

# Grace Building Expansion News

## Building His Church

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### Building His Church Ministry Teams Launch into Action Ministry Teams Display "Grace" in Action



On October 5, 2008, ministry teams supporting *Building His Church*, Grace's effort to raise funds for our building expansion, met for a special volunteer organization meeting. You could immediately tell there was a lot of energy and love for, and commitment to, Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Bill kicked off the training session by letting the teams know how important this effort will be to the future ministry effectiveness of the church, and he thanked

each person who had volunteered for a ministry team. Then each ministry team met to receive special training and begin planning efforts to support our goal of raising funds to expand the church.

Troy Gregory and Carol Rau will be serving as the co-chairs of the *Building His Church* effort, and they both shared their excitement for how their participation can help Grace advance the Kingdom of God. The ministry team participants are as follows:

**Prayer Team:** Jennie Jewell, Luanne Coats, Lorel Lewis, Barbara Stephens, Matt and Karla Westphal, Chris and Ken Golden, Debbie Andrews, Anita Barnum, and Harris Tate.

**Events Team:** April Phillips, Lori Lange, Larry and Dea Birmingham, Cecilia May, Rhonda Cook, Dennis Jewell, Kelli Pratte, and Lindsey Pratte.

**Thanks Team:** David Franklin and Don Adema

**Youth Team:** Tyler Clements, Rebecca May, Scott Rask, Peris Wanjiku, and Theresa Bari.

**Ambassador Team:** Jon and Kristina Marburger, Barbara and Larry Swinson, Cliff Cogger, Mark and Anne Jarboe, and Kari Heide.

**Communications Team:** Tom Stofac, Kari Woods, Kristi Reimer, Angela Jacobson, Rick Pratte, Jeannie Robinson, and Sheryl Henry.

### From the Pastor

#### We are off to a great start!

More than 40 people joined a ministry team in support of *Building His Church*, our effort to raise funds for a potential building expansion, and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered to help us in this effort. I appreciate all

the enthusiasm and love for our church that was evident at our Volunteer Organization meeting. If you would like to join a ministry team, it's not too late. Teams will meet two or three times between now and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office for more information.

I also want to encourage each person who calls Grace home to attend the upcoming informational meetings the Events Team are planning. The dates for these events will be listed in future newsletters.

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### MARK YOUR



### CALENDAR for these IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 22

Family Dinner, 6 pm

Nov. 2

All Church Prayer Event

Nov. 5

Family Dinner, 6 pm

Nov. 19

Family Dinner, 6pm

Dec. 7

Commitment Sunday

### JOIN A TEAM

It's not too late to join a team! If you would like to volunteer (or need more information) to support the *Building His Church* efforts to expand the ministry of our church, **contact Bob Woods at 785-843-2005.**

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## Ministry Team Information

Here is a brief update on what the ministry teams are working on for the *Building His Church* ministry project:

### Prayer Team

The Prayer Team is organizing a church-wide Prayer event for November 2, 2008, and they will be finding other ways to engage the congregation in prayer about the financial component of expanding the church facility. John Cook is leading the Prayer Team.

### Events Team

April Phillips and the Events Team will be setting up informational meetings and dinners so that we can gather as a church family to discuss how this will impact our fellowship.

### Thanks Team

The Thanks Team is working on appropriate ways to recognize those who make a faith promise to our building project.

### Youth Team

Tyler and the Youth Team are busy working on fun and helpful ways that the youth can help raise



funds for the expansion. They are planning on setting an overall goal to raise between now and September 2011.

### Ambassador Team

The Ambassadors have set November 19<sup>th</sup> as the date for their training session, and they are busy enlisting the help of other team members. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call!

### Communications Team

Tom Stofac, Kari Woods, and the rest of the team are working hard to develop tools to help the church learn more about the *Building His Church* ministry effort.

**To sign up for a team, or if you need more information, call Bob Woods at 785-843-2005.**

## From the Pastor

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At our Wednesday night dinners I'll also be sharing more in-depth information about the process we will be going through over the next several months as we work at *Building His Church* and seek faith promise gifts to help us as we move toward this building decision. I trust these events will be both informative and fun for us.

Finally, more than anything, my hope is you will be praying for our staff, elders, and church family as we step out in faith to consider a building expansion. Our main purpose in building is to enhance our ability to worship God and minister more effectively in our community. So please join with me in prayer that God would be glorified in all that we do.

I found these verses helpful in leading me to pray, "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11). Thank you for your prayers for Grace and your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.