

ministry announcements

New Believer? Investigating Christianity? There is a new 10 week group beginning Jan 13 at 9:30. Starting Point is an opportunity to explore faith and experience community. Class size is limited to 12. Please check the box on the registration card if you would like to register.

Baptism: If you're a Christian and have not yet been baptized, the next baptism will be the weekend of Jan 12 & 13 at all 3 services. Please sign up on the registration card before January 5. Contact Miriam Crossman if you have questions.

Communion Servers/Preparers: If you would like to be on the team that serves and/or prepares communion, contact Kathy Herrmann at the church office.

MOMs Cookbooks: 397 favorite recipes for sale in the lobby: \$10. Proceeds go to MOMs childcare costs. Great gifts for family, teachers, neighbors, and friends.

Last Week to Sign Up for Haiti: Grace is preparing to send a new team in March of 08. Please sign-up at the Info Desk in the main lobby or email Pastor Mike if you would like to attend a no obligation meeting to be held in the near future.

Wednesday Night Prayer: Pastor Al invited the group to his home Wed at 6:30 for prayer & refreshments. 3204 Suburban Lane. See Bernie for directions.

Bookstore: Please visit our newly stocked bookstore for Bibles, books, cards, etc. It is open before and after each weekend service.

women

Digging Deeper: Women's Bible Study meeting weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 -11:30 (following the Millcreek School

calendar) in room A2. Presently studying "Defending Your Faith" by R.C. Sproul, a series on Apologetics. Childcare provided - Cost is \$3 per child.

MOMs: Friday December 21. Last Minute Shopping and Gift Wrapping. Must prepay for childcare. Meet in the Commons. Contact Sarah (833-6377) for more info.

Immediate Need for Childcare Providers for MOMs, Fridays 9-12 noon. Paid position. Contact Cherry Clark for application 474-9303.

youth

Senior High: monthly outreach event on Sun, Dec 16th at 6:30pm. Come enjoy Rock Band and other video games, pizza and pop, basketball, Dinojump, ping-pong, fooseball, and other fun stuff!

The senior high youth group meets on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm for worship and small groups in the youth rooms. On December 18th we'll start early with a pizza dinner at 6:15pm in the Cafe.

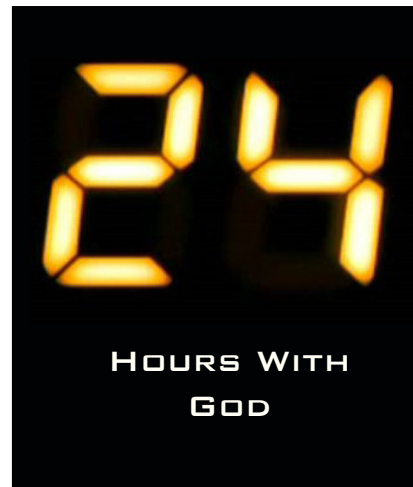
Junior High: youth group meets on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30pm in the youth rooms for games, singing, more games, small groups, and snacks.

college & career

Ignite your Mondays! Next gathering is Dec 17. 7-8:30 PM at the Connections Cafe. For more information contact Diane Pauli at dpauli@grace-erie.org.

Benevolent Needs:

A woman in our church has lost her only means of transportation. If you have a vehicle in decent condition that you could donate, or sell for a low price, please contact Jill Mintsiveris.



Come join us for the first sermon series of 2008. Every day 24 hours pass you by. You get to decide what to do with that time but you cannot pause, stop, or rewind it. Learn how to make every day of your life count by understanding the unique feature each part of the day holds for you.

January 12-13 The Morning Hour
January 19-20 Nine To Five
January 26-27 The Evening Hour

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Christmas Eve Services: Sunday, December 23rd, 10:00am, and Monday, December 24th, 4:30pm & 6:30pm. Childcare: nursery-preschool. We may never enjoy a more potent time to invite a friend or loved one to a Christmas service as we will this holiday season. Due to the massive amount of publicity our facility launch has received....many are still willing and interested in taking a look at the new Grace. Make an invitation for someone to join you at church this holiday season!

Time To Take The Signs Down! We can't thank you enough for placing a whoisgrace.com sign on your home or business property. We received countless feedback that people in the community connected with the signs. Now it's time to take them down, especially those homes in the Summit area. Please remove the signs this weekend and discard both the sign and the wire stand this weekend.

38th Street Building: Our facility on 38th Street has not yet sold. We have just reduced the price again to \$799,000. We do have some good news however. Gecac will be leasing the pre-school wing as a short-term lease to be used as a site for their Head Start and preschool programs. This will help Grace in terms of income and will help GECAC to establish a headquarters on the West Side. We are still fully moving ahead with our attempts to sell the building and the new buyer will determine the future of their relationship with GECAC.

Year-End Giving: We are more than one year into the We Will Tell relocation campaign. Over 282+ families have promised or given \$1,151,796 -- thank you! God has used you to build a tool that will increase His kingdom! Your continued financial faithfulness and prayer support is needed. As you assess your charitable giving this Christmas season, consider a special gift to support the Relocation Project. For more information or to facilitate a non-cash gift, contact Jill Mintsiveris.

Parenting... It IS brain science! Know what a prefrontal cortex is? How about a corpus callosum or cerebellum? If you're a parent of a teen you should. Understanding what they're doing during the teenage years can help you as a parent. Come hear Penn State Behrend Psychology Professor Dr. Charisse Nixon discuss adolescent brain development and its effect on behavior, all 4 Sundays in January at 9:30.

Membership: Begins January 13 for 3 consecutive weeks at 9:30 or 11:00. Open to anyone desiring more information about Grace: our history, beliefs and values. Please check the box on the registration card to register.

Discover your unique SHAPE. God has equipped each believer with Spiritual Gifts, a Heart and passions, unique Abilities, a Personality, and life Experiences. You will discover these aspects of your unique gifts through a series of self-administered questionnaires as well as biblical teaching and discussion on each of the topics. It's going to be a great class! You need to fill out our online assessment form and bring your results with you to the class. You will find this assessment on our website: www.grace-erie.org, on the homepage. Click the link in the blue box that says "shape assessment." CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 20th.