



The Lighthouse

Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church

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Guest Speakers

May 31: Donald Busch
"Encouragement from Festive"
Book of Haggai

June 7: Richard Griffin

June 14: John Hillyer

Potluck Lunch/Meeting

We will be having a Potluck lunch and congregational meeting on June 14th after the worship service. It will be a time to welcome John Hillyer and his family. Please sign up in the foyer to bring a main dish and either salad or dessert.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL REUNION

June 13, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship as we look back over the history of Grace Christian School. There will be food, graduation slide shows, lots of pictures and a chance to walk the hall of GCS once more and remember the good times spent there. As part of our festivities we will be having an impromptu mini-concert by the Saint Society at approx. 6:30p.m., including any former members who would like to participate. RSVP: by 6/10/09 at 424-2552. Donations are being accepted for the benefit of the GCS Staff.

This Week

May 31 – June 7

Sunday:

Morning Worship	10 AM
Fellowship/Refreshments	11:15 AM
Bible Study w/Lyn Swenson	6 PM
Youth Group	7 PM

Tuesday:

Search Committee Meeting	7 PM
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Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting	7 PM
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Giving on 5/24/09: \$1270.25

Attendance 5/24/09: 36

Notice from the Elders

The elders will be interviewing families over the next 1-2 months in order to help capture where we should be directing our ministries at Grace Baptist Church. These questions are not factual ones per se, but are instead designed to reveal the things that we like and don't like and the reasons why. The result of this exercise will reveal what we value (and don't), what our vision is for our church, what its mission is and our strategy for accomplishing that vision.

A sample of the questions that we will be asking are shown below:

- Over the history of GBC, who would you say is its hero? Why?
- What are your favorite memories of Grace Baptist Church?
- What metaphors would you use to describe the church?
- What does the architecture of the church building communicate about the church?
- What is the most powerful memory while at Grace Baptist Church?
- What first attracted you to Grace Baptist Church?
- What do you remember as your earliest experiences of church in general?
- How is GBC different from the one you went to as a child?
- What was the best decision that this church ever made?

We ask that you allow us into your homes to get your feedback on these and other questions. We also want to be available to hear you and do our best to support and encourage you. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

In Christ,
Bob Bragdon
Ray Brown
Donald Busch