

## From the Editor

This month I revert to a theme that I've touched on before. My critters keep reminding me of it.

My youngest cat Reuben has a thing for frogs lately. Not toads, mind – frogs. I can't imagine where he gets them, but he seems to have that figured out. Night before last he came in with a little bullfrog, maybe two inches long. Of course, I had to praise him. "Ooo, what a fierce hunter you are, Reuben!"

Lizza, the eldest, loves to play but can't bring herself to play with the other cats. She's perfectly happy with a cardboard box, however, and she'll merrily pounce in and out of it while playfully attacking my hand.

And Laverne bounds into the bedroom ahead of me when I come home in the evening, leaps up on the bed and flops over on her back, looking at me. "*Tummy rub?*" her eyes plead. Her paws knead and she purrs contentedly while I stroke the soft fur of her belly.

Their needs are simple, yet individual.

Got something to share? Drop us a line!

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## Our Worship Schedule

Contemporary Service	8:45 - 9:45
Children's Service	8:45 - 9:45
Sunday School Hour	10:00 - 11:00
Traditional Service	11:15 - 12:15
Children's Service	11:15 - 12:15

## Grace Presbyterian Sunday School

Nursery – Room 103	Kathe Walker	Judy Thigpen
2 Year – Kindergarten Room 112 -- <i>Rock Solid</i>	Wendi Glenn Debbie Metoyer	Frances Kitterman
K – 5 – Room 117	Susan Lawson Cathy Bendall	Michelle Miles
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade – Up – Room 109	Carl Jones Kevin Bopp	Lee Busby
Adults		
In-Betweeners – Room 100	Young Adults	
Bible Discovery –Room 101B	John Dotson	
Friendship Class – Room 101	John Price	

Call Sara Lawson, S.S. Superintendent, 867-3431, or Suzanne Getman, Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 with questions or if you are interested in joining one of these classes.

## From the Pastor

As you may or may not have noticed we have been de-cluttering the sanctuary and other places at Grace.

I wonder if clutter is a metaphor for something else in our lives. Is it a psychological thing we do to hold on to stuff because we don't like loss? By getting rid of something we get rid of a little of ourselves. I don't know, but it sounds plausible.

But I think there are spiritual reasons to de-clutter. The apostle Paul, writing to the church at Colosse, encouraged them to *set your hearts on things above and set your minds on things above, not on earthly things*. Perhaps clutter represents the things of this world, those things that take our focus off of Christ and distract us from our mission.

Have you ever noticed how we spend an inordinate amount of time thinking about and rearranging our stuff? We hold onto things as if our lives depended on them.

The writer of Proverbs encourages us to *trust in the Lord with all our hearts*... Let's recognize that the things we have are gifts from God but they are never to be held onto as tightly as we hold onto God.

Let's not be afraid to de-clutter our homes, our church, and our very lives. The less we have to distract us the more time and energy we will have to serve Christ and one another.

And another thing we should remember is that our value is not dependent on how much we have but on how much we give. So let's be generous with our stuff so that we can focus on things above.

Grace to you,

*Larry*

## Children's Church Schedule

8:45 Service

11:15 Service

	CC Leader	CC Asst.	Puppet Asst.	Cc Leader	Cc Asst.	Puppet Asst.
Sep 7	Kim Upshaw	Sandy Renee	Wendi Glenn	Beth Turner	John Dotson	Catie Waddell
14	Kim Upshaw	Leslie Russell	Mark Gray	Beth Turner	Michelle Miles	Aaron Miles
21	Suzanne Getman	Walt S.	Wayne Gillespie	*	Sandra Gillespie	Blake R.
28	Suzanne Getman	Dossett Foster	Amy Jackson	Beth Turner	Kirsten Waddell	Alex Fry
Oct 5	Suzanne Getman	Debbie Metoyer	Samantha Metoyer	Beth Turner	Carl Jones	Amy Jackson
12	Kim Upshaw	Jan Evans	Christy Tinnen	Beth Turner	Amy Bishop	Catie Waddell
19	***	***	Joint Service	NO CC	***	***
26	Kim Upshaw	Linda Foster	Wendi Glenn	Beth Turner	Michelle Miles	Blake R.
Nov 2	Kim Upshaw	Sandy Renee	Mark Gray	Beth Turner	Sandra Gillespie	Alex Fry
9	Kim Upshaw	Leslie Russell	Wayne Gillespie	Beth Turner	Kirsten Waddell	Catie Waddell
16	Suzanne Getman	Dossett Foster	Christy Tinnen	Beth Turner	Carl Jones	Aaron Miles
23	Suzanne Getman	Walt S.	Samantha Metoyer	Beth Turner	Amy Bishop	Blake R.

Beth Turner Childrens Church Coordinator - 907-9454

If you have a schedule conflict please switch with another team member and call Linda in the office to let her know so the bulletin will be correct.

*"When Children Worship God - AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN!!!!"*

## From The Commitment Committee

It's that time of year again when we as a church must turn our thoughts to stewardship as we make plans for the coming year. The Commitment Committee would like to express its appreciation to Rosemary Gordon, who has responded to the call to chair this fall's stewardship campaign. As usual, October will be Stewardship Month, and the congregation will hear several members of the church share their thoughts on stewardship during worship services on the first three Sundays of October. A joint worship service will be held on the third Sunday of October, the 19<sup>th</sup>, and following the service a catered stewardship luncheon will be held. Tickets to the luncheon will be sold several Sundays prior to the luncheon, and we hope everyone will make plans to attend this annual event, which is always a highlight of the stewardship season. October 26, the fourth Sunday of the month, is Commitment Sunday, at which time everyone will have an opportunity to place their pledge cards on the communion table as a sign of our unity and commitment to Grace Presbyterian.

Once again the campaign will be based upon a Step-Up-One format, with those who are currently making a financial commitment to the church being asked to step up at least one level of giving as indicated on a chart that all members will receive. This year in particular, it is vitally important that the congregation respond most generously to the financial needs of the church. One reason is that we must begin paying most, if not all, the mortgage on the new building from the General Fund instead of the Building Fund, which is rapidly being depleted. This mortgage payment is \$3876 per month. A second reason that this is a critical year is that the session has affirmed its intent to give our church staff a 3% salary increase. Our support staff members have not received a pay increase since 2003, and it is imperative that we do the fair and right thing by giving them this modest increase at this time. And of course we as a church must meet our other financial obligations and strive to fund our wonderful programs and activities that so enrich our spiritual life together.

## The Shining Light of Grace

We are so fortunate to be members of Grace Presbyterian Church at this time. Larry and Beth Turner are providing us with most effective and imaginative leadership. The Word of God is being forcefully proclaimed from the pulpit. The Sunday School program is providing biblically based instruction for all ages. The programs for children and youth are active and growing. There are a wide variety of church activities for all ages. Opportunities for Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, and service to our Lord abound at Grace. Let's do our best to assure that all of these wonderful things grow and prosper by providing our church with the financial resources it needs for the coming year.

We would do well to use as our model for giving the Macedonian churches of which the apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 8:3: "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability." If we can rise to the challenge, we can help our church carry out its mission to the fullest in 2009.

John Price

## Did You Know?

Even though all of our ministry is done locally, MIHN is part of a national network named Family Promise. There are currently 130 affiliates ministering across the country staffed by over 125,000 volunteers. Just as we make an impact on the lives of displaced families from this area they are serving families in their own cities.

Collectively the networks have served over 230,000 individuals in 20 years. 80% of our guest find housing. In 2007 119 networks reported their statics. Nationally we served 9,577 individuals in 3,100 families. 46% of the 5,723 children were under 6 years old.

It is exciting to know that we are part of something so big, yet our ministry is always personal.

## MISSIONS

Plans are underway for the Hand's to Honduras Mission projects for 2009! The first thing we are planning to do is help with funding the 2009 Scholarship Program because the school year for the children in Honduras will begin in February next year.

As many of you know, in addition to the medical, construction, dental, and Living Waters projects that we have been involved in since 2003, Grace has been active in the scholarship project for the past 2 years. Hands to Honduras sponsors a total of 29 scholarships. Grace and it's members sponsor 12 of these scholarships plus one sponsored by a physician who was a member of the Grace Mission Team in 2006. This year, 6 scholarships were sponsored by individual members of Grace and 6 additional scholarships were sponsored by the church as a whole. The total support for this program in 2008 for our church was \$2085 dollars based on \$120 for an elementary student, \$220 for high school, and \$570 for a technical school student. At the current exchange rate, the value in Honduras dollars is \$39,792.22!!

Please give prayerful consideration to a contribution and/or full sponsorship of a scholarship for 2009. We do not know at this time if there has been an increase in tuition, however all monies specified for the Honduras Scholarship fund will be used for that purpose. At this time, all members who sponsored a scholarship for 2008 have consented to continue for 2009.

As a side note, one of our former members, Lindsey James, is the Scholarship coordinator for the Hands to Honduras organization, and Wayne Gillespie will be helping her as the coordinator for Grace. Lindsey has also consented to head up the additional fund raising efforts for 2009 for the Grace Mission Team. She and her husband David, will do an excellent job, and some of you will also be asked to assist with this effort. Polly Schrimper and Michelle Miles have already stepped forward and will be helping with the efforts.

## The Shining Light of Grace

If you wish to make a contribution to the Honduras Scholarship fund, make your check payable to Grace Presbyterian Church, with a note designating it for the 2009 Hands to Honduras Scholarship Fund and put it in the collection plate.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mission projects. We look forward to a successful 2009!! Additional information will be forthcoming for the other projects. Please contact Wayne Gillespie or Walt Schrimper if you desire further information and/or are willing to assist with this effort.

Blessings,  
Walt Schrimper  
Wayne Gillespie

**Sprechen Sie Deutsch?** Whether you do or not you are invited to come and enjoy a dinner of **German cuisine** (prepared by Bob Harrold and Clyde Getman), featuring a variety of delicious, traditional German dishes. Reserve the time of 6:00 o'clock p.m., Sunday evening, November 16, 2008 on your calendar now. Watch for more information regarding details and reservations in upcoming months.

## Great Banquet

Two Great Banquet weekends are fast approaching! One for men (Oct 2 - 5) and one for women (Oct. 9-12). If you know someone you think would enjoy a 36 hour renewal experience, contact Bob Vawter at 901-372-8091, or [bvawter@bellsouth.net](mailto:bvawter@bellsouth.net)

Check out the Great Banquet website at <http://bartlettgreatbanquet.org>

Registrations must be turned in by Sept 22.

*Bob Vawter*

## Ice Cream Social

September 21 at 6:00 p.m. -- Please bring your favorite ice cream, cookies or brownies to share. We will have entertainment, sing a longs, pictures and fun for the whole family.

*The Care Committee*

## Fall Festival

The Congregational Life Committee will sponsor Fall Festival, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Halloween night, Friday, October 31, 2008.

Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to wear their favorite costume and come and enjoy the festivities. Games for all ages, a Cake Walk, and “Trick or Trunking” will be featured. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips, drinks, etc. will be available for a nominal fee. Make plans to attend.

## From the Presbyterian Women

Even though the PW circles do not meet in the summer we have still been busy. Several helped with the Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped in all aspects of the program.

Several of the PW members are busy knitting or crocheting new born caps that will be given to the area hospitals. This has been a rewarding project and enjoyable for those of us who are making them.

Lisa, assistant director of the preschool, asked if the PW could make aprons for the children to wear when they worked on their painting projects. Mildred Culverhouse volunteered her time and the material to make 15 aprons. Lisa was delighted when we took them to her.

The PW kitchen committee has been working hard this summer to clean the kitchen. The pantry has been cleaned out, shelf paper installed and all items put in a specific place. This will help us know when we need to order new materials; plus, with the pantry neat and well organized it is easier to set up for dinners and pot lucks.

Several PW members attended the Bible Study Conference for Presbyterian Women on Saturday August 23 at Pinecrest. We enjoyed learning about our new Bible Study, "*Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor*", being with other PW members, enjoying once again the beauty at Pinecrest plus the delicious cinnamon rolls.

Mark your calendars for the September gathering at Grace It will be held Monday September 8 at 6:30 PM. This pot luck is a good time to invite a friend or a new member, introduce them to our PW members and for them to learn about our new Bible Study

### ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS:

The September board meeting will be September 29, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans.

## Old Mcnoah Had An Ark



The 2-4 year old Sunday School Class, consisting of David Gray, Cole Price, Samantha Upshaw, Vaughn Waddell, and Kendall Walker, has been collecting their offering money. With this money, they have decided to purchase a flock of chicks and a trio of rabbits from Heifer International. The children have learned about sharing and giving in Sunday School, which is what Heifer International is all about. On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> the children had a party in which they learned what a Heifer is, another word for cow, and what it's like to give these animals to under privileged families. They learned that instead of giving these people money, if you give them animals then you give them a continued source of food. A flock of chicks provide protein in the form of eggs. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year! Rabbits are easy to take care of and can multiply rapidly providing even more nourishment. For more information about Heifer International visit their website at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

## From the Endowment Committee

Those end-of-life issues just won't go away. What will become of all that money accumulated over your lifetime that you didn't get around to spending? A will is the cornerstone of an estate plan. It can proclaim your Christian faith and demonstrate your response as a faithful steward to future generations. If you die without a will, nothing from your estate will be distributed to the church or any charity. Whether you are married, single or widowed, there are good reasons for having a will. A lawyer will recommend that each spouse should have a will, even if most property is in one name. If your will is several years old, circumstances may have changed that affect its directions. In that case, you should have your will revised with the help of a lawyer to reflect the new circumstances. Make certain that family members know that you have a will and that they know exactly where it is and have access to it. The Endowment Committee encourages you to make a bequest in your will to this church or to the Presbyterian Foundation, Jeffersonville, Indiana. A bequest can be a stated amount or a percentage of your estate.

The Endowment Committee periodically needs new members. If you would like to serve on this committee in the future, please let one of us know (John Evans, Harold Howard, Larry Toussaint, John Gordon, June Kuykendall, Gail Hackney or Larry Turner). The committee meets only four times per year, and you do not need to be a financial expert to serve.

## Sunday School News

Rally Day will be September 21 at 10:00. The children will conduct a musical extravaganza and we'll talk about the upcoming Sunday School curriculum over light breakfast.

Still need 2 teachers to help with 2 year -Kindergarten class-  
PLEASE

Watch for FROGs on Rally Day.

### Veterans:

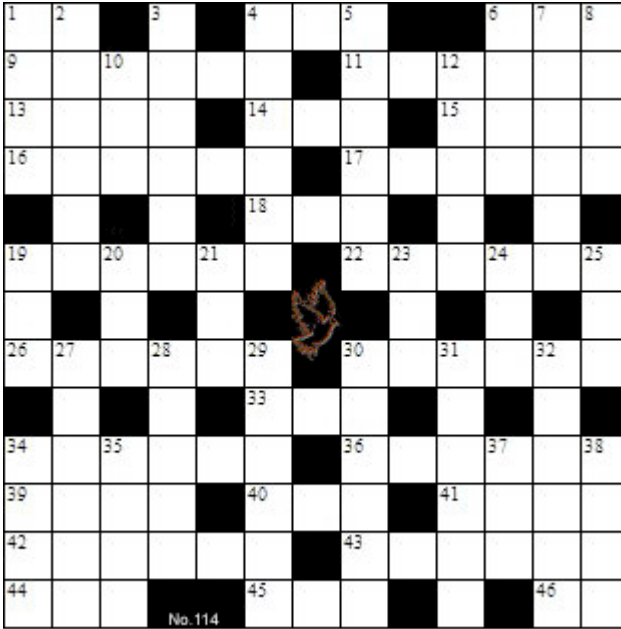
Please let us know who you are! Fill out the slip below, cut it out and drop it in the collection plate. Or send the requested information by email if you prefer to [newsletter@grace-pres.org](mailto:newsletter@grace-pres.org).

Update: If possible, we'd also like to have a photo of you in uniform. This could be a current photo, or could be from your service era – whatever you have. We won't keep them; we'll scan them and return your originals. Or, if you happen to have one in electronic format, email it!

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## ACROSS

1 sheepish sound

4 one \_\_\_ or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law (Matt 5:18)KJV

6 Your hand will \_\_\_ hold on all your enemies (Ps 21:8)

9 from them that pass by securely as men \_\_\_ from war (Mic 2:8) KJV

11 you have no authority to \_\_\_ taxes, tribute or duty on any (Ezra 7:24)

13 LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your \_\_\_ guard (Isa 52:12)

14 not with Israel, to \_\_\_, with all the children of Ephraim (2 Chron 25:7) KJV

15 anyone who says to his brother, \_\_\_, ' is answerable to the Sanhedrin (Matt 5:22)

16 The \_\_\_ law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor (Gal 5:13-14)

17 the LORD said to him, "Bring me a \_\_\_, a goat and a ram (Gen 15:9)

18 They exchanged the truth of God for a \_\_\_ (Rom 1:25)

19 Heal the sick, cleanse the \_\_\_, raise the dead, cast out devils (Matt 10:8)KJV

22 Strengthen the feeble hands, \_\_\_ the knees that give way (Isa 35:3)

26 They will be a sign and a \_\_\_ to you and your descendants forever (Deut 28:46)

30 No one gathered less than ten \_\_\_ (Num 11:32)

- 33 as \_\_\_ was deceived by the serpent's cunning (2 Cor 11:3)  
 34 plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into \_\_\_ (Joel 3:10)  
 36 words of the prophets declare good to the king with one \_\_\_ (2 Chron 18:12)KJV  
 39 Who can strip off his outer \_\_\_ ? (Job 41:13)  
 40 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase \_\_\_ faith!" (Luke 17:5)  
 41 For my yoke is \_\_\_ and my burden is light (Matt 11:30)  
 42 The sons of Shem: Elam, \_\_\_, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram (1 Chron 1:17)  
 43 rulers hold no \_\_\_ for those who do right (Rom 13:3)  
 44 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the \_\_\_ ashore (John 21:11)  
 45 Test me, O LORD, and \_\_\_ me, examine my heart and my mind (Ps 26:2)  
 46 These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from \_\_\_ (Mark 7:6)

## DOWN

- 1 he tore the lion apart with his \_\_\_ hands (Judg 14:12)  
 2 "It is mine to \_\_\_ ; I will repay," says the Lord (Rom 12:19)  
 3 they will provide me safe-conduct until I \_\_\_ in Judah (Neh 2:7)  
 4 They will sparkle in his land like \_\_\_ in a crown (Zech 9:16)  
 5 offerings and sacrifices, your \_\_\_ and special gifts (Deut 12:11)  
 6 Then he gave a \_\_\_ of bread, a cake of dates and a cake (2 Sam 6:19)  
 7 Who may \_\_\_ the hill of the LORD? (Ps 24:3)  
 8 Paul stayed for a \_\_\_ and a half, teaching them the word of God (Acts 18:11)  
 10 Blessed is the man who will \_\_\_ at the feast in the kingdom of God (Luke 14:15)  
 12 I press on toward the goal to win the \_\_\_ for which God has (Phil 3:14)  
 19 The \_\_\_ of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip (Ps 37:31)  
 20 cooking utensil (2 Sam 13:9)  
 21 the gazelle, the \_\_\_ deer, the wild goat, the ibex (Deut 14:5)  
 23 But unless you repent, you \_\_\_ will all perish (Luke 13:3-4)  
 24 Blessed \_\_\_ the pure in heart, for they will see God (Matt 5:8)  
 25 testifies to these things says, "\_\_\_ , I am coming soon" (Rev 22:20)  
 27 He will \_\_\_ and will exalt himself over everything that is called God (2 Thess 2:4)  
 28 This man is not doing anything that deserves \_\_\_ or imprisonment (Acts 26:31)  
 29 he did not \_\_\_ to sorcery as at other times (Num 24:1)  
 30 so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by \_\_\_ counsel. (Prov 27:9) KJV  
 31 LORD said, "I have indeed seen the \_\_\_ of my people in Egypt. (Ex 3:7)  
 32 but to serve, and to give his life as a \_\_\_ for many (Matt 20:28)  
 34 eyes of the LORD, which \_\_\_ to and fro throughout (Zech 4:10) NKJV  
 35 saw his star in the \_\_\_ and have come to worship him (Matt 2:2)  
 37 And he touched the man's \_\_\_ and healed him (Luke 22:51)  
 38 Hiram king of \_\_\_ sent messengers to David (2 Sam 5:11)