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# THE INFO

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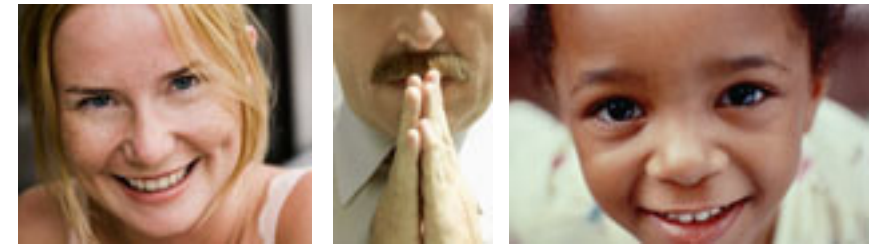
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I've often said that I would love for each person who comes to Grace to be able to walk in my shoes for a week. To experience the heart pounding daily interactions I have with people whose lives are being changed by the working of Jesus Christ and through the efforts of this church; friends neighbors, professionals, contractors, attorneys, who from an arms-length can sense that something is stirring at Grace. They have heard that there is life here, they have met a compelling person that attends here, or they have seen a community difference because of what goes on here. The word is out, God is up to something.



Those of us who have been working behind the scenes on the We Will Tell initiative have sensed it for months now. God seems to be confirming our efforts as record numbers of guests are coming through our doors in recent months, and we are again confronted with the reality that we don't have enough space to properly reach the people who are all around us and who are in need of a Savior.

As we launch into this month of spiritual enrichment we are chasing two major goals. The first is that the greatness of God be lifted up in our worship gatherings and in our individual lives. This month is about God and his incredible attributes. The second goal is a by product of the first. As we lift up God and what He is doing in our midst and where He is leading our future, we are confident that there will be an outpouring of generosity to the mission of the church and to our future ministry center to the tune of at least \$1 million.

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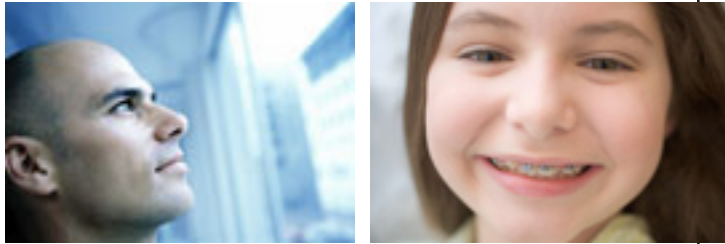
**"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God..."**

*-From Psalm 78:4-7 (NIV)*

I have heard a couple of comments about this campaign that I want to address:

*I don't think I can handle another financial campaign.*

There are moments in the life of every church that lay a foundation for the future and we believe we are in one of those moments. Please don't miss out by making a decision to stay away. If you've attended Grace for very long you should know that we don't strong arm people or take a heavy handed approach when it comes to money. We are confident enough in God to believe that if you will sincerely ask him in faith how you're supposed to participate, that he will take care of all your needs and the church's



as well. But know this; we will never apologize for calling you to financially participate in the mission that God has put before us because it is a thrilling thing to be a part of what God is doing.

*I didn't fulfill my pledge last time; I don't want to let the church down again.* We are approaching this month with a clean slate. There are very few people in our church who are in the exact same financial circumstance as they were last time. God is a God of second chances. The slate has been wiped clean – ask God again what you should do this time – and we're asking that everyone give something and be a part of this great journey. For the Kingdom and for future generations!

-Pastor Derek Sanford

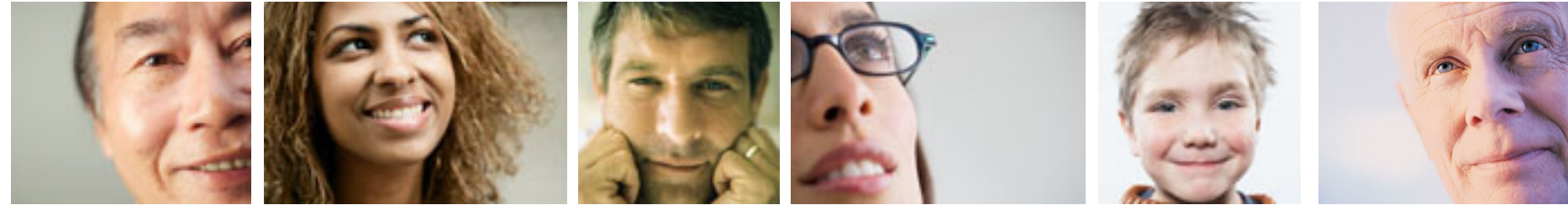
# worship night and day of prayer

**Friday night,  
October 13th  
7:00pm**

Grace is hosting a special **worship gathering** at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. This night will be an extended time of worship and prayer, much like our last two we held in the spring time, with Brian Lusky leading worship and **the only agenda is to go deeper corporately with God.** This is an all church event, so please make sure you don't miss this special night of worship. Our focus next Friday will be to pray for renewal and revival in our community as we come along side the We Will Tell campaign that our church is experiencing. If you have any questions, you can call Brian at the church office 833-5384 (ext. 39) or email him at [blusky@grace-erie.org](mailto:blusky@grace-erie.org)

**Saturday, October  
14th 5am-5pm**

Join us as we call upon the Lord through prayer and worship. **Every ministry of Grace Church will be bathed in prayer that day** with a different prayer focus each hour. You can come for an hour or two or stay all day. If weather permits, we will conclude our prayer time out on the Grubb Rd. building site. Watch the bulletin over the weekend for more details and for a ministry prayer schedule.



look up there ↑

## 3 things we are asking you to do this month:

- 1. Attend church every week.** If you miss a weekend, download the sermon text or audio from our website.
- 2. Use the Devotional Guide daily** to deepen your relationship with God. Copies are available at the church or you can download one from our website.
- 3. Pray for God's direction** about how He wants you to be a part of advancing the work of His kingdom.

### WEEKLY THEMES & IMPORTANT DATES:

**Week 1 (9/30-10/1): We Will Tell God's Story**

Campaign Kick-Off & Devotional Guide Distribution

**Week 2 (10/7-8): We Will Tell of God's Heart**

Leadership Campaign meetings: 10/7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14

**Week 3 (10/14-15): We Will Tell of God's Blessing**

Worship & Prayer Event: 10/13 from 7 – 9 PM

Prayer Event: 10/14 from 5 AM – 5 PM

Leadership Commitment Event: 10/19 @ 7 PM

**Week 4 (10/21-22): We Will Tell of God's Power**

**Week 5 (10/28-29): We Will Tell of God's Greatness**

Commitment & Celebration Weekend

Celebration Lunch at the church: 10/29 @ 12:30 PM

(including a light lunch & announcement of pledge total)

# ways to give out of your lifestyle

Jill Mintsiveris

You may be saying, "How can I make a gift for the Relocation Project beyond what I already give back to God?" There are five building projects in the Old Testament. We learn from these examples that God calls people to give an amount that honors Him, is an act of worship or sacrifice, and is an expression of our gratefulness for what He is doing in our lives. Don't just assume that the Lord wants you to do exactly what you've done in the past. Spend time with God seeking His leading in this decision, and He will make it clear to you.

## Here are some "lifestyle stewardship" ideas:



- Pack your lunch 2-3 times a week instead of eating out for lunch – freeing up \$15-20 per week.
- Make your coffee at work or home instead of buying it at Country Fair or Starbucks – freeing up \$2-3 per day or \$10-15 per week.
- One family delayed the replacement of a vehicle – freeing up \$250 per month.
- One family decided not to buy many new clothes during the campaign – freeing up several hundred dollars per year.
- Do you subscribe to magazines you never read? How much would that free up in your family?
- If you receive extra money from a bonus, side job or unexpected source, decide now how much to give back to the Lord.

# prayer points

Claude & Pam Vandeventer

## Deuteronomy 1:7-8

"Break camp and advance...  
Go in and take possession of the land"

This was not an invitation, nor was it an option. God commanded Israel to "take possession" of the Promised Land. How incredible, that God's people had to be commanded to take possession of their own inheritance and of their own blessings!

Today at Grace, God has given very clear direction and confirmation to move and build. However, taking possession requires more than physical labor. It also requires the spiritual labor of prayer. **Specific points for prayer include:**

1. Our willingness to give financially as God directs
2. Favor with officials and contractors
3. Blessings of:
  - Good construction weather
  - Construction safety
  - The sale of our current facility

We are setting aside a special worship service on Friday, October 13 and a Day of Prayer on October 14th for the entire church to focus on ministries of Grace. Prayer is our opportunity to take possession of our land.

## the numbers

### Relocation Project Giving Update (as of 9/30/06):



Individual Contributions	\$1,251,591
From Grace Ministries	292,500
Interest Earned	39,587
Total Income	\$1,583,678
Less Project Expense	(758,513)
Relocation Fund Balance	\$825,165
Goal for We Will Tell	\$1,025,000+