



The Lighthouse

Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church

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Guest Speakers

August 30: John Hillyer
"Finishing Strong" Hebrews 12:1-3

Sept. 6: Donald Busch
"Oil, Dew & Unity" Psalm 133

Sept. 13: Richard Griffin
"Care, Not Upholstery" Psalm 124

Sept. 20: TBD

Sept. 27: Donald Busch

Take Note

Prayer List Change

Beginning this past Wednesday, the prayer list that is e-mailed out and posted on the website will no longer contain information regarding the Child's and the Thompson's for security reasons. The printed copies in the foyer will have information regarding these missionaries. Thanks!

Address Change

Ruth Stinson has moved to a facility near her son in North Carolina. Her new address is:
Parkwood Village, Room 209
1730 Parkwood Blvd.
Wilson, NC 27893

This Week **Aug. 30-Sept. 6**

Sunday:

Morning Worship	10 AM
Fellowship/Refreshments	11:15 AM
Youth Group	7 PM

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting	7 PM
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Giving on 8/23/09: \$622.00

Attendance 8/23/09: 33

Pastoral Search Committee Update

The committee has reviewed approximately 130 resumes, including 20 from Mission Northeast (Conservative Baptist) and the remainder from three on-line ministry databases (www.pastorfinder.com, www.ministrylist.com [a ministry of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary] & www.denverseminary.edu/job-board/ [a ministry of Denver Seminary, a Conservative Baptist seminary]).

In addition to reviewing applicants resumes, the committee asked prospective pastors to answer the following questions:

1. In what areas have you seen God working in your life this past year?
2. What do you consider to be your strengths in your pastoral ministry?
3. What areas of your pastoral ministry do you feel need the most growth?
4. Describe the growth of your present church during your ministry.
5. Based on what you know about Grace Baptist Church, what would be your plan for growth?

When an applicants resume and answers to GBC's questions seemed like a good fit for our church, we requested examples of sermons. After reviewing resumes, answers to questions and sermons, the list of 130 men has been reduced to 10 men. Late last week, we sent out some additional information regarding the church and asked the men to let us know within 2 weeks whether or not they are still interested. We have heard back from 8 men so far.

We believe that our Sovereign God has one man chosen to be senior pastor of GBC and we just want to be sensitive to His choice. We would just ask that you would pray to that end. Thank you.