

Welcome Grace Mission's New Board Members!

JAMEY McCLENNY has been in the financial services industry for seventeen years as a Registered Investment Advisor representative and a life insurance agent. He has been happily married to Carolyn McCleNNy for twenty-three years and they have three teenage daughters. They are members of St. Peter's Anglican Church where he serves as Acolyte Master, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and is active in youth ministries and church missions. He is a UNC graduate and is a rabid Tar Heel basketball fan. In his spare time, he breeds and trains British Labrador Retrievers with his daughters and is an avid duck hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman.

BILL WARD has lived in Tallahassee since 2005 and worships at Crossway church. He has worked in construction sales and marketing for 25 years and is employed by Quest Construction Products. He is active in Kairos Prison Ministry and volunteers with Pat's Pantry for the Poor. The Ward's have a family ministry providing solar power units to rural pastors in Eastern Uganda. He has been married to Laura Paynter Ward for 23 years and they have 3 children: Will (18); Sarah (17); and, Jeb (14).

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hope to partner with 12 churches that will be willing to volunteer One Saturday – once a year – to help deliver and distribute food to those in need.

Grace Mission is moving the Children's Program into the Joe Lewis Housing Project, as well. There are 200 residential units in the Joe Lewis Housing Project and approximately 200-300 children we can reach for Christ.

At Grace Mission we continue to step out onto the road... won't you join us? Maybe you have been asking God the same question, "What if I could do this for you, God?" Maybe it's time to be swept off, too...for His sake. Thank you for your support!

*My Love to you in our Lord,
Pastor Amanda+*

Blues and BBQ - Saturday, June 8th!

Mark your calendars for Grace Mission's Second Annual **Blues and BBQ** at the American Legion Hall!! Doors open at 6:00 - music begins at 7:00 PM, featuring **Brett Wellman and the Stone Cold Blues Band!** Admission is \$10/ Delicious BBQ dinner \$7. For more information and ticket sales, call 850-224-3817 or visit www.gracemission.net.

From the Deacon's Corner

Deacon Jeanie Beyer

Grace Mission is stepping out onto the road this summer in obedience to where we believe God is leading us next. We are taking bold steps with great faith as we take new ministries into the projects in order to serve and feed more families and their children in Christ's Name.

But ministry is not something we can do alone. We need the Body of Christ to step out or get swept up with us. Everyday at Grace Mission, we watch our members risk to be swept off their feet and out in the unknown as they learn to trust God with their lives and their future.

Just this week, we had an altar call at our Sunday worship service. Those who felt like "all hell was breaking out in their lives" were invited to the altar to receive anointing and an "inbreaking" of God into their lives. Over half of the congregation came forward. Can you imagine the risk, discomfort and possible embarrassment involved in coming forward in front of your peers?

We see this same boldness on Tuesday night at the Healing Service. In hopes for a better life, for more stability or for healing from addictions and broken lives; one by one members come forward asking for prayers and healing from the most shameful and secret places in their lives.

We see the Holy Spirit sweep them out of their seats and bring them before God's Holy Altar seeking forgiveness, healing and transformation.

Our members are stepping out on the road and risking the unknown, the uncomfortable and the unimaginable. They are healing and are growing in their faith and trust in God. And as they heal one person at a time, we see them stepping out in other ways as they take ownership of their church and step out to serve as a volunteer, a band member, acolyte, reader or prayer warrior.

Stepping out on the Road (Frodo)... "there is no knowing where you might be swept off to" but the rewards will be great.

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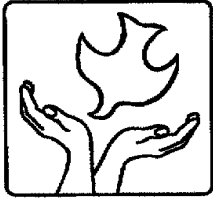
This new venture is filled with a myriad of challenges and opportunities, but I'm stepping out in faith knowing that Christ and our Christian community are with me. You can step out onto the road with us by volunteering your time or donating goods/supplies. Contact me at elizcrowe@comcast.net or 850-320-2233 with your questions or to volunteer.

*In His love,
Elizabeth*

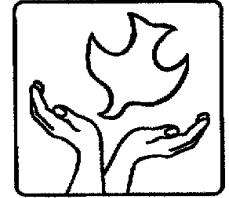


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Words of Grace

The Rev. Amanda Nickles, Vicar

“It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, stepping outside your door. You step out onto the Road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.” *Lord of the Rings*

At Grace Mission we have *stepped out onto the road*; and we are continually amazed at where we are being *swept off to*. The call of Christ on our lives propels us forward in mission – *onto the road* so to speak - despite great challenges. But, throughout the history of Grace Mission we have seen God’s provision time and again. This risky business of church, especially an outreach mission church, is a daily practice of faith in which we allow Christ to use us in spite of our circumstances and shortcomings.

For the past couple of years, we have been asking “What if” – “*What if God we could do this or that for you?*” At unexpected moments we have received some whispers from Him and doors have opened while others have closed. *Stepping out onto the road* with Christ isn’t always easy, can be downright uncomfortable and uncertain but one thing we know as Christians – we do not step out alone especially when we are stepping into His will. The whole process is a journey taking time, patience, prayer and presence keeping Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

The road we were swept off to began with the Organic Garden, Healing Prayer Service with music on Tuesday, the Water Walk and Adopt-A-Lot Outreach, The Reading Academy, Children’s Bible study night, partners with Goodwill Industries, Inc....to name a few of the newer ‘roads’ at Grace Mission.

But the call of Christ in our lives keeps propelling us forward in mission – to continually *step out onto the road* and reach others for Christ. Our next step out *onto the road* is the One Campaign. **One Church – One Saturday**...in partnership with HUD, Second Harvest Food Bank and Farm Share we will be delivering wholesome, nutritional food to residents of the Joe Lewis Housing Project in Tallahassee. Our theme is **One Church - One Saturday** and we

A Matter of the Heart

Elizabeth Crowe, Grace Children’s Ministries

The physical road I’m being swept off to is a familiar one, namely Joe Lewis Road where I pick up several of our children who live in Springfield Apartments, Tallahassee’s largest public housing project. But driving that road is very different from actually stepping out onto that road, which I am about to do. With permission from the Tallahassee Housing Authority we are bringing our Summer Reading Academy and our After-School Program to the Springfield Community Center. Our goal is to reach more children and bring them the loving presence of Christ in everything we do. Through these programs we hope to build their potential to succeed in life and to help them discover a world of possibilities beyond their front door, knowing that with God all things are possible.

What better way to meet and engage the children than a fun-filled festival! We are kicking off our children’s events with Christmas in July on Saturday, July 20, complete with a bounce house, games, arts & crafts, face painting, strolling carolers, food, and a clothing give-away. The following week we start our Reading Academy with the theme “Your Passport to the World Through Reading”. We will start with lunch, then focus on teaching reading comprehension strategies as they rotate through four activity centers: reading, crafts & collaborative writing, reading theater, and motion (dance, aerobics, etc.). Reading Academy centers are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for three weeks beginning July 23, with field trips relating to the theme of the week on Thursdays. The goal is not only to build critical reading skills but also to be a refresher before they begin school the week after the academy ends.

Our after-school program will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from September 17 thru mid-April. Each day will start with creative play from 3-4pm, homework/tutor time from 4 – 5, and dinner from 5 -5:45pm. My vision for creative play is for groups or individuals to present fun, interactive enrichment programs in art, music, dance, drama, STEM, fitness, etc. to expose the children to new experiences. This first semester we are limiting the program to no more than 50 children to give us time to work out the kinks.



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