

Message from Pastor Dean

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life

Deut 30:19-20 NIV

Moses reminds us that the choices we make in life have their repercussions. They can hurt or they can heal.

Life's Healing Choices

We've all been hurt by other people, we've hurt ourselves, and we've hurt others. And, as a result, every single one of us ends up with some sort of *hurt, hang-up* or *habit*. But the question we all face is, "*Where do we go from here?*"

Life's Healing Choices offers freedom from our hurts, hang-ups and habits through eight healing choices that promise true happiness and life transformation. Using the Beatitudes of Jesus as a foundation, Rick Warren and John Baker developed the eight choices featured in this program.

Through making each of these choices, you too will find God's pathway to wholeness, growth, spiritual maturity, happiness, and healing. You'll find real *answers*, real *hope*, and a real *future*—one healing choice at a time.

We will be meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings beginning July 2. Come join pastor Dean and Bill Allan for this spiritual adventure. Call the office for further details, or to order your materials.

Many Thanks!

We want to express our thanks to Lori Starnier and Roxanne Boverhuis for their years of stellar service to our congregation. We wish them well, and pray God's blessings upon them as they venture into other pursuits.

We welcome Sunny Seitz to our staff, as our new church treasurer. SPRC will be meeting shortly to consider how to best fill the current staff vacancy to meet the congregation's needs.

Member Care Training

Pastor Dean will be leading training for a new Member Care Program beginning Tuesday, August 18. Are you interested in strengthening the connections between Grace UMC and its members, constituents and visitors? If so, this ministry may be for you. We will learn how to strengthen the connection through a variety of contact methods. Please contact Pastor Dean or the church office if you have questions or are interested in this ministry opportunity.

Special Music is needed for Our Summer Worship Services

Will you share your musical talent? During the summer months the choirs take a break. If you would like to or you know someone who would like to provide special music for either of the worship services this summer, please, contact the church office 527-4607.

Prayer & Praise Sisters

The Prayer & Praise Sisters will meet once a month during the summer.

On July 22 they will meet at the church at 8:15. On August 19 they will meet at Tom & Tiffs at 8:14 and they will be celebrating Orville Tackett's & Lori Murphy's birthdays. You are invited to join the Prayer & Praise Sisters for prayer, praise and sharing in fellowship.

If you have questions call Louise Weber.

MOPS Events

July 11 – Children's Items Garage Sale at Grace UMC from 8 a.m. to noon.

July 14 –Pizza Hut Fundraiser 5-8 p.m.

July 23 – Book Club at 6:30 p.m. at Jacque Butler's House

August 11 – Pizza Hut Fundraiser 5-8 p.m.

August 19 – MOPS Open House – Life on Planet MOM at 6:30 p.m. at Grace UMC

August 29 – Keg Creek Days at Glenwood Lake Park – MOPS will have a booth

For more information about MOPS contact Monica Mayberry or Amber Dyer.

Mission Trip to Bolivia

July 18th Mike Joyce is leaving for Bolivia as a representative of Grace United Methodist Church to assist Dr. Bill Janecke and his wife, Heidi, in their ministry to people of Bolivia.

On this two-week trip Mike will work on a drainage project and he'll work at the veterinary school providing instruction on orthopedic surgery. He will be helping them help themselves.

Donations are being accepted at Grace UMC towards the expense of the trip and repairs to the drainage project.

2009 Ingathering Kits

This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Iowa Conference Thanksgiving Ingathering. Each year our Mission Committee selects kits to take to Ingathering and invites the congregation to donate items or cash towards those kits. The kits chosen for July and August are as follows:

July – School Kits provide tools for education, which changes lives. In countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms, a school kit may be their only educational resource. Kit items needed are: (kit value is \$11.00)

3 notebooks (wide ruled)	1 2 ½" eraser	1 blunt scissors
1 30 cm metric ruler	1 box of 24 crayons	1 hand pencil sharpener
6 unsharpened pencils	1 14" x 16" cloth bag (finished size) with 22" handles.	

August – Layette Kits provide women with basic supplies for the needs of their new babies.

Kit items needed are: (kit value is \$35.00)

6 cloth diapers	2 one-piece body suits (Onesies)
2 receiving blankets	2 gowns or sleepers
2 baby washcloths	2 diaper pins
1 sweater or jacket (open in front)	

Is the Gift of Mobility & Hope Stored Away in Your Closet?

PET at 1908 Heriford in Columbia, MO is seeking used wheelchairs, walkers that fold, crutches, canes and other mobility devices. The devices are given to Hope Haven. Hope Haven distributes more than 8,000 wheelchairs a year, and they have made distributions in 104 countries.

July & August Committee Meetings

July 1	Trustees	7:30 p.m.
July 8	Church Council	7:30 p.m.
July 14	Discipleship	7:00 p.m.
July 15	S.S. Teachers	6:00 p.m.
July 15	Education	6:30 p.m.
July 15	Missions	6:30 p.m.
August 13	Finance	7:00 p.m.
August 19	Education	6:30 p.m.

Chuck Wagon Dinner

Help "Pay the Debt" Fundraiser

Saturday, August 22 5-7:30 p.m.

At the American Legion

Meal: Pork Loin Sandwich, Beans, Chips, Dessert

Sing along, Miscellaneous Auction, Drawings

(When cleaning-out this summer save some good items to donate to the Auction.)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children that were in Pre-K-the 5th grades this past school year are invited to participate in the One-Room Summer Sunday School Program.

The children will meet in the Fellowship Hall during the regular Sunday School hour (9:00-10:00). The Toddlers & 2's, Nursery, Jr. & Sr. High classes will continue to meet during the summer months. Summer dates are from June 7th – August 23.

GREAT CAMPERSHIPS

available through the Mission/Outreach and the Endowment Committees. Now the church will help families sending their children to church camps this summer by offering them a campership of 2/3's up to \$200.00 for each child! There is also a small fund available from the UMW group. For details, contact the church office M-F from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

“Crocodile Dock” VBS Kids will Explore Miracles

Our VBS is July 27-July 31. It's Free and it's for children Pre-K through 6th grade. A light supper is served at 5:00 p.m. and activities go till 8:30 p.m. Online registration is available now for participants and volunteers at: <https://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/glenwoodgrace>. If you prefer a hard copy of the registration form, they will be available at the church.

There are two ways that you can assist in this awesome ministry. You can volunteer to be a Bayou Crew Leader that travels with a group of students as they learn that fearless kids shine God's light, or sponsor a child. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board downstairs by the office. You may also sponsor a child by donating \$20 (one child's week at VBS) and your reward will be to see kids' love for God grow deep and their excitement about sharing his love bubble over. Just write "VBS" in the memo of your check and place it in the offering plate.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this awesome ministry. VBS is a great way for our church to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the Kingdom.

Change in Age Level Groupings

The Sunday School Teachers and the Education Committee have made a very difficult decision to reorganize the structure of our regular Sunday School program. Beginning in August 2009 we will divide our classrooms to coordinate with our curriculum. The classes we will offer are:

1. Nursery Class for children 2-3 years old.
2. Pre-School Class for children that are 4 or will be 4 by September 15th.
3. Kindergarten/1st Grade Class.
4. 2nd/3rd Grade Class.
5. 4th/5th Grade Class.
6. Jr. High will now consist of 6th-8th Grades.
7. Sr. High will consist of 9th-12th Grades
8. Adults

Volunteers Needed for Next Fall

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of our children's ministry areas.

- **God's Kids** is an after-school group that usually meets on the first Wednesday each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Rosters that include parental help each month and easy spiritual learning activities make this a great ministry for people that have very little extra time on their hands. This group is for 2nd – 5th grades.
- **Jesus' Shining Stars** is an after school group for children in Kindergarten through 1st Grades. This small group uses a mid-week Bible Club format and curriculum. They meet from 3:30- 4:30 each Wednesday.
- **Sonshine & Youth Choirs.** We could use someone to lead this group of 2nd-5th graders and 6th -8th graders for the first 15 minutes of Sunday School or on Wednesday afternoons. If you love music and children, this is a great opportunity.

Looking for Pictures

For Rally Sunday on September 20, the Nurture and Education Committee is assembling a display including pictures of activities over the past year involving our children. If you have pictures you would like to share, please send them to Tammie Epperson or email them to tammieepperson@yahoo.com. The pictures can be from VBS, Joy Choir, Grace Notes, God's Kids, MYF, Advent Festival, camp, Christmas program, etc.