

Calendar

- Food Pantry
July 3 & 18;
Aug 7 & 15
- “Surge”
Every Wednesday
through Aug 18
- “Cross-Over”
Every Thursday
through Aug 19
- IMPACT
Munroe Falls
July 10
- JIF (Just in Fun)
July 11; Aug 8
- Clothing Swap
July 12-16
- Men’s Breakfast
July 17; Aug 14
- IMPACT Canoeing
July 24
- Vacation Bible
School
July 25-29
- VBS Closing
Program Aug 1
- IMPACT
Cedar Point Aug 3
- Book Chat Aug 3
- Guest Speaker /
Pie & Ice cream
Social Aug 4
- Worship and
Baptismal Service
Aug 29

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Grace Family News

July — August 2010

Pastor’s Pen

Galatians 6:3 *If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*

Do you need to be first?

I believe this to be a desire that many of us need to deal with in that we can show the true love that Christ has given us through our decision to accept Him and to follow His guidance in our walk.

Are we true followers of Christ? You are the only one that knows the answer to that question. Would others believe that we are true followers? One way to help

ourselves and others to have a better understanding of this is to not be so insistent on having our way in every debate or to be first in line consistently. We can be our own worst enemy unless we deal with our selfishness and let the Holy spirit have His way.

Do we stop and realize that God is with us as He promised, not leaving or forsaking us in any circumstance? May we be obedient to believe this, realizing our hope is Christ, our prayer should be: “Lord, forgive me for paying more attention to my own

needs than to the needs of others. Knowing You have given us the challenge to serve, please give us the strength and ability to serve You and others with joy.”

Pastor Tom





The Grace Church summer programs are for students in high school (Surge) and middle school (Cross-Over). Surge takes place on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Cross-Over takes place on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

These programs are designed by our youth interns, Laura Kaufman and Jarrod Raney,

“Cross-Over” and “Surge”

especially for the growth and development of the students. We are working this summer on building our relationships with each other and with God. Our days include intense times of Bible study, worship, fellowship, and activities. We will also be helping with Vacation Bible School, including performing all of the skits.

Summer camp at Cedar Lakes has been the highlight of the summer.

We also have canoeing and Cedar Point scheduled.

Laura Kaufman



Red Book Testimonies...

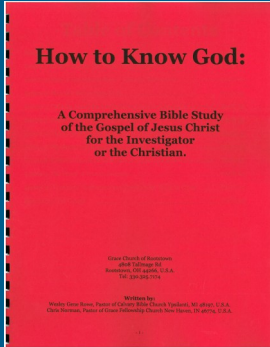


made it very easy to go

through. The lessons walk you through the topics, point you to Scripture, and bring it all together in a way that was easy to understand. We both highly recommend this study to anyone new in their walk with the Lord as well as those who have been lifetime believers and would like a fresh and honest look on certain topics.

Thank you Grace Church for giving us this experience!

Jake and Cindy Sladkey



When a person is able to finally come to Christ it is great. When they can do that with their loved ones, it is an even more blessed thing. Last fall, my wife Cindy, daughter Maryssa, son Drake and I all decided we wanted to let Christ into our hearts and be saved by our Lord Jesus Christ. This new love for the Lord gave us the desire to learn more of Him. The kids were able to join AWANA in the evenings and Cindy and I were able to join a small study group going on called **Red Book**. This turned out to be such a wonderful ex-

perience for us. We were able to go through, week-by-week, learning the ways of Christ and being a Christian, learning the history and meanings of it all. The discussions we had in our group were very eye opening. Pastor Ron would very willingly answer any questions we had in detail and really work to keep us on track.

The things we learned by going through this course have really shaped the way we try to walk with the Lord now, and have really added to our testimony for Him. The way the material is structured

Meet the Wilhelms...

Dr. Roger (Butch) Wilhelm and his wife Cathy began attending Grace Church in June 2006. They have two beautiful children, John and Rose, both adopted from Guatemala. They are Butch and Cathy's joy and they praise God for making them "a forever family"!

Butch grew up in Randolph where his first job was picking strawberries at his grandparents' strawberry farm. He attended Waterloo High School, received his Bachelor of Science degree at Cedarville and then went on to become a Doctor of Chiropractic at Palmer College of Chiropractic. He also has his

Master Degree in Nutrition from the University of Bridgeport and now has his own Chiropractic office in Rootstown.

Cathy went to Lowell High in Lowell, MI. She went on to get her Associates Degree in Office Technology. Cathy's first job outside of babysitting was working at a deli in her home town, and the library while in college. After college she was office manager for Iowa-Illinois Termite and Pest Control. After marrying Butch she helped him to start his Chiropractic business here in Rootstown by managing the office and insur-

ance claims until they brought their son John home in 2005.

Butch has taught VBS and is currently an elder-in-training. He teaches 4th-5th grade Sunday School, and is involved with the middle school IMPACT group on Sunday nights.

Cathy is currently on the worship team and in choir. She works in the nursery and helps with VBS. She coordinates Secret Sisters and MOPS, and helps with the Grace Players Drama here at church.



I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

Worship Ministry

1 Corinthians 12:21-27 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have not need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater

honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Participation in the Music & Worship Ministry at Grace Church is more than just music; it is about service to the local body of Christ. Whether a singer, instrumentalist or be-

hind the scene in the audio/visual area, each participant is serving this body by using his/her abilities. In August we will begin to add to our current roster of this ministry. Please begin to pray about your involvement and if you are interested in exploring using your musical/technical gifts to serve the congregation at Grace Church. You will have a chance to act on that interest in August. Please watch for the details in the bulletin beginning in August.

Scott Burdett

Vacation Bible School

Get ready to have a great time at Lava Lava Island...where Jesus' love flows! Kids will learn of God's great gift to us and learn how they can show Christ's love through their daily challenges. They will see the drama of their Island Adventure each night and sing songs of praise to God.

Please join us July 25-29 from 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us

August 1, at 6:00 p.m., for a follow-up where the kids will offer testimony and songs from their week of VBS. Stay after for a Lava Lava Luau!

And last but not least...thanks to all who participated in the pancake breakfast and the Potluck and Pie Auction. We are truly blessed to have such love, participation and support from our congregation!

Kim Jackson



Men's Softball



The GCOR men's softball team has played six games so far, with a few rainouts to be rescheduled. The team's record is currently 2 wins and 4 losses. The players represent a wide range of ages, from 14 to the upper 50's. The games are played on Monday nights at the Kent State University softball complex.

Check your bulletin for upcoming games and times and come out to cheer us on to victory!!!

Ron Rost



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Calling all men to take part in the men's prayer breakfasts! We have a wonderful time getting to know each other and sharing some of life's adventures.

The Men's Breakfast is a perfect opportunity to expose other men to our church by inviting your neighbors, co-workers or family members to come and enjoy a delicious, freshly-prepared

breakfast. We have a time of devotion to the Lord and an avenue to share our testimony to perhaps help a new believer, or encourage a non-believer to start attending our services. This could potentially be a great way to build the church body here at Grace.

Please participate in this ministry and receive a blessing both physically and

spiritually.

We have one breakfast per month that will be announced in the bulletin. Please try to sign up so that we have an idea of how many to prepare for!

Hope to see you on July 17, at 8:00 a.m.

John Letts





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Flock Groups

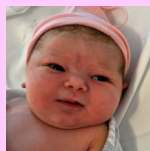
Festivals, reunions, the lake, the boat, the weekend, the yard, the party, the game, the links, the prom, and the job all seem to be legitimate rationale for not assembling together with the Body of Christ. There really is no soft way of repeating scripture that instructs us "not to forsake our own assembling ourselves, as is the habit of some..." Our pastors are providing opportunities for assembling with our FLOCK gatherings this summer. We urge you to make it a habit of assembling together even with the temptation to believe we have a better answer than is given to us in Hebrews 10:22-25. Happy Flocking!

Pastor Ron Regas

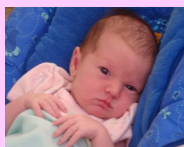


New Babies!!!!

Abigail Rebekah Orris
9 lbs 12 oz, 19-1/2" long
Born April 11, 2010



Serena Grace Forsyth
7 lbs 6.5 oz, 20-3/4" long
Born June 15, 2010



Guest Speakers

On Wednesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. we will be presenting Paul and Patti Karpenko, missionaries to Israel, as guest speakers during our regular prayer meeting. Paul and Patti have a real heart for the Jewish people of Israel and work diligently to reach them with the truth about their Messiah!

Bernie and I were fortunate to take a tour of Israel a few years ago and Paul was our guide. He has an extensive knowledge and love for the country of Israel. We both think that you would walk away from this meeting with a new view of Israel and the Jewish culture, and the need for reaching the Jewish people for Christ, as well as seeing the love that Paul and Patti have for their mission in Israel.

Please join us in welcoming the Karpenkos and enjoying a pie and ice cream social immediately following. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Bernie and Lisa Daugherty

Community Picnic

Good fellowship, good food, good music, good weather and good fun!! Thank you to all who made the 2010 Community Outreach Picnic a success. We saw a number of new faces (some with paint and some without) from our community. If you invited a guest to the picnic, ask them to attend a service and consider making Grace Church their home.

As always, please do not hesitate to ask if you would desire an Elder to make contact with you.

Paul Jackson

