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House Pledge Campaign Begins

Thanks so much for all who prayed about the decisions before our church and participated in our Town Halls and Body Life. At the meeting last Sunday (11/4/18) the church voted to proceed with a funding campaign for purchasing the house at 14240 Spriggs Road and to pay off existing debt. If \$400,000 is pledged by November 28, then financing will be secured and we will seek to purchase the house. Any amount pledged above \$400,000 will be used to pay down the existing debt. Please click [here](#) for more information on this opportunity, the funding campaign, and a link to a briefing on the house with many photographs. Pledge cards can be mailed to the church or put in the offering plate.

My Brother's Keeper Service Project THIS Saturday!

Saturday, November 10, My Brother's Keeper, the Grace Men's Ministry, will return to the Compassion Restoration Firewood Ministry across from Mt. Ararat Church in Stafford. The Compassion Restoration firewood ministry supplies free wood to needy families in the area. It's a great ministry and there is plenty of donated wood. The problem is the wood won't chop itself.

This is the same service project we did last February. Manly activities outdoors were evidently appealing, and we had many requests for a return trip so here it is!

The only portion of the event that's missing is you. To date, we have only a single volunteer.

These are the tasks where manpower is needed:





MANLY MEN: We have room for an unlimited number. These manly volunteers will be beacons to the rest of us as they use axes, mauls, wedges, and sledgehammers to split wood rounds. No experience needed. We will have an instructor. All you need is a strong back and a weak mind.

MECHANICAL MEN: Five volunteers are needed to operate two

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- 2 Pet 3:18

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gasoline-powered splitters. Two crews of two will operate the splitters and the fifth man will be a floating relief. This job is perfect for men who are too seasoned to swing an ax but are still lively enough to wrestle a wood round under the hydraulic wedge.

MOBILE MEN: These are traveling men who will use wheelbarrows to pick up the split wood and deliver it to be stacked into cords. Each Mobile Man will oversee the operation of his barrow and the Future Men assigned to help. This is a great job for fathers and sons. Four volunteers would be ideal: three to operate wheelbarrows and one to oversee stacking of the split wood.

FUTURE MEN: These are the sons of the Manly, Mechanical and Mobile men. They will be under the supervision of Mobile Men as they help deliver unsplit wood, pickup split wood and stack split wood into cords.

Please RSVP to Michael Shannon at 571-969-1995 or shammonmr@verizon.net to let him know which job you want to perform.

WHEN, WHERE & WHAT TO BRING: We will meet at 8:30 AM, Saturday, November 10, at 106 Toluca Rd, Stafford, VA; across from the Mt. Ararat Church. Bring gloves and boots for certain. Also, if you have your own ear protection, bring that. If you don't, foam plugs are available onsite.

Coffee, juice, and snacks provided.



Helping Hands of Grace (HHoG) Winter Coat/Jacket Drive

HHOG Winter Coat/Jacket Drive begins November 2 and ends on November 18. The items are for adult (NOT children) homeless guests that visit GBC on Friday nights and receive hot meals. If you have QUALITY, USED, and CLEAN coats or jackets, please drop them in the collection box/bin located in the North Foyer, Building A. In January 2019, a future drive will be conducted for other winter clothing (e.g. gloves, socks, caps, etc.).



Discover Grace - November 17

Discover Grace - Saturday, November 17, 9AM is your chance to

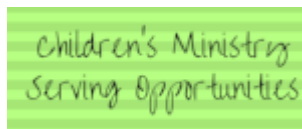
learn from our leadership about Grace's mission and ministries, ask questions, and see how you can get involved. Lunch for all attendees and childcare for ages 4 and under will be provided. Kids 5+ have their own class. Click [here](#) to sign-up or see Pastor Mark in the Foyer this weekend.



Grief Share Seminars November 19 and December 3

GriefShare will offer a **“Surviving the Holidays” Seminar** on Monday, November 19 from 7PM - 9PM in Room C126. No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time.

On Monday, December 3 from 7PM - 9PM there will be a **“Loss of a Spouse” Seminar** in Room C126. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one—they've lost an entire lifestyle.



Serving Opportunities on Sunday Mornings and at AWANA

Children's Ministry has serving opportunities at
9:40AM for a Kindergarten Teacher
9:40AM for a 4th Grade Assistant

Training & Curriculum are provided. For more information or to volunteer, email Nancy Turner at nturner@gracehome.org.

AWANA still growing and needs leaders to listen to Bible verses. We are looking for 3 MORE ADULTS who love Gods word and want to help children grow as they learn Gods word to jump in and volunteer in grades K-5th Grade! Join in the fun! Contact Nancy Turner for more information or to volunteer.

SAFETY TEAM

Grace Baptist Church Safety

Team

Safety Team - We were saddened once again to hear of another shooting at a house of worship in Pittsburgh this past weekend. Our prayers are with the families and survivors. At GBC, a Safety Team has been formed over the past year to help provide recommendations, training, to increase security at our church during our worship services and provide support during other emergencies (Nahum 1:7). If you would like more information on the Safety Team or would like to help out, please contact Christian Carter at christianacarter22@gmail.com.



Winter is Coming!

Winter is coming! Grace weekly activities will follow the PWCS delay/cancellations for inclement weather. Information pertaining to weather closings will be available via email, WTOP, our website, social media and on our church voicemail at 703-670-5032.



Serving Opportunities to Make Someone Feel Welcome!

Did you know:

On a Sunday morning before the band plays the first note and before Pastor Tim speaks the first word of the sermon we are actively communicating what we value to our guests?

Did you know:

Often times, the decision to return to a church is made by a visitor within the first 10 minutes of being on our church campus, not necessarily the first 10 minutes of the worship service.

Did you know:

Many church guests are going through situations in their life that make them more responsive to the Gospel.

Did you know:

A guest who is attending may represent years of prayer, service, and invitation by a church member.

With this in mind, we have an excellent opportunity EVERY SUNDAY to show God's love to people as they arrive on our church campus!

Our Usher Ministry currently has a need for 2 Ushers to serve

our 8:15AM service on Sunday mornings.

Our Greeting Ministry currently has a need for 2 additional Greeters at all of our Sunday services (8:15AM, 9:40AM, and 11:05AM).

Would YOU pray about being involved? If interested in serving as an Usher or Greeter please contact Mark Cress at mcess@gracehome.org.



Family Christmas Musical - December 15

Family Christmas Musical December 15, 11AM brought to you by Grace Children's Choir. Take a rest from the busyness of Christmas prep and come to the Worship Center for a musical that is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. Everyone is invited.

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