

Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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A young man in the college-age Sunday school class raised his hand and asked the teacher a question. "Sir, do you know what Jesus' final words were at the Last Supper?"
"No," said the teacher. "Tell me."
"If you guys don't sit on this side of the table, then you won't be in the picture."

VBS will be June 27-July 1 from 6-8 PM. Registration forms on website and bulletin boards. Volunteers can sign-ups via registration books and website. Reach Out and Invite Someone, as in a friend, neighborhood child, grandchild, etc. See Susan DeClue.

Sunday, April 25, Grace looks forward to the baptism of Addisen Lee Eldridge, son of Theresa and Chris Eldridge on Sunday, April 25.

We will honor graduates on Sunday, May 16. In order that no one is missed, please phone the church office and tell Liz if you will have a graduate in your family.

Is there a youth in your family who has not been through confirmation? Please let Rev. Johnson know.

Mother-Daughter Party, 6:30pm, Monday, May 3. \$8/person. Under 6 free. Call the church office for tickets.

Father-Son Banquet, June 7. More info to come.

Farmers Market at Grace. Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00pm, beginning May 19.

New Members from the past quarter include Terry & Peggy O'Neill, Ian, Alex; Karen Basham; Cheri Johnson; Ralph & Joyce Dorsey; Jerry LaRose; Joe & Donna Houseright. Welcome to Grace!

The Paper recycling bin on the parking lot is in need of your papers, newspapers, catalogues and other forms of paper. An Earth Day reminder to recycle!

Camping at Mound Ridge. See the flyer included in the newsletter.

The Church Library has two new additions, one of which is *The Shack*.

Congratulations to Helen Schackmann and Dave & Judy Null! In appreciation of their service to Grace, the session has selected them as our honorees to The 2010 Celebration of Aging for Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. They will be honored on May 5.

Music in the Park. The first of two great free evenings of music this summer begins at 7:00 on Saturday, June 5. American Operatic Soprano Christine Brewer will perform!

Pastor's Column. Some time back a survey was made of church goers across America. The question was, **"What do you do that helps you grow in the faith?"** Fourteen answers emerged. They are 1) **Worship** – focusing on God and sensing God's presence with me . 2) **Listening** to music – feeling moved to give God greater attention and service. 3) **Prayer** – getting to know God better.

4) **Fellowship** – receiving God's love as I spend time with other Christians.

5) **Preaching** – hearing God speak to my life.

6) **Service** - returning God's love

using time and talent. 7) **Stewardship** –

using my money to leave a legacy of

service to Christ. 8) **Bible study** – being

open to God's guidance for daily living.

9) **Religious books** – receiving inspiration,

information, and motivation. 10) **Encour-**

agement – helping others grow in the faith through affirmation, counsel, and inclusion.

11) **Leadership** – providing vision that helps Christians work together to accomplish God's work in the church and world.

12) **Administration** – helping carry out one

or more of the church's ministry tasks. 13) **Retreats** – receiving inspiration in a

physical setting apart from that of daily life. 14) **Evangelism** – helping others find God.

Feel free to join these church goers in these means of faith growth! - DJ



"He'll have abandonment issues."

