

## ***Rhythms of Grace!***

*An Amazing Evening of Song, Dining and Dance!*

### **Mark Your Calendars Now!**

October 15th - 6:30 PM  
Advent Episcopal Church  
815 Piedmont Drive

On October 15th, the Friends of Grace Mission bring you the Big Band Sounds of the Tallahassee's own **Thursday Night Music Club**. The evening will combine great food with outstanding entertainment, fun and fellowship to benefit Grace Mission's ministries for "the least of" our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information on ***Rhythms of Grace***, including ticket sales and sponsorships, call 224-3817 or visit [www.gracemission.net](http://www.gracemission.net).

## **Water Walks**

*John Booth*

A Baptist cousin who has been on mission trips once observed that – leaving money aside – it is sometimes easier to cross the ocean to tell foreigners about Jesus than it is to cross the street to tell our neighbors. And indeed, sometimes it is. But Grace Mission has found a way to evangelize our neighbors, in Frenchtown, that is non-threatening, non-confrontational and (leaving the heat aside) fun!

We load up a couple of garden wagons with ice and bottled water, little tracts about Grace Mission's schedule and services, and head off in a pair of teams to make the circuit on a Saturday morning. A van with extra ice and water is nearby, in case supplies run low or someone needs a ride back to the Church. Anyone we meet is offered a cold bottle of water and a chance to learn (if they don't already know) about Grace Mission, along with a smile and a friendly greeting from a cross-section of the community.

Most are grateful to receive the water and the information. Nothing is asked in return. It is a free gift, in keeping with Jesus' love that is the reason for making the journey in the first place.

Does it make a difference? An educated guess would be yes, but that is part of the appeal of this down-to-earth (or "on-the-sidewalk") informal way of witnessing. We don't have to worry about that. We plant the seeds and the Holy Spirit does the work of harvesting in His perfect time. And as more than one participant has remarked, "It made me feel good."

We try to have water walks (in cold weather they become coffee and soup walks) the last Saturday of the month. If you would like to join us in spreading the Good News, call 224-3817 or visit Grace Missions website at <http://www.gracemission.net>.

It does a body good. *It does The Body good, too!*

## **From the Deacon's Desk**

*Deacon Jeanie Byers*

### ***Pray Always!***

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. Lk.18:1 (NRSV)

At Grace Mission we take the Lord's request to pray always and at all times and in all places very seriously. We are attempting to under gird all that we do in prayer.

As in most churches, we include Intercessory Prayers in our worship and continue to intercede throughout the week for those whose names are on our prayer request cards. We have been blessed to see our congregation respond to this opportunity to pray for their loved ones and themselves. Some days our spontaneous prayers from the congregation are one of the most powerful parts of the service.

If you have been one of the faithful supporters of our bi annual Pray and Wash Event (car wash), you have enjoyed a shiny clean car that has been washed by members of Grace. And you have also been blessed and sent off in prayer for your safety, protection and continued well being.

Monthly, Grace Mission reaches out to our community in Frenchtown by walking through the neighborhood offering cold bottles of water to our neighbors in the hottest times of year and soup and coffee in the colder months. These Water Walks are not only times to provide for neighbors' physical thirst, but a time to offer prayer for their spiritual and emotional thirst as well. We pray with many of our new friends right on the spot and take their prayer requests to Grace Mission to include in our Intercessory Prayers.

The last Thursday of the month, Grace offers a quiet time of prayer from 10-12pm. We invite you to join us at that Holy time. It is a time to be still and let the Lord bless you. With the hectic pace of our lives, it is a gift to carve out a time of solitude and silence.

One of the newest additions to Grace Mission is our Tuesday Evening Healing Service. All of us are in need of God's healing touch in our emotional, physical and spiritual lives. Jesus came to love and heal and at Grace Mission we are learning that Jesus' healing ministry is as powerful now as it was during His life 2,000 years ago. We are seeing healing happen and watching people being restored to wholeness. "Come and see" on Tuesday evenings at 5:30.

All of us at Grace Mission are grateful for each of you! We ask that you to continue to keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours!



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# Grace HAPPENINGS



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## Words of Grace

*The Rev. Amanda Nickles, Vicar*

When Jesus was asked to sum up the whole of the Law, he answered by coupling the great Deuteronomy edict about loving God (6:4) and the seemingly lesser law of Leviticus about loving your neighbor (19:8).

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27).

Why did Jesus combine them? Because he knew that they were essentially one law. Love comes from one source: God. For many people it’s hard for them to believe that God loves them – we see and hear that quite often at Grace Mission. But, we remind them of God’s love through His only Son, Jesus Christ and offering that love to them. Grace Mission is first and foremost a ministry of love. We love, said John, because God first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Working with those that are poor, homeless and addicted is loving Jesus. We can’t love Him with just our personal piety or prayer. That’s needed but it’s not enough. We need to follow Him to the fringes of society, bringing His love to the masses. We’re called to reach out our love to our neighbors and God has given us a wonderful vision to step into...

“But all of us who are Christians...reflect like mirrors the glory of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18).

Thank you for your support and commitment to Grace Mission. The current world-wide debt crisis has greatly impacted Grace Mission financially. We need your help. Join us in reaching out our love to those in desperate need of God’s love. Help Grace Mission be the reflection of the Lord’s glory!

FHS,  
Pastor Amanda +

### **www.gracemission.net updated!**

Grace Mission’s website has been completely reconstructed! The new site has information on all of our services, ministries, outreach programs and ways YOU can become involved with this unique mission for Christ. And you can even donate online through PayPal! Visit [www.gracemission.net](http://www.gracemission.net) today!

## Making Memories

*Elizabeth Crowe, Grace Children’s Ministries*

This summer the children had a wonderful time as they played at Camp St Michael and Camp Weed; learned how wild God is about them in Vacation Bible School’s Pandamania; learned to shoot hoops at FSU’s Future Lady ‘Noles Basketball Camp; did arts and crafts; and splashed at a pool party. (WHEW!) They’ll have these special memories tucked away forever!

Now that school has started, they are anxious to begin the After School Program and Awana Club, our two major fall children’s programs. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays they have their own tutor in the after-school program. Thursdays they come for Awana Club, a Christian club for boys and girls K – 5th grade to learn about God, Jesus and the Bible. They memorize Bible verses, play games and hear a Bible story.

For some, is their only exposure to hearing the Gospel and learning about God. Last year they arrived hungry, so we are adding dinner at 5:30 PM and will send them home with snacks for the weekend.

Adding dinner and snacks means additional staffing to make that happen. We need people to bring, prepare (at Grace Mission) or arrange for dinner at 5:30 PM for about 25 children on Thursday evenings and to pack their take-home snacks. Dinners can be simple kid-friendly meals, like tacos, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, pizza, spaghetti, etc.

Our fall Awana Club meetings start on September 29th and run through November 17th, so we have eight Thursdays to schedule individuals or small groups of four to five people to come do this. Families and youth groups are welcome to sign up for this outreach project that can be done in an evening.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Thursday evening and blessing the children with a yummy meal and snacks, your presence and another special memory! Fran Curtin is graciously coordinating scheduling for this and can be reached at 422-2303 or at [firstmouse8@embarqmail.com](mailto:firstmouse8@embarqmail.com).

If you’re interested in a more long term commitment, consider being an Awana Club leader! Contact Elizabeth Crowe at [elizabeth.grace@nettally.com](mailto:elizabeth.grace@nettally.com) or 320-2233 for more information.



## Grace Happens - Come and See!

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