



January-March 2012

Classes, Events,

Activities

Worship Services Sunday at 9:15 and 11:00 am

989 Country Club Rd

GCF Information

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Sermon Series

Love Songs

January 8 - February 19: God has much to say about romantic love. In the Song of Solomon God has given us a divine manual on romantic relationships, taking us from the initial attraction between a couple through courtship, deepening intimacy, marriage and sex. This careful study of Solomon's Love Song, always insightful and at times explicit, can guide you toward the emotionally and sexually satisfying marriage that God desires for you. Whether you are single, engaged, newly married or approaching a double digit anniversary, you'll find this series to be a guide that has much to reveal about finding and keeping the love of your life.

R12 Pathway

March 4 - April 1: The R12 pathway will take you to the exhilarating edge of true spirituality. Being a genuine follower of Jesus flows out of a relationship with Him. It's about encountering God's grace, not earning His love through performance. Romans chapter 12 gives us a visual road map that deepens our experience and matures our faith.

New to Grace Community Fellowship

NEXT

Sunday, January 8, 5:00 pm in the Atrium

The first step to take after attending a while, you will meet pastor Steve and hear his story as well as the priorities, values and vision of GCF. Child care is provided.

Community Life Class

Begins Sunday, January 15 at 9:15 am in Room 104

This 10 week class provides an invitation to join the GCF family (membership), to contribute your gifts and talents to the family of Christ, and to learn Christian truths. Sign up by emailing Tracy at tracy@gcfweb.org or calling the church office or writing "Community Life" on your comment card.

Opportunities for Connection and Learning

Marriage Seminar

Friday & Saturday, February 10 & 11 7-9:00 pm & 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Auditorium

Could your marriage use a tune-up? Then this "Marriage Without Regrets" weekend is for you. It's being led by Rick Taylor, former senior pastor at GCF and his wife Judy, who lead Family Life Conferences nationally. The conference is designed for people in all stages of marriage and will focus on such topics as: Battles Every Marriage Faces; God's Design for Marriage; There's Something Wrong and I'm Pretty Sure it's Your Fault; How can we be Happy When We're so Different and Reviving the Lost Art of Intimacy. Cost is \$75 (\$25 vouchers available for childcare expenses for couples with children).

Grace Groups

Various times and locations

Participate in authentic, meaningful relationships with one another on a regular basis in a small group. Full participation in the life of a church requires both give and take on a relational level. Sign up by emailing Tracy at tracy@gcfweb.org or calling the church office or writing “Grace Groups” on your comment card.

Get a Grip

Beginning Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm location to be announced

Understanding the Flow of the Bible—In 12 weeks you will be enabled to get a better grip on the flow, purpose, and history of the Bible...and the overall story from Genesis to Revelation. You also will get gripped by God and changed in mind and heart.

LEAD

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 pm Room 104 Information Meeting

Beginning Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm Room 104

The purpose of LEAD is to bring believers together to experience authentic community, capture a life-changing vision for the church, and develop their leadership skills to effectively lead their families, the church and their personal lives. LEAD is a two year program that will deepen your grasp of theology and provide you with ministry skills.

Participants must fill out and sign a commitment form. The cost of the training will be \$15 a month for individuals for \$25 for couples. The fee will be used to purchase all necessary books and materials. The training program is limited to 24 people.

Young Adult (ages 18-25) Opportunities

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in The Annex, located in the north parking lot

January 17- February 7, a 4 week teaching series, "Twist." Whether it's in a movie or a great book, we all love a good twist in a story. What if there was a twist happening in your life? A twist that had you believing lies as actual truth. The most dangerous twists are the ones you never notice. What if we could bring light to the twists? What if we could expose the lies for what they really are?

March 6-20, a 3 week teaching series, "The Untouchables." People talk about it, yet often the church doesn't? Topics like homosexuality, hell, or Biblical inconsistencies. Maybe it is a good idea to talk about the stuff that nobody in church seems to want to talk about.

No Group, Tuesday, February 14

Event, Tuesday, February 21 (Details TBA)

Hang Out Night, March 27, the Annex

Check the gcfweb.org calendar or www.facebook.com/GraceCommunityFellowship

Women's Opportunities

Beginning Monday Night, January 9 at 7:00 pm or Thursday Morning, January 12 at 9:00 am What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer is a 7-session Bible study that redefines interruption and shows how it can be God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.

Sunday, March 4, Women of Grace Bake Sale

Help us raise scholarship money for the Women's Retreat in April. You can help by donating pie, cookies, cupcakes, cobbler, candy, cake, brownies, or other goodies *OR* bring cash and plan to buy some goodies. Please contact Tammy Hallock at wunderbread2000@yahoo.com with your donation.

April 20-22, Women of Grace Annual Retreat

Registration begins February 26 at the Information Center or online for “Building Endurance for a Lifetime of Faith.” Cost is \$80 for the weekend and \$40 for Saturday only if you sign up before April 8. After April 8 the cost will be \$90 for the weekend and \$45 for Saturday only. Pay your non-refundable \$25 deposit to choose your bunk at Grove Christian Camp. Enjoy a weekend away with the women of Grace and explore how to build endurance for a lifetime of faith.

Men’s Opportunities

7-10:00 am Men’s Breakfast in the Atrium

Saturday, January 17

Saturday, February 18

Saturday, March 17

6:30 am “Band of Brothers” Men’s Coffee in the Atrium or Starbucks

Wednesday, January 11

Wednesday, February 8

Wednesday, March 14

Seniors of Grace Ministries (those aged 60+)

Tour a Replica of a Jewish Tabernacle, Saturday, January 21

Leave Grace at 10:00 am and return about 4:30 or 5:00 pm for this Tabernacle located in Winston OR. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors plus \$4.50 per person for carpooling expenses. Pay-your-own lunch at a restaurant in Roseburg. Friends are welcome and all the “Israel Trip” travelers are encouraged to join us! Wear warm clothes. Contact Dianne Rush at 541-747-1732 or 541-870-3349 or pdrush@q.com to reserve your spot and for carpooling ASAP.

Soup & Salad Luncheon and Bizarre Bingo, Sunday, March 4

Meet in the Atrium at 12:30-3:00 pm. Soup, drinks, and table service are furnished. Please bring salad to share plus a usable white elephant gift for bingo prizes.

Children's Opportunities

Kid's Program, Beginning Wednesday, January 18, Station Room

Kindergarten through 5th grade students will learn how to journal and use the SOAP Bible study method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) along with the rest of the GCF family. Sign up at the Children's Ministry desk or email Kay at kay@gcfweb.org. Cost for the five months is \$20 per child. (Will not meet during Spring Break, March 28, 2012)

Youth Opportunities

Middle School

Sundays at 11:00 am in Room 108

Our main time together to focus on learning from the Bible and hanging out.

Wednesdays at 7-8:30 pm in Room 108

Join us for a time of applying what we've learned and doing crazy Middle School stuff.

Check gcfweb.org/middleschool.php for future events

High School

Sundays at 6:30 pm in The Annex, located in the north parking lot

January 8-29, a 4 week series titled "Wake Up!" Reading through the Gospels you can't escape these simple questions: Why would Jesus spend so much time with people who were clearly not God-fearing to the neglect of those who considered themselves more religious? Why would Jesus spend His time with the marginalized and not the powerful? We will unpack this idea and show how we can be involved in Jesus' mission to the world.

February 12-19, a 2 week series titled "More." Our natural tendency is to want more. More food, More stuff, More status, More, more, more. It seems our temptations for more are never fully satisfied. What if we could reframe our temptations and recognize what is really at stake?

March 4-18, a 3 week teaching series titled "Surrender." Did you ever want to run away? We will look at one of the world's most famous runners—Jonah. From trying to outrun God to struggling with God's grace, and maybe we'll see that maybe we are a lot like Jonah.

No Events on Sunday, February 5 at 6:30 pm

High School Winter Retreat, Friday-Sunday, February 24-26

Cost: \$90 (Not including lift ticket/tubing) We are headed to Sunriver for some snow boarding/skiing or tubing at Mt. Bachelor, some video gaming, maybe a snow ball fight or two, or just hanging out. We will also challenge students to think through Biblical principles. Spots will fill up! To sign up with a \$40 nonrefundable deposit, or for more info, email eric@gcfweb.org.

Last Wednesday Hang Out activities, Details to be announced

January 25

February 29

March 21

Check gcfweb.org/highschool.php for future events

Missions

Mission Connexion Northwest, Saturday, January 21, in Vancouver WA

We'll be carpooling to Crossroads Community Church, 7708 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA to engage in discussions and presentations relating to connecting local churches and individuals to mission opportunities. For more information see <http://missionconnexion.com/> or contact info@gcfweb.org. Cost is free!

GCF Short term Mission to Haiti, Saturday, March 24 - April 1