spending enough time with your wife and kids? Are you taking care of your own physical, spiritual, and relational health?”

And we covet your *daily* prayers for God’s wisdom, compassion, spiritual gifts and fruit, and protection for us and our families.

Pastor Chris



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All-Church Sunday Potluck

June 12th, in the Fellowship Center

11:30am

Bring a dish or two to pass.
Table service and drink are provided.



Woody and Barbara Busse will visit GracePoint on June 12. They will give greetings during worship and stay for the potluck to share more ministry details with us.

Come for worship. Stay for the meal.

Everyone is welcome!