

Grace Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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We Need to be Specific: A woman loved the movie "The Wizard of Oz" so much that she put it in her will that one of the songs be played at her funeral. But instead of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," over the sound system came, "Ding, Dong! The Witch is Dead!"

Rally Day, Sunday, September 12. Please bring a covered dish to share at lunch. Meat and drinks provided. White Elephant gifts are needed as BINGO prizes, as well as donations of cakes for the Cake Walk. Games will be outside for young and old alike. Help needed to run games. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. See Chris Evens.

Children. Elementary school kids and younger will be meeting this fall in Fellowship Hall for their new rotation format. **Preview Night is Sunday, Aug. 29 from 5-6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Parents and children will partner for a night of "Friendship" and Fun. Pizza will be provided. All will experience a mini-rotation model like will be used in our new GPS program.

Youth. There will be no Sunday school at the 9:30 hour for mid highs and senior highs. They decided at their planning session to meet from 6:00-7:30p.m. on Sunday evenings. Call Terry O'Neill at 314-322-2449 for additional information.

Adults. Sally Borgerson's class will meet upstairs in the Green Room. They will continue their studies in "The Present Word". Rev. Johnson's class will meet in his office and study Philip Yancey's course, "What's So Amazing About Grace?"

The blood drive on Aug. 16 yielded 32 units! The American Red Cross showed their appreciation to our 18 volunteers with a thank-you breakfast.

PW Officers for 2010-11: Moderator, Mary Orr; Co-Moderator, Pat Sweet; Secretary, Sue Byrd; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Lucas; Treasurer, Joan Groat; Historian, Janice Aucutt; Devotion leader, Betty Honold. If the women can be of help, please call.

PASTOR'S COLUMN. *"The disciples cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'" Matthew 14: 26, 27.*

Sometimes things aren't as bad as they appear. A fellow took a flight that was diverted because of weather. Upon landing at an airport, the flight attendant announced that there would be a delay of at least an hour. Passengers could deplane, but were to listen for a call to re-board.

The fellow noticed that everyone got off the plane except a blind lady. A Seeing Eye dog lay at her feet. The lady evidently had flown the flight before because as the pilot walked by he said, "Sally, we're going to be here awhile. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?"

The blind lady answered, "No, but my dog would like to take a walk."

And so the pilot, who was wearing sun glasses, walked off the plane into the terminal with a Seeing Eye dog. Passengers who witnessed this not only tried to change planes, but attempted to change airlines. Still, sometimes things aren't as bad as they appear.

The disciples (above in Mt. 14) were in a small boat on a storm tossed sea. They not only feared drowning, but they feared Jesus walking on the water to them. Is he a ghost! Yet, he was the one who made them safe. It is our personal relationship with Jesus, Jesus with us, that makes things not as bad as they may appear. -DJ

Our Farmers Market is going great! Wednesdays, 4:00-8:00pm., until October 20.

Postings: from **Toni Houzenga:** "Thank you to everyone that sent cards and expressed their sympathy on the death of my father Virgil Schauger."

The Alpha course begins at Grace on Tuesday evenings, September 14, 6:15 for 10 weeks. Dinner is provided, an outstanding DVD presentation is made by Nicky Gumbel on topics of the Christian life, and a great discussion is held around tables having to do with that evening's topic.

Topics include "Is There More to Life Than This?"... "Who is Jesus?"... "Why Did Jesus Die?"... "How Can We Have Faith?"... "Why and How Do I Pray?"... "Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"... "How Does God Guide Us?"... "Who is the Holy Spirit?"... "What Does the Holy Spirit Do?"... "How Can I be Filled With the Holy Spirit?"... "How Can I Resist Evil?"... "Why and How Should I Tell Others?"... "Does God Heal Today?"... "What About the Church?" Childcare is provided for those needing it. Signup at church or phone the church office.

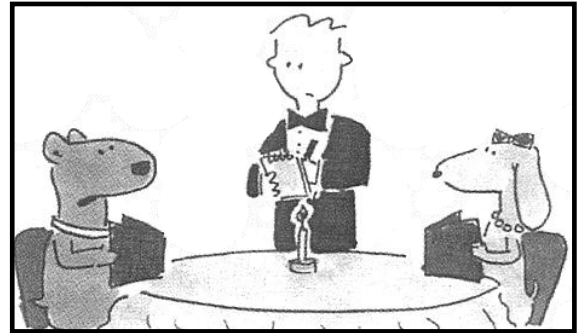
Music in the Park this Saturday, 7:00p.m. – Dennis Stroughmatt's band, "et' L'esprit Creole."

Comfort Quilts. Grace recently gave 50 quilts to Back Pack for Kids. These will be given to Jefferson County kids taken into custody by Social Services. So far we've given 670.

The Best Apple Butter in MO. Grace is making it and canning it on Fri. & Sat., Sept. 17, 18, from 6:00a.m. to noon. Lunch afterwards. Men also needed for stirring. Donations needed of pint canning jars, sugar (C&H only), and Splenda. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:00-2:00. Many items for sale. Entertainment. Lunch served to the public. Help needed at 6:30a.m. with setup. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

School Has Begun!



"We'll both have the homework."