



# Grace Reformed Church

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# Words of Grace

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## GRC "Seek Week"

Our Annual Week of Prayer & Fasting  
January 10 – 17, 2010

Look in your mailbox and at the GRC Information Center  
for information about "Seek Week 2010"



Congratulations to Darlene Remus who won a gift certificate to the Kris Kringle shop. Darlene won when she turned her name into the drawing held on Monday, December 14. Thank you to all who entered.



Do you think there may be a hidden message in this month's issue?

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# ***News from the Leadership Team***

Dear Grace Family,

I cannot believe it is 2010! The start of a new year and the start of a new decade. What will God be up to this year and this decade as He is at work to bring about His purposes? How will you and I be asked to join Him in fulfilling His mission? What adjustments will we have to make to join Him so that He is glorified in our lives? I think about John Piper's statement, "That God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him!", and I long for that statement to be my experience and your experience as we follow Him this year. To help us in the pursuit of this invitation that God gives us to know Him and join Him in His mission we will be setting aside the week of January 10-17 to seek the Lord personally, as families, and as a church family. Look in your mailbox and at the info center for information about "Seek Week 2010".

As I have been praying about a theme for 2010 I have chosen Romans 12:1-2 to be our theme verses for this year, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers & 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. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will." The Theme will be "Experiencing Transformation In 2010"--this transformation we seek will impact every area of our lives as we seek to join Him in what He is doing.

One of the areas that we are desiring to be transformed in is our prayer lives. Therefore, our leadership team will be joining Community Church on January 9 to hear Phil Miglioratti equip our leaders in cultivating their prayer lives. Also, please mark this down in your calendars; on April 9-11, we will be hosting Daniel Henderson who will be teaching us what it means to be a "House of Prayer" and how we can cultivate a prayer movement in our church and in the church of Fond du Lac. We will be inviting the Church of Fond du Lac to join us for this prayer event as we join God in what He is doing to bring the Body of Christ together to work together towards God's purposes (John 17).

I hope you are looking forward to joining God in what He is doing and you are filled with a hopeful expectation as we begin this new year together. I am praying for you...

Love,  
Pastor Barry (PB)

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## **"Praying for the GRC Leadership Team"**

- \* Pray that the Elders will have wisdom as they discern together how we need to join God in what He is doing.
- \* Pray for the Elders as they seek God's heart in shepherding the Grace family towards God's purposes.
- \* Pray that the Deacons will have wisdom as they minister to the hurting in our community.
- \* Pray that you will win the movie theatre gift certificate by being the tenth one to call or email the church office.
- \* Pray that the Deacons will have discernment as they oversee God's money in our church's budget.
- \* Pray for the ministry leaders to have clarity on how the ministries they oversee can join God in what He is doing.

**The GRC week of "Prayer & Fasting" is January 10-17, 2010. Please set aside this time as a special time to seek the Lord personally, as a family, as ministry teams, and as a church family.**

## **Prayer Opportunities**

- 8:15am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the first service.
- 10:05am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the second service and for those needing prayer.
- 6:30am- Wednesdays, Men's Prayer- Prayer Room
- 6:30am –Wednesdays-Women's Prayer- Sue Bishop's home
- 9:00am & 10:30am- Prayer Room—praying during the worship service.
- 6:00pm on Monday Nights Prayer Room—praying for the leadership teams while they meet.
- Prayer Walking—during the week
- Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary—one Saturday a month

# Youth Page



Dear Youth Families,

When setting resolutions for the New Year or goals any time of the year, keep these biblical principles in mind\*

## 1. Seek GOD

Resolutions naturally flow from our priorities. Consider whether your typical goals reflect your actual priorities? And most importantly, are your priorities in concert with your faith in and submission to God - or are they in conflict with that faith?

In Matthew 6, Jesus is recorded as saying that we should "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Materialism has long supplanted this tendency in western society. Most people are more concerned about their bank account than their prayer life and church attendance. Are you seeking after God in all that you do?

Matthew also spends a great deal of time recording Jesus' warnings against anxiety and worry. Do you find yourself stressed out about the cares of life? If so, Jesus says the key to overcoming stress and obtaining peace is keep our focus on God - and not on the storms around us.

## 2. Ask God for Wisdom

Planning for the future and setting goals require wisdom. In fact, that essentially describes the practicality of wisdom. Wisdom has a broader meaning, of course, but a wise person will know (or at least have a better idea concerning) the right decision(s) to make.

Proverbs tells us that the "fear of the Lord" is the "beginning of wisdom," and James writes that anyone who lacks wisdom should "ask of God, who gives to all men liberally."

## 3. Think CONTEXT!

You may be asking what this might have to do with New Year's Resolutions. Well, Context is key to goal-setting.

Consider the following:

What is your context? Do you see yourself according to your occupation or aspirations? What is your identity? What is your purpose?

Your resolutions and goals for the future therefore should reflect your identity as a creation of God given responsibilities and duties by your Creator. You are here on planet earth for the purpose of glorifying Him, so your goals should be set within that framework.

All that is left for me to do is bid you "God speed" you as you embark on your resolutions and goals for 2010.

Happy New Year!

PASTOR GRANT

\*Adapted from an article by Bryan Tubbs

## Making God the Center of Your Home

If you are like most Christian parents, nothing is more important to you than for your children (1) to be born again and (2) to live their lives according to God's Word. Presented here are many things you can do to create a Christ-centered home and help your children see what it means to be Christians.

But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD (Joshua 24:15).

As you study the following outline, score yourself from 0 to 10 on each point.

"0" means, "I really need to improve in this area."  
"10" means, "I'm doing great in this area."

### **Provide a godly example.**

In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul told Timothy to provide a godly example in speech, life, love, faith and purity. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity (1 Timothy 4:12).

Ask yourself what sort of example you provide in these five areas:

Speech. My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Life. My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Love. My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Faith. My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Purity. My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Present Christianity positively.**

In many families, Christianity is presented in a negative light. Children see angry parents with a lot of rules, sometimes accompanied by threats of "you won't go to heaven if you ..."

Christianity is much more than a list of rules. Help your children enjoy the joy that comes from being close to God.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him (Psalm 34:8).

What is it like for your children to live in your home?  
Does Christianity "taste" good?

### ▪ Presenting Christianity positively

My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Pray with your children.

Teach your children the importance of prayer by praying with them. As they grow older, teach them how to pray themselves. Have bedtime prayer times during which each child prays for at least one person. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful (Colossians 4:2).

### ▪ Praying with my children

My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Have family Bible studies.

Don't leave "spiritual training" up to the church (or a church school). Choose a Bible that is age-appropriate, and then lead your children in family Bible studies. Don't do all the talking yourself. Talk about the Bible during the day. Ask your children questions about what a passage means, and how it applies to them.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

### ▪ Family Bible studies

My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

Lead your children to the Lord.

Don't assume that your children are Christians because they go to church or because they are being raised in a Christian home. Be sure to offer to introduce them to Jesus!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" (John 3:3).

### ▪ Leading my children to the Lord

My rating (0-10): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you do? Is there room for improvement?

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# Family Corner

## Does external discipline get translated into internal control?

There are many authorities who suggest that parents take a passive approach to their children for the reason implied by your question: They want their kids to discipline themselves. But since young people lack the maturity to generate that self-control, they stumble through childhood without experiencing either internal or external discipline. Thus, they enter adult life having never completed an unpleasant assignment or accepted an order that they disliked or yielded to the leadership of their elders. Can we expect such a person to exercise self-discipline in young adulthood? I think not. That individual doesn't even know the meaning of the word.

My belief is that parents should introduce their children to discipline and self-control by any reasonable means available, including the use of external influences, when they are young. By being required to behave responsibly, he gains valuable experience in controlling his own impulses and resources. Then as he grows into the teen years, responsibility is transferred year by year from the shoulders of the parent directly to the child. He is no longer required to do what he has learned during earlier years in hopes that he will want to function on his own initiative.

To illustrate, a child should be required to keep his room relatively neat when he is young. Then somewhere during the midteens, his own self-discipline should take over and provide the motivation to continue the task. If it does not, the parent should close the door and let him live in a dump, if that is his choice.

In short, self-discipline does not come automatically to those who have never experienced it. Self-control must be learned, and it must be taught.

Dr. James Dobson, Founder of *Focus on the Family*®



## South African Mission Summer 2010

Dear *Grace Family*,

As you may be aware, *Grace* is going to travel to South Africa for our mission trip in 2010. We will be traveling through 4 major South African cities: Johannesburg, Durban, Pietermaritzburg and Rustenburg.

We anticipate departing from Milwaukee on Thursday, July 22, 2010 and returning on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

During the trip, we will have the opportunity to minister at schools, churches, orphanages and clinics through music, drama and the word of our testimonies. We will also get some time off to enjoy the sights and sounds of South Africa.

This trip will be an amazing opportunity for each of the participants to share the love and reconciliation of Christ in a land whose population that has been decimated by AIDS and by decades of racial violence.

Please be in prayer for our team of ten as we prepare our hearts and minds for God's will to be done in us and through us.

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Grant

# Mission Corner

## JOIN IRAQI CHRISTIANS IN PRAYER



*“Send your Holy Spirit to shade the land of Iraq,  
so that peace may prevail in its dwellings.”*

— Yousif al Saka, Presbyterian Church in Baghdad

**OUR IRAQI SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST** face significant challenges living in these times. The ongoing violence and terror have made life difficult for them individually and as congregations. In the face of daily tragedies many have fled the country, while others have left their homes for safer places in Iraq, thus becoming internally displaced. Before the war, there were five Reformed/Presbyterian congregations in Iraq. The pastor of the Assyrian church received threats and had to leave the country. That congregation now worships with the Arab congregation in Baghdad. Following the November 2006 kidnapping and assassination of an elder in the Mosul church, that congregation has met mostly in homes. The congregations in Kirkuk and Basra continue to worship in their sanctuaries.

Christianity in Iraq dates from the apostolic era and includes some of the oldest organized churches in the world. Iraqi Christians were pioneers in spreading the gospel to Arabia, Persia, India, and China. Chaldean Catholic, Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek Orthodox communities, as well as Protestants, continue to worship and witness, though in drastically dwindling numbers. Reformed and Anglican mission co-workers first went to Iraq in the 1800s. After World War I, the Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ formed what became the United Mission in Iraq.

The United Mission worked in evangelism, education, and health care until 1958, when education became the primary mission focus. In 1969, the Iraqi government nationalized the schools, and American mission co-workers had to leave the country. The newly formed Iraq Partnership Network honors the mission history of the previous centuries and, through this ecumenical cooperation, seeks to stand in solidarity and in prayer with the national churches in Iraq. The network carries out its activities in collaboration with the three denominations' Middle East offices. For more information about the Iraq Partnership Network, email [Irishards@comporium.net](mailto:Irishards@comporium.net) or [bvblock@hotmail.com](mailto:bvblock@hotmail.com).

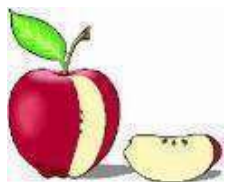
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We encourage all members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the United Church of Christ, and the **Reformed Church in America, as well as their neighbors and friends, to pause for prayer, individually or in groups, every day at noon (Eastern time).** Pray for our Iraqi

brothers and sisters in Christ, all the people of Iraq, Iraqis who are refugees or living in diaspora, the people of the United States impacted by war, those in positions of authority, men and women who are serving in the military, and all who suffer. Pray for guidance in working for peace. We have communicated this invitation to the Reformed/Presbyterian churches and other Christians in Iraq so that we may stand together before God's throne of grace.

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program  
Iraq Partnership Network (PC(USA), RCA, UCC)  
Office on the Middle East, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Reformed Church in America Middle East Office  
United Church of Christ/Global Ministries Middle East and Europe Office



*Core - Prayer*

*Seeds - Studying the Word of God*

*Leaf - Growing Relationships*

*Fruit - Blessing to the church, community and world*

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### Women's Ministry Meeting

For all women's ministry leaders, We will have a planning meeting Tuesday, January 19, 6:30-8:00 in the Fireside Room at church. We'll discuss needs of the women of Grace and in our community and brainstorm about ways to meet those needs. We'll discuss how to reach out and connect women with one another through smaller, interest-based activities like games, jigsaw puzzles, crafts and scrap booking. We will also share about women who have influenced our own walks with Christ, so be thinking about that. If you are not a women's ministry leader but have some ideas or would like to get involved in women's ministry, contact Laurie Milczski 933-2249.

### Highlights from the fall of 2009:

**Women Behind the Troops Dinner:** We invited women of Grace who have family in the military and encouraged them to bring friends. We also assigned prayer partners to the women and their families. It was a wonderful time of sharing and we ended by reading encouraging Bible verses.

**Bowling:** We met at a bowling alley and played two games. Each time a woman got a strike, she wore fuzzy rabbit ears. We also had prizes for the highest and lowest scoring games. We had many laughs and many strikes.

**Joy to the World:** We made Christmas cards for several U.S. service members, missionaries, nursing home residents, and our own family and friends. The cards turned out beautiful, and we worked cheerfully through the occasional paper-punch mishap. We wrapped it up with some delicious cheesecake.

Thank you to all who served on a planning committee for these events. We have some very hard-working women among us!

*We also did a six-week Beth Moore study called **Stepping Up** this fall. It was such a blessing to me, because it revealed to me how we are all, as Christians, on a pilgrim journey. Instead of heading toward Jerusalem as we know it, we are heading toward our destination in Heaven and a new Jerusalem where we will experience the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit more clearly and intimately than we ever have before. Thank you, Inez and Cherie, for leading us in this study.*

### Festival of Holidays

Over 100 women came to South Hills Golf and Country Club Dec. 8 to share a wonderful, snowy evening. We had a skit that encouraged us to ponder why we do the things we do at Christmas, like waiting in lines to buy as many gifts as possible, or getting so busy we don't have time to think about Jesus' birth.

Susan Bishop talked about how Christmas means so much more than the decorations and gifts and busyness, and despite her "scrooge" reputation among family members, she loves Christmas because of the wonder of Jesus' birth. She shared about her favorite family Christmas in Mexico, when they witnessed a beautiful and simple nativity scene and ministered to children at an orphanage.

Debbie Bohrer shared about what Christmas has meant to her, from being a child to being a mother and now a grandmother. She also told the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary, a pregnant teenager who could have gotten "tangled in the tinsel" with all the "mishaps" that happened leading up to Jesus' birth, but instead decided to focus on God's presence within her.

To close the evening, we sang "The First Noel" and "Joy to the World." Our guest musician, Debbie Guy, accompanied our event with beautiful music on her harp, and South Hills provided an excellent buffet meal. Sixteen women hosted tables, using unique place settings and centerpieces. Thank you to all who served on the committee, hosted a table, or participated in the skit.

### ALL WOMEN - ARE YOU LOVING WELL?

Please come and join us on Tuesday Morning, January 5th at 9:15 A.M.-11:00 A.M. in the Fireside Room, as we begin a 4 week video-based study with Beth Moore on a journey toward Loving Well.

Some people are a joy to love, some are difficult to love, and we all have to deal with some people who are humanly impossible to love. In all those relationships one truth endures; We will never be able to love others well until we have been loved well. And only God can ultimately give us the complete love we so desperately need.

Look Forward To Seeing You!! Childcare provided. Any questions call Mary at 921-4941.

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Attention all Women who have been attending the Monday evening Bible Study! Please note that it will resume on Monday, January 25th. Watch for more details in the coming days.

# News & Notes...

**VBS Planning Time is here Again!** Please join us on January 30 at Elmbrook Church in Milwaukee for Curriculum Review. We will be leaving Fond du Lac at 6:30am. ANYONE who is involved in VBS or would like to be involved is welcome to attend. Call Fran Trewin @ 583.4308 if you have questions or would like to attend.

*Letters have been mailed to all GRC Ministry Leaders for the upcoming Ministry Leaders Gathering on January 9, 2010. If you did not receive a letter and feel that you should attend the gathering, please contact Pastor Barry at 948-5702.*

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the  
**UNEXPECTED!**  
Jeremiah 33:3

There are a variety of "Care Notes", which focus on helping people through grief, available at the GRC Info Center.

"Seek Week 2010" (Prayer Week) will be January 10-17. Look for more information in mailboxes, and the Info Center.

## Small Group 'SPOTLIGHT'

### How Can I Get Involved in a Small Group?

There is a Sign Up Sheet at the Info Center in the Church Lobby. When you sign up, you will also provide information regarding your availability, and any interests or friends you may want to be with. You can also contact the church office where you can provide the same information.



**For the month of February Grace Reformed Church will be conducting a food drive to benefit the Fond du Lac Food Pantry.** The items you wish to donate can be brought to church on any of the Sundays in February. We will have a table in the narthex where you can drop your items off.

As an added feature, we would like you to print on the item(s) you donate a reference to your favorite Bible verse to offer encouragement to the people receiving the food. For instance, John 3:16, Psalm 27:14, II Cor 4:17-18, etc..

If you don't have a favorite verse that's okay, we will still take your donation and write one on the item for you. Please do not write over the expiration date information on the item. Here is a list of the items the Food Pantry recommends:

*Macaroni and Cheese*

*Boxed Pasta or potato meals, pasta, rice sides, scalloped potatoes, etc.)*

*Chicken Helper with a can of chicken or Tuna Helper with a can of tuna*

*Instant Mashed Potatoes*

*Rice*

*Pasta*

*Canned vegetables*

*Canned fruit*

*Peanut butter*

*Canned meat meals (beef stew, canned ravioli, spaghetti with meatballs, etc.)*

*Tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, paste, dice tomatoes, any tomato product.*

*Juice (family-size container)*

*Pancake mix*

*Syrup*

*Cereal*

*Oatmeal*



Church members can also donate baked goods. Please do not donate these until the last Sunday in February, which will be February 28.

If you have any questions about this please contact Keith Bestul at (920) 898-4155.

# Local Evangelism

Jail Ministry

**John 8:32 “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**

There is an ongoing ministry in the Fond du Lac County Jail that goes much unnoticed, at least by the public eye. However, God sees and knows the dedicated ones who give to this service.

For two hours every Sunday morning, a team is allowed to come into the jail and connect with the inmates on a spiritual level. “We pray with them, share God’s Word and simply talk with them. We are there to encourage them in the Lord and hope they grasp God’s love and His desire for them to trust Him”, says Bill Hageman. Bill was invited by a friend who was the County Chaplin; he was inspired by him to join and has been doing this since 1993.

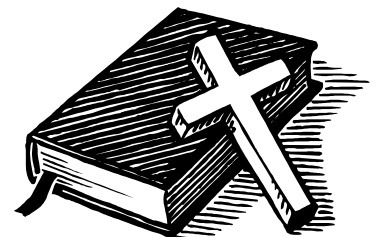
Bill describes this service for the Lord as a great blessing. “Because of it I have realized the need to be in God’s Word and the importance of prayer. Not that I have accomplished these goals, however, knowing that the inmates need to see that I am genuine in why I am there, a need to be prayerful and to read God’s Word is essential in reaching them”.

Many come from difficult backgrounds. An estimated 70% of inmates grow up without a father figure. They have difficulty believing that anyone would actually care about them and love them and

they don’t easily trust. “We come alongside them and let them know we care. So, if they indicate that they would like to know more, we make ourselves available to them”.

Coming from very challenging circumstances, for them to be transparent is truly Spirit led. DVD’s, CD’s and music are tools used to reach them with the Gospel. Also, a message of hope is given. “It’s when we break into smaller groups that the men will open up and admit their hurts”. Although they are not required to attend these sessions, Bill states that it is a blessing when you see them respond to the Spirit of God. Men have come to the Lord, recognizing their lifestyle was not obedient to Him and have changed their ways through His guidance and with the help of others. **Keeping Bill and the teams in our prayers is a way to be involved in this ministry.** We can praise our loving Father that He is a God of second chances, that He alone has the power to change lives and bring mankind from the darkness into His kingdom of light!

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this exciting ministry please contact Bill Hageman at 922-0682.



**Praise The Lord!**

- Praise **God** for who He is!



**Pray For Those**

**With Immediate Needs:**

- Allan Schuers
- Victoria Vegter
- Cherie VandeZande
- Cathy Jones
- Dyann Fairbanks
- Jon Gabrielse
- Rosemary Byers
- Yvette Moore
- Bob Vander Gailen

**Pray for those in the Military:**



**Remember  
Our  
Members  
in the  
Military**

- Steven Wilcox
- John Tynan
- Zack Heeringa
- Read DelPonte
- Todd Olig
- Kory Bestul
- Kyle Bestul
- Robert Henry
- Joshua Bledsoe
- Ryan Merrill
- Justin Nelson

**Pray for those in Nursing Homes:**

- Hazel Bell (FdL Lutheran Home)
- Ed & Joyce Wuest (Grancare)
- Jim & Dorothy VandeBerg (Walnut Grove)
- Lavern Riel (Prairie Ridge)
- Susan Merkt (American House)
- Margaret Pennings (FdL Lutheran Home)

**Pray For Those With Long Term Needs:**

- Susan Moore
- Owen Ahern
- Judy Brechlin
- Marlene Ellefson
- Linda Tessmer
- Pat McLean
- Steve Bolda
- Nancy Hoffman
- Corinne Skogen
- Judy Rubritus

*Prayer~*

*"Heavenly Father, You are intimately aware of the struggle I am experiencing -- the pain and the despair. You know the desire of my heart to be healed. I ask now for Your healing touch. I know that You are able and that just like in Bible times, You can heal me.*



*"I also understand that You will chose what is best for me. I pray that through this trial, I will draw close to You -- that You will be my comfort and strength. I pray that ultimately, whatever happens, You will be glorified through me. I pray this in Jesus' name, amen."*

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*Thank You...*

Thank you so much for the packages. I received them and then left on another trip. Thank you to all that donated to the packages, the word finds and games will come in very handy in the last few months, all of the donations will go to good use if not for myself, for other soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines here on Camp Bucca as we have a "Troop Store" that we donate things to and anyone can go and get what they need. Again, my thanks to all that donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated. I hope to see you all in church late January or early February.

Thank you all again,  
Todd Olig



**Happy New Year**

# GRC Ministry Schedules

Ministry	Date	1st Service	2nd Service
Greeters	1/3	Bernie & Doris VandeStreek	Nancy Wuest/Arline Wisse
	1/10	Lorraine Wunrow/Judy Albert	Terre Mand / Adam Mand
	1/17	Dick & Sharon VanEgtern	Jeff & Jenny Smet
	1/24	Roland & Mary Ritzema	Dan & Tracy Roggentine
	1/31	Mark & Kim Hopper	Dean & Mary Beth Beekman
Prayer Partners	1/3	Greg & Robin Fuhrman	Chuck & Toni Stanley
	1/10	John Luteyn/Bonnie Springborn	Vern & Eunie Jurgens
	1/17	Diane Nick / Linda Drendel	Jack & Jan Witte
	1/24	Tony & Ginny Ferdinand	Del & Hope DelPonte
	1/31	Mary Ritzema / Dorothy Cameron	Bill Hageman / Judy Albert
Computer	1/3	Darrell Gundelach	Josh Schaalma
	1/10	Keith Bestul	Emily Skogen
	1/17	Laura Streeter	Brady Beekman
	1/24	Emily Skogen	Josh Schaalma
	1/31	Laura Streeter	Noel Skogen
Sound & Light	1/3	Sergio Hernandez	
	1/10	Terry Streeter	
	1/17	Sergio Hernandez	
	1/24	Alex Kolb	
	1/31	Ty Fairbanks	
Close the Building	1/3	Tony Ferdinand	
	1/10	Bill Hageman	
	1/17	Vern Jurgens	
	1/24	Ed Wiegert	
	1/31	Jack Witte	
		Video Operator	Camera
Video Ministry:	1/3	Jenny Petrie	Tony Brockman
	1/10	Grant Baumgart	Seth Baumgart
	1/17	Dan Milczski	Alex Skogen
	1/24	Noel Skogen	Bryce Vegter
	1/31	Jenny Petrie	Owen VandeZande
FIRST IMPRESSIONS	1/3	Orange Team	
	1/10	Blue Team	
	1/17	Green Team	
	1/24	Red Team	
	1/31	White Team	
Ushers		Joe Baltz	Dean Beekman
		Bill Veenendaal	Greg Booher

**Grace Church Staff:**  
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**Offering & Attendance**

11/25	\$987.25	139
11/22	\$5,548.81	255/92
11/29	\$11,922.01	289/119
12/06	\$10,397.27	278/125
12/13	\$21,071.60	289/156

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please submit information for the *February Words of Grace* to the church office by **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. You can contact the office at 922.7211 or [office@grcfdl.org](mailto:office@grcfdl.org)

**Office Hours are:**

- **Monday -Thursday: 7:30am-4:30pm**
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