

# *GLAD TIDINGS*

from Grace Fellowship

Autumn 2009

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Spring and summer 2009 have been eventful for Grace Fellowship. Work on our new building began March 5<sup>th</sup>. Over the summer, five different teams came to work on the project. As of the end of August, most of the drywall is hung and brick is being laid. A lot of progress has been made.

**Carpenters for Christ** was the first mission team to arrive this summer. Carpenters for Christ was organized in 1987 and is headquartered at Eastmont Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Each year a Carpenters for Christ team goes to churches throughout the south east to help with construction projects. This year there were a total of 98 volunteers from eight states. They slept and showered at Lincoln County High School and ate at the church building on Fair Grounds Road. They brought their own cooks who provided three meals a day. Grace Fellowship Church was responsible for snacks, desserts, serving and clean-up. When the advance party of 35 Carpenters for Christ arrived June 3<sup>rd</sup> all that was completed were the rough plumbing, floors and basement walls. By Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> almost all the exterior walls were up. Members of Grace Fellowship came to the site to write on the studs and help raise the last exterior wall. Their work was delayed by rain, so Carpenters for Christ did not meet their goal of getting the building completely under roof. When Carpenters for Christ left June 13<sup>th</sup>, most of the rafters were in place and a lot of the sheeting was on the walls and roof.

Although Carpenters for Christ were by far the largest group to help out this summer, many other volunteers have come to help. Grace Fellowship's building project would not have gotten as far as it has without their help.

**Alcorn Baptist Builders** from Alcorn County, Mississippi, arrived June 14 and were with us until June 19. Again, there was rainy weather, but the Alcorn team was able to complete a lot of work.

A team from **Raleigh Road Baptist Church**, from Wilson, North Carolina was with us **June 28 to July 3**. There were thirty workers to do further construction and a 25 member ministry support team who conducted a three day Vacation Bible School for our children. They provided teachers, materials, and all the supplies for VBS. They helped a lot by pulling wire for the electrical hook-ups.

**July 12 - July 17 Tommy Pitman and the Clearmont Baptist Team** from Seneca, South Carolina helped install the HVAC and do other work. **July 19 - 24 the First Baptist Church Mission Team** of Greenville, Alabama came with fifteen construction workers to hang dry wall. A support group of ten came to do cooking and community ministry with children. On top of all the other blessings, we had a surprise blessing during the week of July 19. A group of ten volunteers from Arkansas were originally scheduled to work on a church north of Frankfort, KY but the job was cancelled at the last minute. Because they were already planning to come to Kentucky, the Arkansas group contacted the KY Baptist Association who put them in contact with Brother Vola.

We are truly grateful to each and everyone who came to work on our building project. We have met many wonderful people, made new friends, and received so many blessings. We are also grateful to the many, many members of Grace Fellowship Church who have donated their time and energy to the building project. There are so many who have been with the project since the beginning. Their work laid the foundation and tied together the work of the out of state mission teams. We thank God for His bounty and each worker for their helping hands.

Remember that the work on the new building is not finished yet and there are many opportunities to help out. Please see Brother Vola or a member of the building team to volunteer.

"I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe can exist without a clockmaker."

—Voltaire



## Other Summer Events:

- ◆ You probably noticed that our newsletter is a bit different. This summer we traded for a new copier/printer that can print on 11”x 17” paper. The larger paper will allow us to use larger type which will be easier to read. The new copier/printer is also more efficient with toner so costs are less.
- ◆ While they were with us, Raleigh Road Baptist Church conducted a three day Vacation Bible School for kids pre-k to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Raleigh Road supplied everything that was needed. We had good attendance and the kids had fun. Thanks so much.
- ◆ Jennifer Lowe and Johnny Baker were married August 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Jennifer & Johnny.
- ◆ The 2009 school year began August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday before classes began, 45 students and faculty who attend Grace Fellowship gathered together for prayer. Keep all the students and faculty in your prayers this year.
- ◆ There was a Baptism service August 16, 2009. Olivia Pettus and James White were baptized.
- ◆ There has been a great response to bringing supplies to God’s Storehouse, the food pantry ministry of Grace Fellowship Church. We would like to make special mention of the donations from the children in the Elementary Sunday School Class taught by Rachael & Jim Miller. These kids had started bringing in canned goods, etc. before we announced a need for supplies. God’s Food Pantry is a year round, on going mission project. Almost every week families from throughout Lincoln County receive help from God’s Storehouse. Donations are welcome any time. For more information see Kathy Coffee.





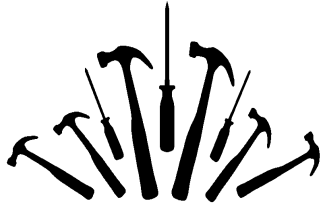
# Mark Your Calendar

- September 6 Fall Sunday School Quarter Begins
- September 7 Labor Day
  - September 11 Patriot Day
  - ★ September 16 Church Wide Potluck 6:00 P.M.
  - ★ September 20 Youth will lead P.M. Service
  - September 22 Autumn Begins
  - ★ October 7 Quarterly Business Meeting
  - ★ October 28 Church Wide Potluck 6:00 P.M.
  - November 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
  - November 3 Election Day
  - November 11 Veterans Day
  - November 16-23 Operation Christmas Child Campaign
  - ★ November 25 Thanksgiving Party 6:00 P.M.
  - November 26 Thanksgiving Day
  - ★ November 29 Fifth Sunday (Lord's Supper Served & Benevolent Fund Offering Received P.M. Service)

These are only a few events that will be scheduled this fall. Please watch your bulletin or our calendar for other happenings and changes that may occur.

## Service Times Sunday

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & Youth & Children	7:00 P.M.



***“Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders.”***

Carpenters for Christ members will attend the dedication of a church building in Hawesville, KY Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the project Carpenters for Christ worked on last year.

Members of Grace Fellowship Church have been invited to attend. Bill Wilson will be driving the church bus. If you would like to attend, please see Bill. Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> some of the Carpenters for Christ will be in our morning service.



## **Update**

After meeting this spring, Senior Friends took a break to devote their time and energy to the new building project. The building on Fair Grounds Road was occupied most of June and July with all the out of town missions teams who helped on the new building project. Many of the Senior Friends have been busy helping with the new building project. As soon as we are moved and settled in the new building, Senior Friends will resume meeting. Watch your bulletins for announcements.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, which is part of the Samaritan's Purse Ministry headed by Franklin Graham, is the largest children's Christmas project. The gifts of Operation Christmas Child make the Miracle of Christmas come to

life for children all over the world.

Even though many people are involved in delivering the packages, it all comes down to one gift, given from one person to another. This Christmas you can share the power of a simple gift. By packing a shoe box or similar sized box with small gifts then dropping it at church for pick-up, you can help spread the true meaning of Christmas. This year's collection week will be November 16 – 23rd. Information about packing shoeboxes will be available at the church in October. If you have questions, please see Kathy Coffee.



## *Autumn Birthdays*

### **September**

9/2 Alyssa Miller  
Maribeth Woodrum  
9/6 Millie Manuel  
9/8 Dana Brown  
9/10 Michael Pettus  
9/12 Barbara Cummins  
9/14 Jean Nickell  
9/15 Ranell Tillett  
9/21 Linda Lynn  
9/22 Emery Stone  
9/23 Roland Murphy  
9/24 Phillip Stevens  
9/25 Mariah Vogler  
9/27 Cody Harris  
9/28 Sylvia Sexton  
9/29 Autumn Horton  
9/30 Lisa Taylor

### **October**

10/3 Jacqueline Smith  
10/4 Lakya Pettus  
10/8 Bryan Ollish  
10/10 Jonathan Scott  
10/13 Butch Leach  
10/17 Emmonie Kombo  
10/19 Diane Haggard  
10/22 Steve Bailey  
Marcella Blevins  
10/30 Joey Duff

### **November**

11/3 Alissa Doss  
11/4 Brandi Adkins  
11/7 Brian Hundley  
11/10 Sandra Hundley  
Will Kombo  
Miranda Padgett  
11/15 Jerry Atwood  
11/16 Sharon Gooch  
11/21 Jim Miller  
Kim Otto  
Vivian Spahr  
Vicki Stevens  
11/23 Tonya Doss  
11/25 Larry Peppard  
11/29 Maureen Walls  
11/30 Kaye Terry-Lane

Eternal God! Grant us gratitude enough to look  
backward and be thankful;  
courage enough to look forward and be hopeful;  
faith enough to look upward and be humble;  
kindness enough to look outward and be helpful.  
Amen.



# The Record Speaks

Date	Sunday School	Morning	Evening	Offering	Building Fund
May 31	60	159	52	\$2983.50	\$375.00
June 7	134	250	172	\$3701.20	\$2400.00
June 14	39	158	66	\$5744.06	\$ 825.00
June 21	39	164	40	\$2122.00	\$ 450.00
June 28	39	167	59	\$3326.68	\$ 900.00
July 5	39	137	42	\$2339.87	\$1425.00
July 12	56	163	56	\$2892.62	\$ 370.00
July 19	60	152	84	\$6188.51	\$ 675.00
July 26	60	179	55	\$2874.77	\$ 350.00
August 2	50	264	55	\$2467.50	\$ 450.00
August 9	58	158	46	\$2776.50	\$ 300.00
August 16	53	165	50	\$6138.80	\$ 100.00
August 23	65	185	65	\$3285.77	\$ 250.00
August 30	69	149	65	\$3105.00	\$1145.91

## Benevolent Fund Offering

May 31, 2009  
August 30, 2009

**\$172.75**  
**\$ 74.00**

## What is stewardship?

Stewardship is not just raising funds;  
It's raising Christians.  
Stewardship is not a matter of budgets;  
It's a matter of faith.



The Youth and children continued to meet on Wednesdays this summer despite upheaval in our schedule due to hosting all the mission teams helping with the building project. As they have returned to school, Youth attendance on Wednesdays has remained strong. Deronda and Jeff Sears have been preparing and serving food to the youth when there hasn't been a potluck meal. On the next page you will find a menu for Wednesdays this fall. Food will be served to the youth and children from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. so that classes can begin promptly and have fewer interruptions.

The youth will be leading the evening service Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be praise music, a Christian hip-hop dance and a skit entitled "The Tell-Tale Talent." Invite your friends and family to come out and support the youth as they use their talents for the Lord.

The youth and Children will have other activities throughout the fall so watch the bulletin for announcements. There is always a need for help with the youth. If you are willing to teach a class, drive a van, serve a meal or whatever, see Brother Vola or Brother Kevin.

## Grace Fellowship Church Fall 2009 Children's Menu

Date	Menu	Needs
<i>Aug. 26</i>	Pizza Night	Cupcakes, canned sodas, juice
<i>Sept. 2</i>	Grilled Cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle or vegetable soup, crackers, brownies, sodas/juice	Brownies, sodas, crackers, juice
<i>Sept. 9</i>	Chicken nuggets, veggy tray with dips, cake, sodas/juice	Cake 'any type", sodas, dips, juice
<i>Sept. 16</i>	Church Wide Potluck at 6:00	All dishes needed.
<i>Sept. 23</i>	Nachos and cheese, ice cream sandwiches, sodas/juice	Bags of nachos, ice cream sandwiches, sodas, juice
<i>Sept. 30</i>	Chili, peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, cookie, milk or soda/juice	Chili, crackers, cookies, milk, sodas, juice
<i>Oct. 7</i>	Tacos or Taco Salad, ice cream cups, sodas/juice	Sodas, juice, ice cream cups.
<i>Oct. 14</i>	Hot ham and cheese, baked beans, chips, cup cakes, sodas/juice	Chips, cupcakes, sodas, juice
<i>Oct. 21</i>	Pizza rolls, tossed salad, pudding cups, soda/juice	Pudding cups, sodas, juice
<i>Oct. 28</i>	Church Wide Party: 6:00	
<i>Nov. 4</i>	Pot Pies, fruit cobbler and ice cream, sodas/milk/juice	Sodas, milk, juice
<i>Nov. 11</i>	Chili Cheese Dogs, chips, cookies, sodas, juice	Sodas, juice, chips, cookies
<i>Nov. 18</i>	Potato soup, pinto beans, cornbread, crackers, cup cakes, milk/soda/juice	crackers, cupcakes, milk, sodas, juice
<i>Nov. 25</i>	Thanksgiving Party Foods – 6:00	

***Please bring items such as crackers and other non perishables at any time. Bring cooked items such as chili, cupcakes, etc., on the Wednesday needed. Food is served from 6:30 - 7:00. If you would like to help feed the children each Wednesday, please see Deronda or Jeff. On the nights that we have potluck or a party, we will begin at 6:00, to allow for bible study and children's classes at 7:00.***

Thank you,  
Jeff and Deronda Sears

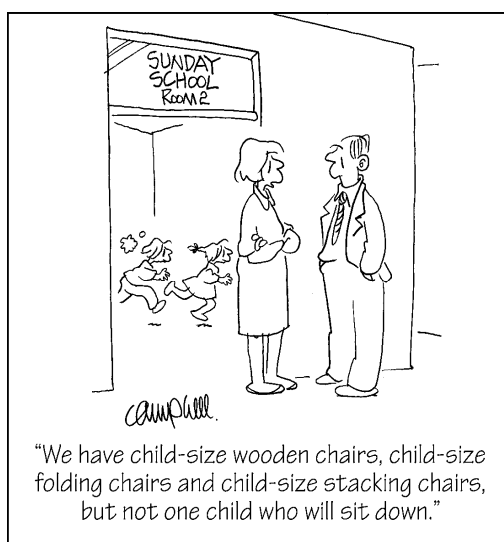
# Just For Fun

## Was that a compliment?

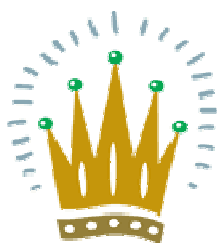
After a worship service, a pastor was greeting people at the front door. A woman shook his hand vigorously and said, "That was a very helpful sermon. You know, you ought to have your sermons put in a book."

"Thank you!" answered the pastor. "Maybe my wife will have some of them published after I'm dead."

"Well," responded the elderly saint, "the sooner the better."



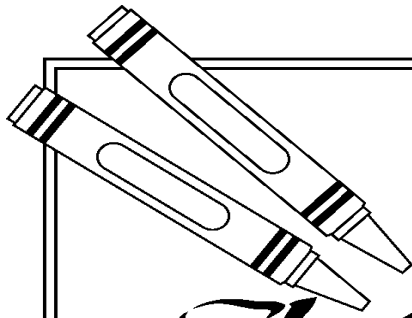
## Bible Quiz



A beautiful psalm describes God's majesty and speaks of human dignity. Which of the following psalms describes people as having been crowned by God "with glory and honor"?

- A. Psalm 1
- B. Psalm 8
- C. Psalm 23
- D. Psalm 51

See Page 11 for answer



# Just for **KIDS**

## *A harvest of...*

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

“But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.”

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