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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Pastor Tim & Heather



Merry Christmas 2018 – JESUS is the REASON

We love Christmas in our house. We not only love the day but the entire season. The songs of Christmas bring joy to our hearts. The movies of Christmas fill up our recording space on our DVR. Most importantly, the message of Christmas brings renewed hope as we close out 2018.

It's twice as sweet for our family as we love celebrating our daughter Skye's birthday on Christmas Day also! This year as some of you are reading from a decked out hall with many gifts already wrapped, others from a hospital sleigh bed wondering when you will be discharged, and even some of you finding yourself in Florida away from all family and familiarity – we want you to know that you are loved! Your circumstances will change in life, but **God's love remains the same. It is that great love that brought Him to earth to give His love to you.** His Word says in [Luke 19:10](#), For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Have you ever

lost something of great value – a wedding ring, car keys, wallet – and then found it? That feeling you had was one billionth of the joy God has - when we come home by giving our heart to JESUS and the lost become found in Christ. This Christmas lose the stress, lose the unforgiveness, lose the worry and find true love in Jesus. **It's the greatest gift every given!**

Christmas is filled with the opportunity to **give out gifts. I'm so grateful for each and every one of you that has been faithful to God and cheerful in giving of your gifts this year.** Speaking of gifts, Heather and I are so thankful for the gift of serving with **you all in ministry. As we embrace God's gift of vision and the 2020 challenge together in 2019 let us never grow weary of sharing the gift of God's love. It's why we are here – to love God and love others.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
THE WILLIAMS**

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Merry Christmas from. . .

Pastor Alex & Yun

Four hundred years, that's the time between the Old and New Testaments. These years are known as the silent years, meaning God didn't speak or act. Yes, the Jews had one heck of a deliverance during Hanukkah but for the majority of the time it was dead silent from Heaven.

It was dark. It was cold. It was empty. Evil continued to spread like a viral outbreak. There was only the uncertainty of whether God still cared, still listened, or still kept His promises. And then finally, one night God's voice is heard through a baby's cry in Bethlehem.

The Word of God was fleshed out into a new human body. Light shattered a darkened world. Love was manifested. Heaven thundered with thousands of Angels the glory of God! Mary uttered the words Yeshua, 'God is still our Savior!' For, this is what Christmas means. It means a Deliverer has come. It means God still cares. Death will be destroyed. Sin will be eradicated. Satan's kingdom will be vanquished and the light of a new day has come.

Give thanks with a grateful heart for what He has given to us. . .

The compassion of loving, caring and giving through sharing are gifts from God to do His work.

Food Pantry Ministry leaders Peter and Deb Unwin were pleased and excited to announce that approximately 400 people received Thanksgiving Day meals on November 22nd.



The meal consisted of turkey, dressing, potatoes, beans and cranberry sauce. The meals were picked up by Peter, Deb and helpers from the Treasure Coast Food Bank and brought to the Grace Church parking lot where many came to receive the meals as well as meals taken to individuals/families in the community by Grace Church helpers.

According to Peter and Deb everyone was grateful. They shared that on their drive down from the Treasure Coast Food Bank, they stopped at a park and distributed about 25 meals to homeless people

who had been ministered God's word and acknowledged

Jesus as Lord and Savior. It was a blessed time for **Peter and Deb to care for God's people and yet a very humbling experience** through which these ministry leaders realize we must do more.

By Teresa Myers



Kids' Korner



Our children praying, what a blessing! They are learning to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God . . . so that all will be added." **The Children's Ministry** (Tracy Spradlin, Leader) is designed for Grades K-5. They pray and believe because (along with their parents/guardians) they are being taught about Jesus by volunteers like Phil Liotta and Lisa Kohler every Sunday (both services). The children also have KONNECT which meets on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. **The Children's Ministry leader (along with the prayer team and others)** is believing God to answer the prayers of His people that women and men (Mr. Phil is an example that men can help too) will get bold in their spirit and come forth to help care for and guide our children. Please contact Tracy at 772-206-1054, or tracy@graceworldwide.org **---JOIN THE TEAM TODAY!!**

It is our hope that by our next April 2019 issue, **KID'S KORNER** will be reported completely by two "Cub-Reporters" from the 4th and 5th grades. ATTENTION: STUDENTS & PARENTS--- This is a great opportunity for young people to serve the Lord, learn something new, and have fun! For more information contact Teresa Myers, ACCLAMATION Newsletter, tmyers21@bellsouth.net and you will be emailed a "Would you like to be a Cub-Reporter?" packet.

Phil Liotta is a construction superintendent that works six days a week and always show up on Sunday to volunteer with the children's ministry.

"Mr. Phil" (as known by the kids) , has been doing children ministry work since 1995. He has been at Grace Church for the last three years where his goal is to help the children have a better understanding in realizing that God is real.



To the far left is the current interim housing of the children ministry which will soon be housed in a top of the line, state of the art, benchmark **CHILDREN'S SANCTUARY** for grades 3, 4 & 5 which is under construction (see photo) to be completed in December 2018.



Life Beyond the Sanctuary Altar by Kim Doran



We know them as Pastor Tim and Worship Director Heather Williams of Grace Church. Yes, this is their role as a Pastor and Worship Leader, yet there is so much more to this husband and wife team. Each Sunday they step forward and lead our congregation in worship and message, but it does not stop there for their lives on and off a sanctuary altar is filled with love and compassion for all people.

The positions Tim and Heather hold makes them on duty not just on Sunday, but each day as they are representatives for the Lord. However, they also are committed to their marriage and four children, Skye, Gideon, Luke and Elijah ranging from age fourteen down to two. A huge task it is, but you can see the love and support these two parents have for their children.

On any given day there is a Williams kid or two running through the church calling “Daddy” and yes Tim answers that call. As well as, while Heather may be singing a song a little Williams comes walking right up on stage and she bends down to lift him up and keeps singing. The older children are involved in our youth group. Gideon is active in sports and can be seen in our church presentations. He is quite good at making us all laugh. Skye can be shy, yet is a talented musician and plays in our youth band. Any one of the children will take time to sit and talk with you. Luke and Elijah may require you to play games with them. Let’s just say Tim and Heather do what parents do!

Having been around this family both at church and out in the community for some time now, it is clear to see how God is a midst in their home life and church life. There is a lot of love and laughter around the Williams clan. They dedicate themselves to attending their children’s sporting events, movies, days at the park, evening at the beach. Quiet moments at home. Yes they do the same things we do and go through the difficult things just as we do.

It is refreshing to see the transparency and know that the two people that lead our church family are real and approachable. It is a huge blessing to serve the Lord along side them in growing Grace Church for the glory of God as well as sharing faith in the community. Speaking it and living it are the examples they set. Through the laughter, the tears **and everything else that life hits us with, having a Pastor and Worship Leader that walk the walk and talk the talk both in church and out says something is right in this world.**



Presenting: Acclamation Newsletter Team / Contributors



“FOCUS ON MINISTRY RESULTS”

By Teresa Harry Myers

God gives us things to do for him by His spirit, but we must take the initiative as we are led to fulfill the vision he gives to us to bring it into fruition. This vision which was placed in my care is about FAMILY.

This vision started in 2014 when I was led to produce a monthly family newsletter on my mother’s side of the family, then in December 2016 after a death on my birth father’s side, I began to produce a monthly newsletter for them as well. Both family newsletters are up and running every month helping family members to know each other, pray together, rejoice together and sometimes even grieve together.

Well, I thought that was that—I had fulfilled the vision. Then I received through the spirit this message, “What about your Spiritual Family?” That’s when I really got busy—prepared a detailed proposal to Pastor Tim who agreed that a newsletter was a great way for the Grace Church Family and community to keep abreast of the wonderful work being done through Grace Church Ministries. Thanks go to so many for the successful launch of

Grace Church’s “ACCLAMATION” with recognition to Kim Doran for agreeing without hesitation to co-editor this newsletter project with me.

WE FOCUS ON AND PRESENT RESULTS OF THE CHURCH MINISTRIES’ ACTIVITIES:

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- Cub Reporter TBA*
- Emma Pickett, Youth Reporter*
- Victoria Dearman, Youth Reporter*

- Doreen Franklin, Contributor
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- Lezlene Solomon, Missions Reporter
- Dan & Jean Churchill, Quarterly Contributors
- Marty Reinhardt, Quarterly Contributor



SUCCESS!!

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:8-12 NIV

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But **the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”**



Marty Reinhardt

What’s Flowing Out of You?

John 7:37 says, “Whoever believes in Him, as the Scriptures said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

As we are fast forwarding into the 21st century, the competition for our ‘heart’ is greater than ever before. In centuries past, there was always the daily grind of life, including but not limited to, our vocation, our marriage, children, and extra-curricular activities. Add to that now, technology and specifically social media. Now we have our life, our computer, our phone and our camera, all neatly and conveniently packaged to fit in the palm of our hand. What lies in most of our hands has become so connected to us, that we actually feel ‘naked’ when separated from it for a short time. If separated for an extended time, it could cause withdrawals or worse. Ahhh, the competition for our heart.

You were designed to carry His presence and be a spring of life to those around you. He only asks that you believe and then be diligent in keeping it. The last

thing the ‘world’ needs is another hurting or offended Christian. What’s the opposite of spring? A vacuum. Vacuums suck the life out of you. They suck up dirt and dust and all the things you don’t want to touch.

This week, get in the Word, get a word, and become that Word. When you open your mouth be diligent in refreshing those around you with words of life! Whether at home, at work, or out and about, your Father in heaven has strategically placed you in position to be a refreshing spring of life in Him and through Him!

Proverbs 4:23 says it this way, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the springs of life.”

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MISSIONS

VBS 2018 in Haiti

By Lezlene Thomas-Solomon
Reporting from Haiti, August 26, 2018

My pastor’s message (Tim Williams of Grace Church) the Sunday before I left for Haiti and the 2018 Vacation Bible School, I was encourage when he spoke **about God’s prophet vs Balaam’s 450; I**

went to Haiti knowing instead of 12 we had 4 better odds than the prophet. **GOD SHOWED UP.** Thanks to all who prayed, brought food and contributed in any way--- we were all blessed.

Please pray for the children of Haiti and especially C.A.R.H.A.’s orphans (Christian Action & Relief for Haiti). If you can sponsor one or two especially those who are getting older and have to continue their future studies please do. Come visit these wonderful lovable children. Remember that God asked us to visit the orphans.

Words cannot express my thanks to the Grace Church family that did not hesitate to go shopping. I wish my photographer had taken pictures of the huge servings of mac and cheese, or the rice and beans, milk and lemonade. As I watched them eat, I thank God for you. You too were on this mission as well as Tasha in Texas, Verna in Louisiana, Salena, Judy and Ernie in New York and so many in Port St. Lucie. **C.A.R.H.A.’s 2018 Vacation Bible School** in Haiti was a tremendous success!! Thank you, Merci gracias.

PHOTOS: C.A.R.H.A.’s Orphanage Building; Lezlene with her sponsored kids Samuel L. and Belinda. Top Photo: Beginning day at VBS.



Martelli Family Mission Trip to Honduras

By Michael Martelli

The Martelli family was truly blessed to travel to Honduras in July 2018 for a Family Missions Trip coordinated by Children’s Impact Network. We visited the Honduras Life Center, an orphanage that supports 22 children in Northwestern Honduras. We were blessed to get to know the children personally, and each morning we helped in the construction of a second home on the orphanage property, which will be able to support an additional 22 children when it’s complete! In the afternoons, we visited the communities and conducted Side-walk Sunday School, where we got to love on needy kids and teach them about Jesus. On two different days, we also traveled into the surrounding community to visit needy families in their homes. We delivered food bags that could support them for 2 – 3 weeks, learned about them personally, and were able to pray with them. That is where we met Danny, a young man who was shot in the back and has been bed-ridden for 2 years. We were blessed by the out-pouring of support and generosity from the Grace Family, and we were able to **send \$1,200 to Danny’s family to help with food, medicine, and a new hospital bed!**

The most striking part of the trip was the realization that we got just as much out of the trip as those we came to help. We got to see the love, faith, and gratefulness of people that have so little. It helped put things into perspective for our family, and is a constant reminder when we deal with some of the trivial 1st world problems we deal with on a daily basis.



Grace Church Ministry Directory

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV)

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In Christian love we extend Seasons' Greetings to everyone from all of the Ministries at GRACE CHURCH in Port St. Lucie, FL.



MINISTRY FAIR

By Doreen Franklin

On August 5th, 2018, numerous tables were arranged around the church sanctuary. The church was a buzz with twenty ministries displaying what they were all about. Church goers visited each of the tables to gather information and meet the ministry coordinators. Sign-up sheets were available at each area. Many questions were answered for our church attendees. Some newbie ministry volunteers are now working steadily alongside established team members.

If you are interested in joining a ministry, you can fill out a communication card and place your request on the back then place your completed card in the offering basket or black box at rear of sanctuary near the main entrance doors. The coordinator of the ministry area you selected will contact you with details. If you are looking to see what we offer stop by the Welcome table to gather information. If you need assistance in finding the right ministry for you, contact Kim

Doran at 772-337-9766 x6.

Paying it forward...that's what ministry at Grace Church is all about!

PHOTOS: Bottom left to right is Celebrate Discovery; Bottom right City Groups, Prayer Ministry and Acclamation Newsletter.



Praise & Worship

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Worship Leader & Music Director at Grace Church

Renowned Contemporary Christian-Rock-Soul-Worship Singer, Songwriter

listed on Christian Billboard Charts with peak showings



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GIVE GOD OUR HURT Uriah

By Heather Williams

There is a story about King David in 2 Samuel 12 where we read about a tragic loss. King David and Bathsheba conceived a child. In order to cover up the sin, David had Bathsheba's husband (you read that right.. she was married already) Uriah killed in battle. The two then are together and the child grows **in Bathsheba's womb and it would see that they are able to now just let life carry on.** However, the prophet Nathan visits King David and brings grave news. The child will not live. Soon the child is born, a son; and it is evident that the child is gravely ill. David, knowing what Nathan had told him still goes into his chambers and gets on his face before God. He is face down, crying out, refusing food and drink, in a horrible, grieving state when news of the child dying is going throughout the palace. The servants are fearful of telling the king for they thought surly he would tailspin and perhaps even take his own life being overcome with such sorrow. David, seeing the servants whispering asks if the child has died, they answer yes. **Here is the "strange" response..**

20 Then David got up from the floor, washed himself, put lotions on, and changed his clothes. Then he went into the Lord's house to worship. After that, he went home and asked for something to eat. His servants gave him some food, and he ate.

21 David's servants said to him, "Why are you doing this? When the baby was still alive, you fasted and you cried. Now that the baby is dead, you get up and eat food."

22 David said, "While the baby was still alive, I fasted, and I cried. I thought, 'Who knows? Maybe the Lord will feel sorry for me and let the baby live.'

23 But now that the baby is dead, why should I fast? I can't bring him back to life. Someday I will go to him, but he cannot come back to me."

I remember reading that before I was a mom and thinking "there is NO way I could respond like that!" Little did I know I would have the opportunity, but more about that in a bit. **Let's dive into this a little.** David had sinned. He had sinned bad, like we are talking the big 2. Adultery and murder and then to add to the plot we have a child conceived. An innocent party if you will. Like a flimsy lined up domino track they begin to fall, clanking and clicking until the end result is heartache. Yet, David's response is not cursing God. I wonder what would have happened if he had? An entire part of scripture would have been deemed void, and possibly not even available to us. **We would not have a biblical person to look at and say "there is a man after God's own heart, he sinned, but he repented and trusted God".** I find that scripture is full to the brim of lessons in both directions, running from God and holding onto hurt and anger, and then there is running to God, hurt and anger in hand and then given to God. My life has been peppered with these two. In my earlier years, I held onto my hurt and anger and ran from God. I cursed God. I blamed God. Let me tell you, I was miserable. I also made everyone who had

the misfortune of being around me miserable. It was a toxic existence. When **I was 18 I had my "a-ha" moment.** At a little church in downtown Detroit, I went up to an altar and turned my life over to God. I let go of my hurt and anger and gave it to Him. The burden of lugging it around for all those years was not truly evident to me until the moment I laid them down. I started to notice a lightness in my countenance. I started to notice that people were not so miserable around me. Fast forward 8 years and I sat in a hospital room with our son Caedmen. He had been brought in because they thought he had pneumonia. I sat and prayed for him. I truly had no idea how bad it was. 4 short hours after we arrived I was in that same hospital room watching a team of doctors and nurses performing CPR and putting a breathing tube down my baby boy's throat. I stood stunned with my hand on his foot as I heard the **doctor call out "time of death 4:24."** It was so final, yet I wanted to believe he was wrong. They wrapped up my precious first born, my son, and handed him to me. He still had tape on the sides of his mouth and he had the most peaceful look upon his face. I sat in a chair, stunned and numb. I looked up at the nurses and said **"I want you to know, that this does not lessen my faith in God, it will only make it stronger. I know where my son is, he is with Jesus."** I then handed him back to the nurse and went into an office the chaplain had us in earlier. I fell to the ground, I threw up. I couldn't breathe. Tim came over and we held each other crumpled together on the floor of this office. We began to pray. We told God, we don't understand, but we are not running from you, we are running to you. In those moments we could have decided to take this pain and hold it tightly to our chest. We could have decided to let it dictate to us the rest of our lives. But the choice was made to give that pain to God. Many, many years later I was out shopping and a woman approached me. She looked vaguely familiar and she said hello. **She said "you may not remember me, but I was one of the nurses who was working on your son when he passed away. I am the one who wrapped him up in the blanket and handed him to you. I want you to know that what you said that day about your faith not being shaken has stuck with me. It encouraged me to press deeper into God."** I was taken aback. Here I was thinking I was just saying it for me, for my benefit. But our God is a BIG God and He is able to take our pain (when given to Him) and produce beauty. **Who knows the ripple effect our son Caedmen's short life and death will have. All I know is that I know what it is to run from God, hold onto pain and be miserable, I also know what it is to run TO God and give Him my pain, it still hurts, but Oh the joy of His promises and the peace of His comfort.**

Be blessed this Christmas.



Heather Williams (on Keyboard) with some members of her Praise & Worship Team

GRACE CHURCH'S

Youth Ministry

JOIN US



Pastor Gerrard Patton & wife Dania

Welcome Pastor "G"

It has been a pleasure getting to serve the Lord in the Thrive Youth Ministry at Grace Church. In the past two months we have seen some major milestones take place. We have recently seen more students in the youth ministry in the past few weeks than this church has ever experienced. We have had over 20 students receive Christ for the first time or rededicate their lives. We have had at least one new student every week in Thrive. With this momentum we roll into the New Year with a clear vision of reaching students in the Port St Lucie area. Our prayer is that students all around this area find out who they are in Christ causing the direction of their lives to be the same as His --- making each student THRIVE in 2019.

—Pastor "G"

"Fortnight Success"

By Victoria Dearman

Do you enjoy eating pizza, playing games, hanging out with friends, and meeting new people? Well, that is exactly what the Thrive Youth Group did on October 31! Our very first youth outreach was a huge success; we welcomed more teens into our Wednesday night gathering than we ever have, with almost 80% being people that aren't regular attendees.

Everyone who came got a free slice of pizza and the chance to win 150 dollars if they entered the Fortnite tournament. Non-gamers had a blast, too! There were board games, Just Dance battles, and other party games that everyone could enjoy.

was an amazing opportunity to invite friends that are hesitant to come to a new youth group, and we have many newcomers that keep attending... even when the only party going on is the average Wednesday night worship.

None of this would have been possible without the support of all of the adult volunteers that came out to help serve food, sign teens in, and act as a referee for the Fortnite tournament. Thank you - the youth appreciate your time and effort!



BFF



LOL



Reported by: Victoria Dearman

Thrive was blessed to be led in worship recently by Small Giants, a talented Christian band composed of young adults and teens who were called to travel the country this summer to visit churches and camps to play music for God's glory. They only recently began playing together but they were phenomenal musicians. It didn't feel like some exclusive concert that we scored tickets to; we were just a group of teens singing, praying, and worshipping together.

After the music, they stayed to answer questions from the youth. A few of the teens asked questions about some difficult topics and the band answered them with honesty and were completely non judgmental. They provided a lot of good insight into the jump from teen to adulthood and how they each have had their own coming of age struggles and offered wisdom about how to trust His plan for us during tough times. It was so inspiring to see young people who followed God and experienced this journey that not only influenced them, but every group that they visited. I know it influenced ours'.

THRIVE MEETS ON

WEDNESDAY AT

6:30 p.m.



2020 VISION

“City Church Of the Treasure Coast”



Report on activities of those who have begun support of the 2020 Challenge in creative ways

Architectural View of proposed CITY CHURCH (Cannot be done without ALL of God's people working, believing and giving of time, labor and resources together). TO GOD ALWAYS BE THE GLORY!
By Kim Doran and Teresa Myers

“A challenge to Grace Church family to shine the Light of Jesus on the Treasure Coast over the next 30 months and change this world for all eternity” —Pastor Tim Williams

Getting busy makes things happen. Getting busy in the things of God causes us to prosper and have good success, therefore, we are moving out in all directions to work and accomplish all that has been set out to do for success.

Pastor Tim has given us our marching orders, now with due diligence we must pursue our goals to bring forth the vision in completion of “the city on the hill beaconing light to all as:

City Church of the Treasure Coast

The \$1 challenge put forth by Elder Michael Martelli to the congregation to use as seed to multiply for an increase has been astronomical. Much success is being experienced. The more effort taking place adds to the momentum that is contagious. . .

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. “

Psalms 34:8

- Mary Wysocki turned her spider plant cuttings into little glass planters and put an encouraging word on the jars and sold them for \$1 each



Work in progress for the new CHILDREN'S SANCTUARY



- Darrell and Sheryl McClellan announced that they would donate \$20 per new man that showed up for Men's Ministry. 14 new men attended the men's ministry upon hearing that invite. The couple donated \$280 and Sheryl also made cookies and banana bread to welcome the newbies in.



Vision in progress. . .

- With donations from those who have found creative ways of giving for the cause pouring in . . .
- With new members being increased and new tithers coming to the church giving diligently, the 2020 Vision is alive, prospering and will continue to prosper as we as believers must stay united and do this-----
- ◆ “ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) Hebrews 10:23
- Construction, renovations and repairs are taking place around the church with needed supplies being ordered to complete.
- A full time Children's Ministry leader was hired to address the children's needs as well as the implementation at Grace Church of a pre-school.
- A youth pastor is now working with the youth program, THRIVE on a regular basis.

Challenges being met. . .

- Priscilla and Evelio Ferrer, Owners of New Creations Hair Studio donated 15 baskets which included a gift certificate and hair products for both women and men to the first 15 people to take the 2020 monthly challenge.



- Kim Doran, her mother, Susan McMahon and daughter, Kira Doran put their dollar challenge together and prepared an Italian meal and invited a few ladies over for fellowship and to share the 2020 vision. This dinner yielded \$330 for the Children's Sanctuary.



SUCCESS in the making!!



Some "WOW" Events in 2018 at GRACE CHURCH

Taking Church to the Park

By Kim Doran

When the Pastor says "it's picnic time" then it's time for some fun!

On Sunday, July 29th, 2018 after church services, many of our congregation braved the gray skies and headed to Sandhill Crane Park. People came with food, beverages and picnic gear like footballs and Frisbees in hand. The grill got fired up and soon the smell of hamburgers and hotdogs was in the air.

People of all ages came together to share time and games like corn hole, horse shoes and hula hoops. The playground area was a big hit with the younger children and even the teens too.

Pastor Tim led us in prayer and worship. As he played his guitar it was beautiful to hear everyone singing along, including some of our little ones dancing around to the music. It was a great sense of community with so many helping to make it happen.

This day we took church to the park and it was one big happy family. On lookers got a glimpse of what church does when not in the building and they were welcomed to join us. The skies held out, the food, games and laughter were just the right touch on that Sunday day of rest. And now let's get ready to do it again!



FALL FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT Tailgate Party & Chili Cookoff

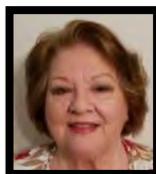
Photos Courtesy of Kenny Keyes and Teresa Myers

By Acclamation Team

Oh what a night! Sunday, October 28th in the parking lot and church front area at Grace Church at 10011 South US1 Hwy in Port St. Lucie, with the atmosphere on fire with fellowship and goodwill displayed amongst the church family and attendees from the community, everyone thrived. The collage of pics above reflect so much fun, excitement and good cheer experienced as the Fall Festival, Tailgate Party and Chili Cook-off offered something for everyone. Cute and funny costumes, a "Water Dunk" tank featuring Pastor Tim, Dan Churchill, Claire Clark, etc., a children's area with creative games and lots of candy, an inspirational serenade by PT (aka Pastor Tim), with a powerful personal testimony and altar call by Pastor Alex. A couple of new features this year were the Free Massages and Martial Arts Demonstration. Oh what a treat for all! The food smells kept everyone's nostrils filled with delicious aromas that yielded the word "Superb" especially when it came to this year's Chili Cook-off winner: SKIP HAYNES. The event atmosphere was further insulated with success by the anointed music of Heather Williams and the Praise & Worship Team of Grace. *A GREAT TIME!*



Prayer Team



Barbara Perry

48 HOURS OF PRAYER at Grace Church

By Teresa Harry Myers



Barbara Perry, the Prayer Ministry facilitator (as she preferred to be known) after many years of labor saw her work through the precious Holy Spirit — come to fruition as she spearheaded, along with Pastor Tim and other ministry leaders at Grace Church the amazingly uplifting and awesomely exhilarating 48 HOURS OF PRAYER with the purpose of grounding us and stabilizing us together as a church in the Body of Christ to obtain God's tender loving mercies in acquiring our goals (as individuals and as a church family) as we

embark on the 2020 Vision that the Pastors and leadership have plotted out to be performed by all in unity and oneness of spirit through Christ Jesus our Lord.

The 48 HOURS OF PRAYER initiative had its kickoff on Friday, September 21st from 7 to 9 p.m. with music and prayer over the various church ministries by members of the prayer team as Pastor Tim kept things moving smoothly along. It was a night of encouragement and empowerment for God's people and those seeking God.

From the 48 HOURS OF PRAYER kickoff on Friday night up until Sunday, September 23 at noon—every hour was covered through intercessory prayer by individuals of the prayer team, the women's ministry (LIFT) and others to insulate the work of God being done at Grace Church against the wiles of the enemy and rejoicing in harmony and peace knowing full well that "Our God Reigns." 48 HOURS OF PRAYER was a "VICTORIOUS" church experience for all believers that love the Lord and that are called to serve by faith.

Barbara has now stepped down as facilitator of the Prayer Ministry as she is being led by the spirit for new undertakings. Thank you Barbara Perry for your outstanding service in building the prayer team and Prayer Ministry to where it is today. *Congratulations and much success to Carrie Braun who is Barbara's successor.*

GOD BLESS OUR CHILDREN

Give thanks with a grateful heart, first to GOD, and then to the many individuals that came out to do the work necessary to transform the children's rooms into nurturing, caring and learning places that they may all thrive as they grow up knowing the love of Jesus. Love went into preparing these rooms—from the tithes and offerings, from the cleaning, painting and decorating. To everything let us all as a church family give thanks for the provisions that GOD made through us, by us, for us.

PICTURE PERFECT!!



A Night of Thanks and Dreaming Big

By Kim Doran



The 2020 Dream Team Banquet was hosted by Grace Church on Friday, November 16th as our sanctuary was transformed into a reception hall. We welcomed all volunteers that have served the church in any capacity over the past year. All 2020 contributors that committed to supporting the 2020 Vision campaign were invited to share in this evening. An estimated 130 people showed up to share in fellowship and an Italian Dinner from A Slice of Heaven. Volunteers were thanked for their service and 2020 contributors thanked for their support. Many of the attendees present are actively involved in both volunteering and investing in the big vision.

As a thank you to all, Ayeisha Woods was a special guest and donated her time to worship for and with us. An added bonus was her husband, Elder Joseph Hillary, who not only accompanied her on drums but gave a message on leadership and being part of a team. The former college champion linebacker and Pastor shared the importance of looking at the big picture and how each and every person plays a role.

Pastor Tim Williams spoke on how blessed we are to have people care and want to see the many areas needed in the church come to fruition. He discussed what the current status is and how the funding has already begun to bring about changes. Such as the Children's Sanctuary, which was at a stand still and is now near completion with an estimated reveal of Christmas Eve. As well as, the Children's rooms got a face lift to welcome in our little ones. He also went down the list of goals and expressed areas that were seeing growth based on funding coming in. Our youth got a new Pastor. Gerrard Patton has been welcomed in and Children's Ministry welcomed in Director Tracy Spradlin. This would not have been possible without the contributors made specifically for the 2020 Vision. Best of all is that with added staff and encouraged volunteers, lives are being changed as people of all ages are surrendering themselves to Jesus.

The night concluded with an opportunity to step into the vision and sign up to invest to see all the spiritual goals and financial needs met by year's end to determine what plan of action Grace Church will take in 2019. Grace Church came together and celebrated all the Lord is providing through our resources and faith that all things are possible with Christ.

There is still so much to do, let's trust that hearts will hear the vision and want to be a part of creating a church home where anyone can feel welcomed. With a new vision, new look and new mindset, God's people are unstoppable!





Family & Friend Greetings for Christmas and the New Year

A Gift of Love is to Share. The following believers of God's Word are sharing their favorite scriptures to Family & Friends during this Holiday Season to inspire and empower.



AL & SHERRY ZITO: **"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."** John 17:3



GREG & LORRAINE CERULLI: **"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee"** Numbers 6:24



DAN & JEAN CHURCHILL: **"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."** Isaiah 40:31



TERESA MYERS: **"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."** Proverbs 3:5-6



THE BRAUN FAMILY: **"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness"** Colossians 1:11



AUBREY & LEZLENE SOLOMON: **"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."** 2 Chronicles 7:14



TRACY SPRADLIN: **"And He took them [the children up [a]one by one] in His arms and [[b] fervently invoked a] blessing, placing His hands upon them."** Mark 10:16



VANESSA SHELTON: **"O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep."** Psalm 92:5



BOB & INEZ KLECZEK: **"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."** Proverbs 3:5-6



LEONARD & GWEN CLARKE: **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** John 3:16



THE DORAN FAMILY: **"The only thing that matters is faith expressing itself through love."** Galatians 5:6



GLORIA ACOSTA: **"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."** Hebrew 11:1



KIMBERLY RODRIGUEZ: **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose."** Romans 8:28



TIM & JUDY MCHENRY: **"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."** Hebrews 11:6



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105





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This course prepares one for ministry leadership as disciples of Christ; designed for those with a desire to move forward in their spiritual development.

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WATER BAPTISM: A bold statement of faith and a willingness to submit to God with love in spirit and truth.

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)



BOOKS, MOVIES & MORE

By Dan & Jean Churchill

Excellent Website to answer Bible questions and enhance learning:
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at top middle of page click on Study, then click on Bible Commentaries, then click on Text Commentaries in the left column menu section in Blue Letter Bible. There are many to choose from but I recommend Daniel Guzik who is free here (buy his books for about \$15) (do not print his work in BBL as it is far more expensive in print cartridges and paper than buying his book). Next Read **Guzik's Genesis 1 analysis. How much did you learn?** Other favorite commentaries include: Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee, Chuck Missler

What mother-to-be was told that she had "found favor with God"? —Sarah, mother of Isaac; Mary, mother of Jesus; Bathsheba, mother of Solomon

Who gave this advice: "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged"? —Paul, Peter, Timothy

Easy & Harder Trivia Questions



Answers in April 2019 Issue

New Prayer Ministry Initiative

By Teresa Harry Myers



Grace Church Prayer Ministry under the leadership of Carrie Braun along with the prayer team, have begun a new and unique way in reaching out to help others through prayer.

On Saturday, October 27, several prayer team members aligned themselves with signs to flag down those driving by the church to pull into the church parking lot for their prayer needs or requests.

This was a successful first trial for the prayer team with providing prayer this day for 10 individuals who were appreciative, received literature and a lovely gift of a wooden cross with a chain and a passionate message. Those prayed for also indicated that they plan to visit Grace Church. The team is now devising next time strategies and

encourage all that want to participate in future "Prayer Drive-ins" to sign up when you see the announcement sheet in the church bulletin. JOIN US & help us to please GOD by showing love for others.

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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