

# Good News

For the Family of Grace

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## Strengthen Your Family This Summer

“Please say that you love me, please!” Brian’s words trailed off into tears as he leaned over the now still form of his father. It was late at night in a large metropolitan hospital. Only the cold, white walls and the humming of a heart monitor kept Brian company. His tears revealed a deep inner pain and sensitivity that had tormented him for years, emotional wounds that now seemed beyond repair.”

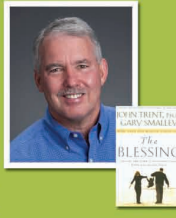
That excerpt from the John Trent book, *The Blessing*, reveals the desperate desire that every person has to be affirmed and to know that he/she is unconditionally loved. What an important ingredient that is for every dimension and direction of family life...towards a spouse, a child, or a parent! Imagine how your family would

### THE BLESSING Challenge for Great Relationships

FRIDAY, July 22 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. SATURDAY, July 23 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



With Dr. John Trent  
Building strong relationships is a key to having a strong church and community. Dr. Trent will present biblical teaching and practical materials from his best-selling books to show how to build strong, God-honoring relationships.



be encouraged if every member knew he/she was appreciated.

Thankfully, we at Grace will have the privilege of welcoming John Trent, the author of those words, for a special family conference this summer. Dr. Trent has written numerous books on family related topics. He will encourage families by speaking on this and related subjects on Friday night, July 22 and Saturday, July 23. The cost for this growth opportunity is \$30/person, \$50/couple, and includes all conference materials, snacks, and lunch on Saturday. You can purchase your ticket at the church office or in the lobby on Sunday mornings.

Plan to pick up a ticket and make ours a congregation rich with “blessing.”

### From the Family...

#### Notes of Thanks

**Brian Krebs:** Thank you so much for providing free oil change services to me and so many others today. I have been unemployed for over two years due to a stroke. I am living on Food Stamps and Social Security Disability. I appreciate your efforts to help me maintain my car during this difficult time in my life. God bless you.

#### Tracy Hipps, Executive Director of

#### Christian Service Mission:

Just a note to let you know how much we appreciate all the wonderful donations you and your congregation sent to us. We are all so grateful for the quick response to this much-needed project. Thank you for thinking of the people in Alabama during this devastating time. We are confident that God will bring something good from this. May God continue to bless your church in a mighty way is our prayer.

#### Christian Sympathy

**Kirk Benchoff family** in the death of his nephew, Patrick.

**Mike Ohlsen family** in the death of his mother, Dorothy.

## Second Greatest Commandment

*“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”*

Most of those who have spent time studying the Bible understand one of the very core issues of a Christian life is that of dealing with self and the fact that life is full of paradoxes. Dying to the tyranny of self and being obedient to God’s word gives the freedom that He promises but would seem by many to enslave one to a life style that is unfulfilling and, perhaps worse, that would not be any fun.

When it is man’s innate nature to be full of self, “You must be born again”, the fact that our culture has evolved to a point where sports and Hollywood have both become the models of appropriate behavior for many doesn’t make it any easier for those who seek to live a consistent biblical lifestyle. It also makes it more than a little challenging to “train a child in the way that he should go.”

Obviously, just as God’s church is not immune from the influences of our culture, neither is Wooster Christian School. We too are in the spiritual battle against our culture to lead our students to learn the truth of God’s word. Let me assure you that it is no small battle.

Our students come to us full of self. They too have to be taught to consider the well being of their classmates. Our culture puts a high premium on achievement. Certainly the sports world absolutely demands winning and our national and state governments demand high test scores. We too want our students to do well and we do recognize their academic achievements, but hopefully, not at the expense of their classmates.

If so, we have failed to do an adequate job of teaching what Jesus called the second greatest commandment. We seek to help our students value the different gifts that God has given each of their classmates. “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.”

Who was it that taught, “And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.”?

Yes, we work very hard to help each of our students do well academically but God’s word still is the foundation and priority for all that we do.

In His service,  
Gary Rogers, Administrator

*“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”*



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*To develop all people into fully devoted followers of Christ.*

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## VISION CELEBRATION

**June 8 at 7:00 PM in the Worship Center**

Action Items: Election of Official Board of Overseers  
Call of the Pastoral Staff  
Approval of the 2011-'12 Annual Budget

### Official Board of Overseers Nominees

**Moderator** (vote for 1)  
Wayne Zacour

**Vice Moderator** (vote for 1)  
Art Hershberger  
Scott Simms

**Treasurer** (vote for 1)  
James B. Pyers

**Member-at-Large**  
(vote for 3 for 3-year term)  
Mike Workman  
Dwight Roseler  
John Weaver

**Nominating Committee**  
(vote for 7)

Beth Brennehan  
John Caesar  
Deb Fetzer  
Gerri Isaacson  
Jeff Kauffman  
DelAnn Miller  
Janene Nagle  
Joseph A. Rabatin  
Jeff Roberts  
Mary Etta Shilling  
Harlene Steiner  
Nancy Winey

**Biographical Descriptions of the Official Board of Overseers Nominees are available at the Welcome Centers.**

### 2011-'12 Proposed Budget

	2010-11	2011-12
Administration	546,195	539,745
Facilities	442,988	457,377
Student	359,561	343,342
Spiritual Growth	125,049	123,811
Women/Children	150,624	156,550
Legacy	67,939	4,829
Worship	260,627	261,893
Local Outreach	255,326	249,506
Missions	494,653	420,787
Mortgage	342,160	342,160
Equipment/Repairs	275,878	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,321,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

Complete Budget Information is available at the Life Essentials Ministry Table.



**Kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to a week of summer fun at a Neighborhood Bible Club (NBC)**

**Held weekly in July**  
(some clubs also scheduled in June & August)

Call Grace Brethren Church at 330-264-9459 for a location near you



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 20 - 24**  
**9:00 - 11:45 am**

**REGISTRATION FORMS** available at the table in the lobby or download one at [www.woostergrace.org](http://www.woostergrace.org)

**Kids who are 5 by August 1 or entering kindergarten to those completing 6th grade are invited to a week filled with games, crafts, songs, skits, snacks, and Bible stories!**

