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This Week

December 11 - 17, 2011

Sunday, December 11th

9:15 am – Worship Service, Auditorium

11:00 am – Worship Service, Auditorium

“Get a Grip” Adult Class, Room 104

Baptism Class, Conference Room (behind Information Center)

Middle School, Room 108

6:00 pm – Family Gingerbread House Night

NO High School Gathering

Tuesday, December 13th

9:30-11:30 am – Moms of Grace Brunch, Atrium

3:30-6:00 pm – Bloodmobile, Atrium

6:00 pm – Preschool Christmas Program, Auditorium

Wednesday, December 14th

7-8:30 pm – Middle School Christmas Party, Rm 108

7:00 pm – High School Christmas Party, The Annex

All Things Possible!

Envelopes for giving to the All Things Possible! Campaign can be found in the office, or the Information Center.

Pledges: \$925,703

Total Given: \$335,896

Financial Update

	FYTD (7/1-11/30/11)	December (current)
Budget	\$238,580	\$47,712
Total Income	\$218,048	\$12,824
Total Expenses	\$227,174	
Deficit	<\$9,125>	
Roy Eanes Fund (Benevolent)	\$183	

Ministry Opportunities

Angel Tree

We are participating in Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program again. **Return the gift to the tree by NEXT SUNDAY December 18.** This effort is an easy way to communicate God's love to those who are unable to see a parent during the holiday season.

Are you interested in helping deliver the gifts? Contact the church office or indicate so on your comment card.

People to Help Clean Needed!

Your church needs you! A few good people are needed to help clean inside. No special training or equipment needed, just a commitment and one or two hours one day a month. Cleaning and maintenance never ends. This is an ongoing ministry, another way to serve our Lord. Please don't wait for the next person. If you can help, leave your name and number at the office.

Other Opportunities

Family Christmas Gingerbread House Night

Come join us for our family Christmas Gingerbread House Contest **TONIGHT** in the Atrium at 6-7:00 pm. We will have a contest for prizes for children and family categories. It's a time of fun, fellowship, snacks and listening to your favorite Christmas music! Supplies will be provided, but please bring your favorite candy to decorate the houses. It's a one of a kind family time!

Baptism Class Scheduled

Who can be baptized? What are the requirements for baptism? What is the purpose of baptism? Who will baptize me? These are some of the questions that will be answered in the upcoming baptism class. The class is **TODAY** at 11:00 am in the Conference Room behind the Information Center. In this class you will learn the basics of baptism and why it is an important step for a Christian. This class is necessary in order to be baptized. Please indicate your desire to be baptized on the registration card. If you have questions, please call the church office at 683-9205.

Preparing for Christmas Services

To help in our planning, we are asking that you sign up for the service that you are planning to attend on Christmas weekend. You may sign up at the Information Center.

We also need volunteers to man the Cookie Baking Center as well as sugar cookie dough and frosting. You may sign up to help at the Information Center. The Cookie Baking Center will start next Sunday and go through Christmas morning.

Women's Opportunities

Our winter Bible study is coming soon! *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer is a 7-session Bible study that begins Monday nights beginning January 9 at 7 pm and Thursday mornings beginning January 12 at 9 am.

The **Women of Grace Retreat Team** is looking for a few women to be on the worship team for the 2012 retreat. Voice or instrumental talent welcomed. Rehearsals will start in late March and the retreat dates are April 20-22, 2012. Please contact Tammy Hallock at wunderbread2000@yahoo.com or Lora Burks at gwldborks@gmail.com for more information.

Our Tour of Homes was a wonderful experience for everyone again this year. Thanks to our three generous ladies who opened their homes to us: Gretchen Ruddick, Sydney Koh and Carolyn Westfall. Also, a big thank you to those who donated the door prizes: Jim Downing, Ron Crawford, Glorybee Foods, Pierpoint Associates and Shamrock. Another thank you to those who made and donated the food. Thanks so much.

Thank You!

To Bob and Dan Kintigh from the Kintigh Mountain Home Ranch, we want to thank you for the trees that were donated for our Christmas decorations. They are beautiful and we appreciate them very much!

Thank you to those who decorated as well.

Year End Giving

In the past, there has been confusion about tax deductions and end of the year giving. The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the church offering in January cannot be deducted in the previous year, even if it is backdated to the previous year or even if it was actually written and dated in the previous year. One exception — checks that are mailed and postmarked by the end of the year are deductible in that year even though not received until the following year.

Grace Community Preschool Christmas Program

Come join us to hear the Preschool students present their Christmas Program Tuesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium.

Haiti Trip in March

Are you interested in going to Haiti on your Spring Break? Our next trip is scheduled for the week of Spring Break, March 24-31, 2012. Space is limited, so please contact tracy@gcfweb.org to indicate your interest for attending by Wednesday, December 14. Team formation will occur the following week. More details are located on our webpage. Estimated cost of

trip is \$1,600. If you believe you may need scholarship help, please indicate so when you communicate your interest.

Electronic Giving

The church offers the option of electronic giving. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office or make a note on the comment card and enrollment materials will be sent to you.

Communication at GCF

Check Out the Website — Remember to check out the church web site at www.gcfweb.org for more information about Grace ministries, and a calendar of events. You can also download recordings of sermons and Grace Institute lectures for your own study time.

E-Newsletter Sign Up -- Pastor Steve regularly sends out an E-newsletter with updates and information on various events going on in our church community. If you would like to receive these notices, please indicate this on your comment card and provide us with your e-mail.

You can also follow us on Twitter for quick updates.

Facebook — GCF Group -- If you are on Facebook, take a moment and join the Grace Community Fellowship group. This avenue is yet another way in which you can receive information on community life events at GCF.