

Amazing Grace

Dinner Theater Theme Set...

“Whispers from the Wilderness”

....a quiet shout on April 18th



Preparations are gearing up for the 2009 Dinner Theater which will be held April 18th. Actors and actresses are being solicited by coordinators Kipp McDonald and Pam Fever. The skit called “Crossroads of Grace” will be performed by the Grace choir and

an additional cast of three men and two women.

Set on a rocky roadway, the story conveys the many ways Jesus of Nazareth speaks to the needs and questions current in today’s society.

Dinner Theater Meetings

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

February 2
February 16
March 2
March 16
April 6
April 13

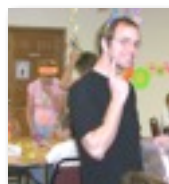
And also right after church on March 29th!



HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

“Whispers from the Wilderness” Dinner Theater, April 18th, needs you! You might help plan the meal, decide on the decorations, or be in a skit. You could perform special music, be a server or host,

or help with the children. The sign-up sheet for these volunteer duties is being kept on “the table” in the foyer. Don’t be shy. Sign up!



Tickets

“Whispers from the Wilderness”

\$5.

Children are FREE.

SUPERBOWL PARTIES THIS WEEKEND!



Don't miss the many activities surrounding Superbowl Weekend! On Saturday, January 31st, the Fellowship Team will be hosting a family movie night complete with soup and chili. Bring a dish to pass and wear your favorite team's jersey or colors. Enjoy the movie "Facing the Giants."

On Superbowl Sunday, men will be gathering at Dan Pinkham's house where two big screen TV's will broadcast the game. Bring a snack and a friend! Be prepared for a goosebump thriller....at least at half

time...when Dan Giese will present "The Greatest Comeback of All Times."

The same evening, ladies will gather at Donna Haas' house. Enjoy the evening with other Superbowl Widows. There may be a movie, but bring a snack and be prepared plenty of gab. Make a new friend or reconnect with an old one.

5:00 is when it all starts.

Dan Pinkham -
500 Seven Pines Drive.

Donna Haas-
475 Elm Street.

Join in!

Upcoming Events Calendar

- January 31st "Facing the Giants" Chili & Soup supper - 5:00 p.m.
- February 3 - 7:00 Team Leaders meeting. Elder's meeting immediately following.
- February 28 - Russian Fundraiser - 5:30 p.m.
- April 18 - Dinner Theater
- May 2 - Ladies' Luncheon
- July 11 - Road Rally
- August 23rd - Worship at Comlara Park
- October 10th - Hawaiian Luau
- December 12 - Progressive Dinner

SCARVES KNIT FOR RUSSIAN WOMEN



Gladys Carr would like to thank all the knitters who made neck scarves for Kovrov, Russia. We gave Marina 22 scarves to take back to share with the Kovrov church. They may be used as an outreach or as a gift to the believers there. There was a wonderful variety of colorful scarves! So thank you again for sharing the love of Jesus in such a practical way!

Be sure to mark you calendars for February 28th. Join Bill Walden and coordinators at Grace for the Russian Fundraiser. Dinner is set for 5:30 and will be followed by a movie. Opportunities to sponsor a Russian woman or building project will be available. Tickets: \$15 per person.

LIBRARY GETS SEVERAL NEW DONATIONS

If you haven't been to the church library lately, stop by and browse awhile. We have several new books. Come check 'em out!

Louder than Words, The Power of Uncompromised Living - Andy Stanley

The Case for Christmas - A Journalist Investigates the Identity of the Child in the Manger - Lee Strobel

Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul - Stories written by Barbara Bush, Reba McEntire and more

The Basics of Life - Walking on the Side of Faith - 4 Him

Lay Aside the Weight - T.D. Jakes



JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL SKATING EVENT HELD

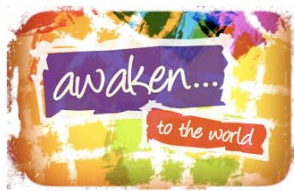


GRACE IS THE FOR JR. HIGH PLACE PARENT NIGHT

Mark Whitcomb has set February 1st and February 2nd as Parent Night at Junior High Youth Group. At 6:30 Mark will be able to talk informally and answer your questions about upcoming Jr. High trips. (See flyer in this edition.) Bring your registration information as well as any money due if your child would like to attend. Mark will also talk about things to pray about for your children.

High School and Jr. High students, along with a few brave parents, enjoyed an evening of roller-skating at The Skate n' Place in Bloomington on Friday, Jan. 16th and Sunday, Jan. 18th.

GIRLS TAKING TIME FOR RETREAT



Awaken retreat on Feb 6-7 for High School girls and female youth sponsors at Lincoln Christian College will challenge girls to grow deeper and become who God has called them to be. This year's theme is "Awaken to

the World." Meet at Kipp's house after school Friday. Conference begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Saturday. The cost \$45 per girl.

27th. 309-212-2724 or email: Hasssc84@hotmail.com

Late registrations being accepted!

See Colleen Haas to sign up before Tuesday, January

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

The 40 Days with Jesus has been a great experience! I encourage you to continue to make these habits of prayer, Bible reading & fasting a regular part of your life as we seek to love God with our whole heart! Then God will love others through us!

The following is taken from "Experiencing God Day by Day".

Prayer Discovers God's Agenda

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. (Mark 1:35)

It was common knowledge among the disciples that they would find Jesus praying during the early morning hours. When they needed Him, they knew to go to the place of prayer. When Judas betrayed Jesus, he led his cohorts to Jesus' place of prayer.

Every time the Lord Jesus faced an important decision, He prayed. When He was being tempted to do things by the world's methods instead of the Father's, He prayed (Matt 4). When it was time to choose His disciples, He prayed the entire night (Luke 6:12). If the Son of God required a night of prayer in order

to determine the Father's mind, how long might it take us in prayer to clearly determine our Father's will?

Because Jesus was so often surrounded by crowds, He knew He must find a quiet place so He could clearly hear His Father's voice. Jesus had many people seeking to influence the direction of His life. His disciples wanted Him to go where the crowds were (Mark 1:37). The crowds wanted to crown Him king (John 6:15). Satan tempted Him to make compromises in order to draw a following (Matthew 4:3, 6, 9). Jesus knew that His mission was not to attract a crowd, but to remain obedient to His Father. It was prayer that set the agenda for Jesus' ministry (Luke 6:12). Prayer preceded the miracles (John 11:42-43); prayer brought Him encouragement at critical moments (Luke 9:28-31); prayer enabled Him to go to the cross (Luke 22:41-42); and prayer kept Him there despite excruciating pain (Luke 23:46). Follow the Savior's example, and let your time alone with God, in prayer, set the agenda for your life.

Junior High Believe!

March 20-22

Theme: Speak

Psalm 15:2-5 ²He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart ³and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, ⁴who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, ⁵who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Full **\$100** due **March 8th**
\$50 of that \$100 is due Feb 1st as a deposit

There will be parent meetings to discuss the details of this event on Feb. 1st at 6:30pm and Feb. 2nd at 7:00pm
 For more info call: Kipp McDonald at 309-830-8129

WHAT: The most off the wall weekend ever with Foundation Red worship band, Brent the Stunt Guy, Eric Timm-Artist Artist, Jared Hall-Illusionist, The Rubyz-Vocal Artists. The speakers will be; Steve Carter, Scott Rubin, Jason Raitz, Nathan Head, and Kurt Johnston.

WHERE: The Family Arena
 2002 Arena Parkway St. Charles, MO 63303

WHEN: Leave from Grace Fellowship Church: Friday, March 20, 3:00PM

Return to Grace Fellowship: Sunday, March 22, 5:30PM (Approx.)

COST: **\$50 Deposit Due February 1st.** Total cost is \$100.00 Includes program, transportation & 2 nights in hotel. It does NOT include any meals.

* Make checks payable to "Grace Fellowship Church"

WHAT TO BRING:

- Clothes for the weekend
 - Toiletries (toothbrush, etc.)
 - Stuffed Animal
 - Bible
 - Pen & Paper
 - Smile
 - A Friend
 - \$ for 6 meals
- (Please **don't** bring radios, walkmans, or Cell phones)

YOU MUST HAVE A MEDICAL RELEASE AND DISCIPLINE FORM IN ORDER TO GO! Leaders and Drivers for this event are: Kipp McDonald, Mark Whitcom, Colleen Haas

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