

Inner Grace

"A Word From Our Pastor"

My Loved Ones,

Today each ministry in the church is participating in our Ministry Fair. The fair was organized to provide you information that will assist you in finding a ministry that you may serve in. Each of us have been blessed with innate gifts and talents which God has entrusted us to use wisely as good stewards, working in God's vineyard. We have been called to this ministry to serve God and God's people through our ministries. I pray that each of you will find a ministry that will enable you to utilize your gifts and talents to God's glory.

Next Sunday we will participate in Super Sunday; culminating our "Season of Stewardship." Our stewardship goal on that day is for each of us to give a tithe that is ten percent of what the Lord has blessed you with. Super Sunday affords those of us who are not tithers an opportunity to test God's word, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

I will be back in the pulpit next Sunday and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

Love,

Pastor

Sunday Worship Service

January 29, 2012
7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

The Prelude

* *Introit:* "If thou wilt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus."

The Call To Worship:

"I will extol you, my God, O King; and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, And I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And God's greatness is unsearchable. Praise ye the Lord!"

The Hymn of Praise: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Hymn #30

The Choral Call To Prayer: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymn #379

Morning Prayer: 7:30 am DIT Juana Johnson
9:30 am Zach Robinson
11:30 am Deacon Phillip McConnell

The Responsive Reading: Stewardship Litany

The Inspirational Hymn: "We'll Understand It Better By and By" Hymn #502

Words of Welcome: 9:30 am Nickeisha Williams

The Concerns of the Parish

Stewardship Moment

Presentation of God's Tithes & Offering

* *The Offertory:* "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." Amen.

Sacred Music:

Young Adult Choir

* *The Hymn of Preparation:* "Amazing Grace" Hymn #500

Sermon: Pastor W. Franklyn Richardson

The Call to Discipleship

Benediction

Postlude

*Please Stand

Responsive Reading

Stewardship Litany

Leader: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

People: **Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.**

Leader: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

People: **But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.**

Leader: But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

People: **Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.**

Leader: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

All: **But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us-- see that you also excel in this grace of giving.**

The Ministries of Grace

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Christian Foundation 100:

Makeup - Sunday, January 29, 2012

9:30 am

Makeup - Monday, January 30, 2012

7:00 pm

The "Makeup" class is for persons who only need one class in order to participate in Baptism and/or Right Hand of Fellowship on 2/5/2012. Regular classes will resume on the first Sunday and Monday in February.

Noon Day Prayer Meeting:

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

12:00 noon

Prayer Service:

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

6:45 pm

Bible Study

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

7:45pm

Signing Ministry:

The Signing Ministry meets every Monday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Women's Ministry:

The Women's Ministry will be having the Annual Women Only Worship Service (WOW) on Friday, February 24th at 7:00 pm. In preparation for the WOW service, all women interested in being a part of our women's choir for that occasion are asked to join us for this great, new and exciting worship experience. There will be one rehearsal on February 21st under the direction of Tyrone Patrick at 7:00 pm at Grace. Women please show up so we may unify in praise to give God the Glory!!!

Men's Ministry:

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, FEBRUARY 11, 2012
at 8:30AM

Spiritual Development
and great Fellowship for all

NBA All - Star Events Night at Grace
Saturday, FEBRUARY 25, 2012
at 7:00PM

NBA All - Star Shootout, Dunk Contest,
Rookie - Sophomore Game ...
Lite Refreshments will be served.



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Health and Wholeness Ministry:

Q. What are the symptoms?

A. Blank spots in vision, poor peripheral vision, blindness.

Join us at our monthly breakfast meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00 am. We will examine ourselves both individually and as a people.

Please join us on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm for exercise with Gabrielle Carty to relieve stress and improve our minds!

The Black History Committee:

The Black History Committee is in the process of planning this year's Black Expo for February 2012. The Black Expo brings together information and resources of interest to the Black community and the community of faith. These are showcased annually throughout the day on the third Saturday of February with vendors and seminars.

If you are interested in working with us, please join us before mid-week Prayer Service on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30pm for the month of January. If you cannot attend, but are interested in working with us, please contact Joan Fuller at (845) 598-7400.

14th Annual African American Read-in
Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 1:30PM - 4:00PM

In the PAST...

Learning to read was:

ILLEGAL!

Done in **SECRET!**

An act of **REVOLT!**

TODAY...

We can **choose** to come together to celebrate the **JOY** we find in Reading

JOIN US...

To celebrate authors of the African Diaspora
African attire encouraged - Refreshments served

- **Grace will have a Special Screening of the historic film, Red Tails, on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 7 PM.**

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All Members of Grace:

IF you have NOT had your picture taken for the NEW DATA SYSTEM, please do one of the following:

- Have your picture taken in the banquet hall following each service on Sundays - OR...
- Email your digital picture, with your name, attached to: gracepictures9@gmail.com

MOCCA Ministry:

Calling All High School Seniors! Now is the time to submit your applications to be a 2012 MOCCA Scholar. The deadline is February 21. If you are planning to pursue higher education and are a member of Grace Baptist Church or active in at least one of its ministries, you are eligible to receive a book scholarship and other love gifts every year (up to four years) that you are enrolled as a full-time undergraduate college student. But you must apply! Get an application at the front desk or download it at the MOCCA Link (under Ministries) on the Grace Baptist Church website, www.gracebapt.org.

Ministry Leaders:

Change in Voucher Submittal process. Effective immediately, all request for a check must be written on a Financial Transaction Form Voucher and submitted to the Trustee Office on Wednesday no later than Thursday. Your check will be issued and ready for pick up on Sunday.

African, African American Sunday:



We celebrate our African Heritage on Sunday, February 19, 2012. Everyone is encouraged to dress in African apparel all three worship services.

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Youth Ministry:

Grace Baptist Church
Youth Ministry
2012 Community Service Project I
Midnight Run
Homeless Families Outreach
Impacting our Community and Ourselves
Friday, February 24, 2012

How to Help: Donate new/unused TRAVEL SIZED toiletries

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| * Soap | * Toothbrushes | * Vaseline |
| * Deodorant | * toothpaste | * lotion |
| * Shampoo | * White-T-Shirts | |

We also need:

1. White Socks
2. Gallon & Sandwich sized Zip-lock plastic bags
3. Individually wrapped snacks
4. Juice Boxes

Donations accepted in the Youth Center . . . EVERY SUNDAY after 11:30 service.
GOD Bless you!



Girl Talk Ministry:

Girl Talk will meet on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 7:00-8:45pm. The Girl Talk Leadership & Mentoring Program helps young ladies address some of the tough teen issues they deal with on a daily basis such as peer pressure, self-esteem, body image, conflict resolution, etc. Girl Talk provides a safe and confidential environment for teenage girls to discuss sensitive issues and helps them reach positive solutions – mind, body, and soul. So, if you are a girl age 11-18, bring a friend and join us for a lively, informative, and fun-filled night. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Michelle Bullock and Natalee Hill at girtalkatgrace@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

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Stewardship Month:

SUPER SUNDAY—February 5, 2012

Our church has designated February 5, 2012 as Super Sunday for two reasons:

- (1) To challenge each member to take a step of faith in obedience in the stewardship of material possessions for their own spiritual growth.
- (2) Demonstrate what Grace Baptist Church is capable of doing financially in support of our ministries.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My House, and test Me now in this, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open for you a blessing until there is no more need”. Malachi 3:10.

These words speak directly to our responsibility in being faithful with our tithes and offerings. Please plan to participate in Super Sunday by bringing a tithe (10% percent) of your weekly income. Thank you for activating your faith in giving the tithe unto the Lord on Super Sunday, February 5, 2012.

Stewardship Practices

Stewardship is a means of showing gratitude for all that we have in our lives. Each of us has something that we can be grateful for. As a way of life, stewardship calls all of us to action. To respond generously to others, our communities and the world, for the gifts that we receive from God, is not something that God demands or needs it is something that we need to do. You may ask: How can I show enough gratitude for all that I have received? I have so much compared to others. Just start. Just do something and plan to build upon these first steps.

What are the Benefits of Stewardship?

It is an incredible challenge to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world. We all face obstacles, opportunities and challenges in our fast-paced environment that promote selfishness and greed as the path to success and happiness. Having a clear vision and sense of purpose informed by the Gospel, opens the way for us to actively commit to a life of gratitude, generosity and responsibility, to thank God for abundant gifts and play our part in creating a better world. Being a Christian Steward will help us to:

- Nurture our talents for the benefit of others
- Experience the power of God's presence in our lives
- Cultivate a generosity of spirit and an attentiveness to the needs of others

In God's Grace & Merciful Care

Nursing Home, Sick & Shut In, Hospital, & Extended Family

Sick & Shut-In:

Lurline Fay Adams
Barbara Anderson
Mildred Barnwell
Florie Burke
Arlene Clinkscale
Angela Edwards
Jean Halstead
Beverly Harris
Josephine Henderson
Daniel Henry
Pamela Hughes
Olivia Jackson
Edna Mary Johnson
Melony Johnson
Zeporah Johnson
Myrna Jones
Mary McElrath-Jones
Sylvia Mckenzie
Marilyn McMillan
Rosalie McMillan
Alma Montague
Orvilla Overton
Mary E. Perry
Shirley Quash
Ethlyn Scott
Carol Rasbury
Mary Redd
Deacon Helen Royster
Evelyn Sanderson
Sarah Scarlett
Louise Sheppard
Carolyn Smith
Valerie Smith
Lourendy Topping
Mozelle Warner
Catherine Washington
Betty White



Hospital:

Linda Harrell
Sound Shore Hospital
New Rochelle, NY

Leola McMillian
Montifiore Hospital
Bronx, NY

Beverly Smyles
Mt. Sinai Hospital
New York, NY

Norman Wilson
North Central Hospital
Bronx, NY



Nursing Home:

Wartburg Nursing Home
Mt. Vernon, NY:

Marceline Banks
Albert Barnes
Fred Bullock
Evelyn Collins
Juanita Hewlin
Deacon Amanda Richardson
Effie Rogers
Mildred Rushie
Alice Tarrant

Shaffer Extended Care Center
New Rochelle, NY:

Joseph Bartee
Mary C. Jones
Dennis Wilson

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Nursing Home (cont.):

Norman Dixon
Eastchester Rehabilitation
Bronx, NY

Leana Hampton
Burke Rehabilitation Center
White Plains, NY

Edna Mary Johnson
Cedar Manor
Ossining, NY

William Moore
Beth Abram Nursing Home
Bronx, NY

Eunice Reed
Greenwich Woods Health
Care Center, Greenwich, CT

Helen Juanita Spear Jones
Mohegan Park Home for Adults
Mohegan Lake

Nathaniel Thompson
United Hebrew Geriatric Center
New Rochelle, NY

Our Extended Family:

Myrlin Arrington
Long Island, NY

Dorothy Bellamy
Mount Vernon, NY

William E. Bell
Plymouth, NC

William Bennett, Sr.
Queens, NY

Trevor Blount
Melbourne, FL

Deacon Orville Brothers
Bayshore, NY

Joann Cardin
Richmond, VA

Uyzell Carey
Carmel, NY

Beatrice and Major Chatman
New Rochelle, NY

Dorothy Daniels
New York, NY

Hyacinth Fraser
Mt. Vernon, NY

Shylar Frazier
Mt. Vernon, NY

Stephanie George
Mount Vernon, NY

Barbara Haden
Warwick, RI

Hattie B. Hill
Henderson, NC

Adriana Huggins
Sleepy Hollow, NY

Mary Hughes
New York, NY

Phyllis Johnson
Mt. Vernon, NY

Shirley Johnson
Bronx, NY

Bishop Charles Johnson
Mount Vernon, NY



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Our Extended Family (cont.):

Charles Johnson
Mount Vernon, NY

Chester Johnson
Mount Vernon, NY

Rev. Arthur Jones
Tampa, FL

Naomi Jones
New York, NY

Alfreda Lester
Yonkers, NY

Essence Lester
Bronx, NY

Bertha Lewis
St. Louis, MO

Jeanette Lighty
Bronx, NY

Muriel McNair
Valhalla, NY

Wayne McLennon
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Clinton Minors
Bronx, NY

Lois Minors
Bermuda, Devonshire

George Peterson
Laurel, MD

Terrence H. Peters
Roosevelt Island, NY

Ann Pulley
Mt. Vernon, NY

Mildred Ravenell
White Plains, NY

Linda Shaw
Kingston, Jamaica

Brittany Smith
Mount Vernon, NY

Justin Thompson
White Plains, NY

Jesse Valle
St. Louis, MO

Minerva Valle
St. Louis, MO

Leola Walker
Selma, AL

Ruby Wilkins
Westchester, NY

Charles Williams
Mount Vernon, NY

George Wilson
Mount Vernon, NY

Kevin Woodley
Mount Vernon, NY

Lester Woodley
Mount Vernon, NY



"... I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

-Psalms 121:1,2