

News From Grace 11-08-18

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

HHOG Winter Coat/Jacket Drive began November 2 and ends on November 18. The items are for our 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.).



GriefShare 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. Come and learn how to deal with the many emotions you will face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events and how to discover hope for your future.

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. At this seminar, you will discover other people who understand and have found ways to make it through the grief, why it won't always hurt so much, reasons for hope, and practical ways to cope with the death of your spouse.



Christmas at Grace

We love Christmas at Grace, from giving to others to singing Christmas songs to the most important reason, the birth of Jesus. To celebrate the season, Grace will have many activities and

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"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

- 2 Pet 3:18

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special events. We hope that you will bring and friend join us for any or all of these activities:

Special Musical Weekend

Each weekend (December 1 - 23) at all services provided by our Praise Band, Choir and Orchestra.

Christmas Festival @ Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Friday, December 14, **5:30PM** - 8PM - We'll be setting up inflatables and carnival games in the school's gym to help supplement their Christmas Store event.

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 23 at 7PM

Monday, December 24 at 2PM, 4PM, 6PM and 8PM

(Childcare for ages 3 and younger will be offered at the Sunday service and on Monday at 2PM, 4PM and 6PM. Children 4 and older will get a special goodie box and a battery-powered candle to take into service with them.)

After each Christmas Eve service, attendees will be invited to an even larger tent than last year to enjoy coffee, hot cocoa, snacks, kids activities, festive Christmas carols with a highly anticipated guest, a photo booth, and more!

We can't wait to celebrate the birth of our Savior with YOU!



Christmas at Grace Serving and Invite Opportunities

Looking for ways to serve during the Christmas season? Grace will have many activities to celebrate the season and have serving opportunities for many of them:

Outdoor Christmas Decorations:

On Saturday, December 1 at 10AM, Christmas lights and decorations will be going up on the Grace campus! If you, your small group, or your family are interested in helping, please contact Mark Cress at mcress@gracehome.org

Christmas Festival @ Christa McAuliffe Elementary

Date: Friday, December 14

Time: 5:30PM to 8PM

Activities: We'll be setting up inflatables and carnival games in the school's gym to help supplement their Christmas Store event.

Needs: 20 to 30 volunteers to help run carnival games, man inflatables, and mill around with parents and their kiddos as they have a blast!

Adopt-A-Challenger

Grace Baptist has the opportunity to "adopt" 10 students from Christa McAuliffe Elementary School for Christmas! More information will be made available about age, wish list, and sizes as Christmas approaches. Will YOU begin to pray NOW about how God might be leading you to help a local child this Christmas?

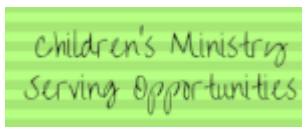
Christmas Eve invite cards will be made available the first weekend in December.

Please begin praying now about how you can help and who you might bring with you to Christmas at Grace!



Senior Adult Christmas Lunch - December

The Joyful Bunch Ministry invites ALL Senior Adults at Grace to lunch and fellowship, with staff and other seniors, on Tuesday, December 4 at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Deloris at 703-730-8219 or to Debbie at deblem58@gmail.com by Tuesday, November 28.



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.



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 mcress@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.



Precept is Back!

New Precept Study beginning January 3, - The Ladies' Precept group will begin a 16-week study (in 2 parts) of the book of Acts. We meet in the Chilton Room on Thursday from 9:45AM-11:45AM beginning January 3. Books will be distributed on December 6 at our Christmas potluck from 9:45AM-11:45AM. The cost is \$36 for 2 books. If you would like to attend or would like more info, contact Lorraine Fluet at fluet@icloud.com.



Discover Grace

Discover Grace - Sunday January 27, 4PM is your chance to learn from our leadership about Grace's mission and ministries, ask questions, and see how you can get involved. Dinner for all attendees and childcare for ages 4 and under will be provided. Kids 5+ have their own class. See Pastor Mark to sign up.



Young Adult Ministry Assistant Position Available

Grace is seeking candidates for the position of Young Adult Ministry Assistant. Under the guidance of the Student Pastor, the position will focus on planning and leading events and programs for ministry to Young Adults, as well as to encourage them in discipleship and community. A position description and application form can be found on our website [here](#). Interviews with qualified candidates will begin on or after November 30.

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