

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL UPDATE

Church Ministries (10% is given to Missions)

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>
Dec. 11, 2011	\$56,000	\$59,294
10/1/11 thru 12/11/11	\$579,000	\$569,941
Missions	10/1/11 thru 12/11/11	
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>
10% from Church Ministries	\$57,900	\$56,994
Addtl. offerings to Missions	<u>31,020</u>	<u>16,648</u>
Totals	\$88,920	\$73,642

Future Grace Short Term Loan

Beginning Balance 5/27/11	\$4,300,000
Less Principal Payments	<u>1,301,378</u>
Balance Due 5/27/14	\$2,998,622

TV / RADIO

Our Sunday morning worship services are edited and broadcast Sundays at 9 a.m. on WEEK-TV channel 25, and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on WBNH Radio 88.5 FM.

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT



Luke and Tiffany Wessler SIM — Serving in Mission Zambia, Africa

Luke and Tiffany minister to the people of Solwezi, Zambia through Lusa Home Based Care. They work directly with orphans and street children who attend the center for the morning lesson and the daily meal. Through sharing the Word of God with them, they provide a tangible realization of the Love of Christ. They also reach out to those dying with AIDS, TB and other diseases.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray they will build relationships with the people of Solwezi by living alongside them and sharing Christ with them.
- That God would raise up more dedicated Zambian volunteers to serve at Lusa.
- For wisdom on when to give materially and when to teach self-sustenance.

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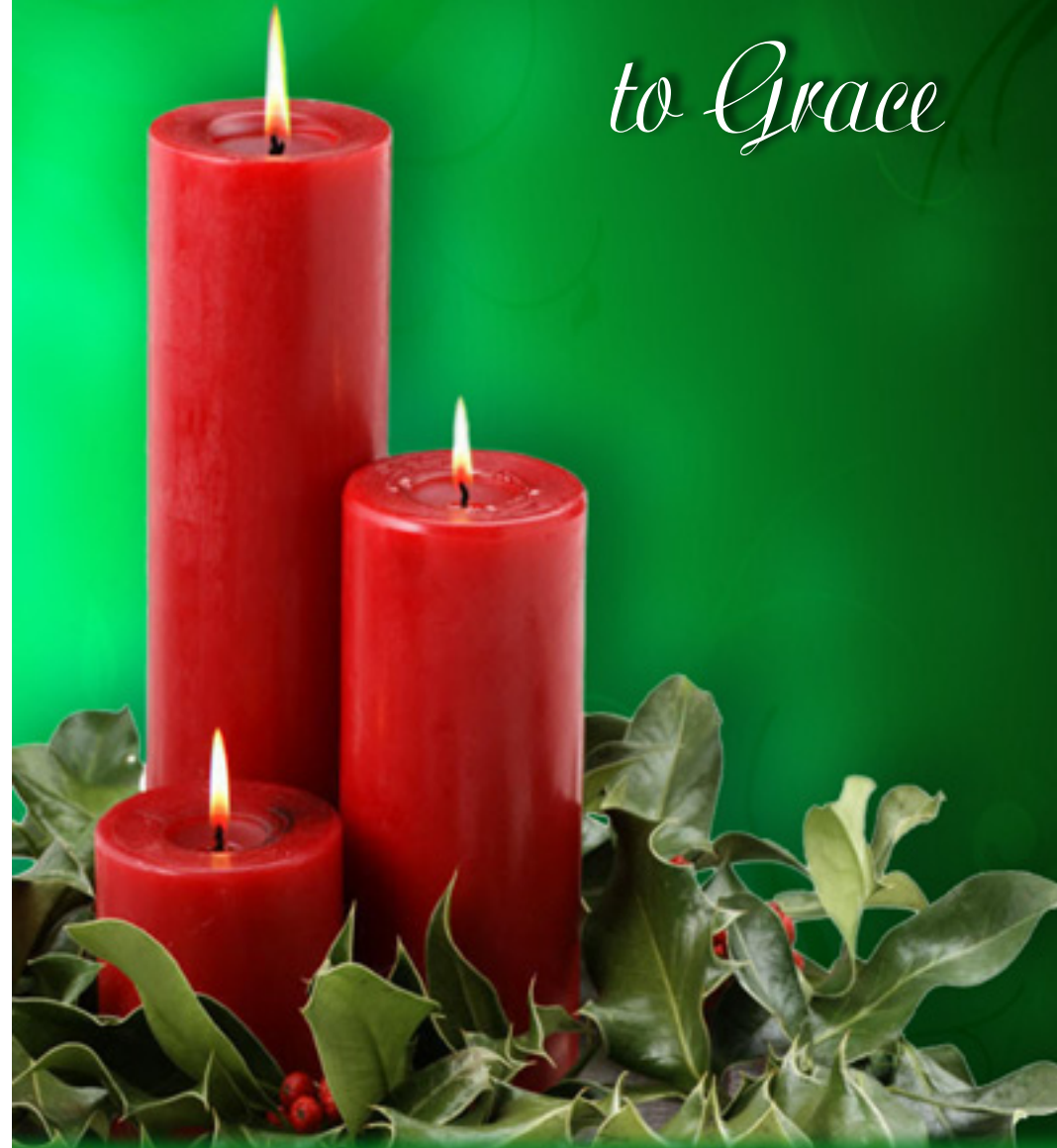
After hours **EMERGENCY** phone: (866) 228-6525

Sunday morning phone: (309) 589-6446

Sunday morning services: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Welcome to Grace



Celebrating Our Lord's Birth

December 18, 2011

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MINISTRIES

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

December 21

Jr. & Sr. High
Peoria Palace Christmas Party
6:30–9:30 p.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service
4 p.m.

December 25 & January 1

One Service
10 a.m.

January 11

Midweek Grace Resumes

January 27–28

Tim Lane
Relationships Seminar

February 6–March 19

Evangelism Training Workshop

A note from Pastor Bob — Mary and I are very grateful for the loving “send off” reception last Sunday. We will keep you updated on God’s leading. Our current address is: 2025 Clearwater Way, Elgin, IL 60123, bobdonaldson033@gmail.com. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Holiday Worship Schedule — On Christmas Eve, we will hold a candlelight communion service at 4 p.m. with child care offered through age four. On Christmas Day, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m. with all ages in the Sanctuary. This service will include a children’s portion during which children will come to the platform to hear a short message designed for them and receive a gift. On New Year’s Day, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m. with all ages in the Sanctuary. These “all ages” services will enable us to bring the entire Grace family into one room and will also provide a well-deserved break for our ongoing children’s volunteers. We’re looking forward to these special times together.

Dedicate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one for \$12 to be used to decorate the church for Christmas. Then take home after Christmas to enjoy. Call David Strickler at 589-6403.

Would you consider serving during the Christmas Eve candlelight service? We are looking for eight more people to watch infants – four year olds during the service. If you are able to help, please contact Lisa Rutledge at lrutledge@gracepres.org or 589-6435.

Any cash/check donations that you wish to have included on your 2011 Giving Statement must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 30. If mailed, they must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31. Donations received after that time must be credited to your 2012 giving.

Staff Update — Deb Kumpf will be stepping down from her staff position in Assimilation and Women’s Ministry as of the end of the year. Deb will continue to lead the Women’s Ministry in a volunteer capacity.

Love offerings for Bob Donaldson and Deb Kumpf will be accepted through December 31. You may designate how much you wish to go to each individual. Love offerings not designated will be split evenly between them.

Evangelism Training Workshop —

Do you want to be equipped to share Christ with your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and extended family in a relational process? We invite you to sign up for a 7-week training workshop led by Mike Jackson on Monday evenings beginning February 6 and ending March 19. Read more and sign up by clicking on Calendar/February 6 on the website, or contact Peggy Slavens at pslavens@gracepres.org or 589-6430.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



Joshua Grindinger

A Well Versed Kid!

Joshua Grindinger, son of Greg and Cecilia Grindinger, has completed all the 4th grade verses. Way to hide God’s Word in your heart Joshua!

Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade will not meet again until Wednesday, January 11 when Mid-Week Grace resumes. Kidz Klub and TreeClimbers will also start on the 11th.

Jr. & Sr. High Christmas Party! This Wednesday, December 21 we’re going to Peoria Palace for a night of skating! Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and get picked up at 9:30 p.m. Cost for skates is \$6 and blades for \$7. Bring money for snacks and the arcade. Don’t forget to bring some Christmas spirit by wearing an ugly sweater, Santa hat, or elf ears! Contact John Vanne with questions at jvanne@gracepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

YAMS Christmas Party — Join us tonight at Doug and Elaine Winkler’s house, 180 Timberline Dr., East Peoria. Bring a “White Elephant” gift for exchange and an appetizer or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

Volleyball — Maybe you’re home for the holidays or visiting for the first time. Come play some volleyball with us Thursday at 7 p.m. in our Gym and enjoy connecting with other young adults.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Kathryn Hessing — December 6, 2011, wife of Paul, mother of Paul Jr. and Sarah, daughter of Bill and Esther Harris, sister of William Harris and Karen Scholz.

Len Baily — December 9, 2011, husband of Jerlyn, father of Chad Baily and Brook Baily, brother of Jerry.

Shirley Emken — December 9, 2011, sister of Donna Warner.

For more information go to www.gracepres.org.