

# Good News

For the Family of Grace

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## *With All My Heart...*

*Somebody said Easter Sunday is the New Year's Day of the soul. On New Years, we're grateful for the past twelve months and anticipate what's ahead. On Easter weekend, we are grateful for the backward gaze of Good Friday at the Crucifixion. But on Easter morning, we celebrate the power of Christ's resurrection.*

*There is no doubt about it...Easter is my favorite time of year. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can experience help for the heartaches of the past, hope for the problems of today, and heaven as the promise for tomorrow.*

*I can't think of a better time to invite a guest to come to one of our services than Easter. Our schedule is changed a bit this year in order to accommodate all*

*those who want to attend. Contemporary services will be held Saturday, April 23 at 6 P.M. and Sunday, April 24 at 9 and 11 A.M. in our Family Center. Traditional services will be held Sunday, April 24 at 8 and 10 A.M. in our Worship Center.*

*I invite you to begin praying for five people who might join you on Easter. Imagine what would happen if every person just brought one guest to our services. There is no better opportunity for someone to hear about the saving power of Jesus Christ than*

*Easter!*

*Plan to join us, invite a guest and pray that God works in powerful ways this Easter!*

*With all my heart,*





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### OUR MISSION

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

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## Easter at Grace

**GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION - APRIL 22**

11:00 AM AND 6:30 PM

CHILDCARE THROUGH AGE 5 AT 6:30 PM

**EASTER CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

6:00 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE IN THE FAMILY CENTER

CHILDCARE THROUGH AGE 5

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

8:00 & 10:00 AM TRADITIONAL IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

9:00 & 11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY IN THE FAMILY CENTER

CHILDCARE THROUGH GRADE 4

NO ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITIES

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED 8:30 - 10:30 AM



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# Stewardship Insights for Today

At the end of last year, President Obama signed into law the **Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010**.

Sec 725 of the new law reinstates the **IRA Charitable Rollover** for 2010 and 2011. If you are age **70½ or older and own a traditional IRA**, then ask your tax professional or financial advisor how the Charitable IRA Rollover can help you save some taxes while helping ministries like Wooster Grace Brethren Church or Wooster Christian School.

When you “withdraw” some of your IRA funds, that withdrawal is considered as “income” and subject to income taxes. However, if you “rollover” a portion of your IRA directly to a non-profit organization, that gift is not subject to income taxes. This donation also counts toward your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).

The law permits you to transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to one or more public charitable organizations. Your spouse can also participate up to the \$100,000 limit.

Since you don't have to itemize your deductions, it makes it much easier to make your charitable donation, even if you are taking only the standard deduction. Since a qualified IRA rollover is generally not included in gross income, it is not subject to state income tax.

Since everyone's financial situations differ, it is very important that you consult your tax advisor to find out how this can best benefit your specific situation. The 2011 extension ends on December 31, 2011.

In addition to the rollover extension, the new law contains a number of significant provisions that will impact charitable planners:

- 2-yr extension of all the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts.
- 2-yr adjustment of the estate tax with a \$5 million individual exemption and a 35% rate.
- 2-yr extension of the alternative minimum tax “patch.”
- 2-yr extension of various charitable giving provisions such as enhanced deductions for contributions for food inventory, increased limits for contributions of capital gain real property for conservation purposes, and special rules for contributions of property by S corporations.

Detailed information on the law can be found at the below gov site... in Section 725:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-111hr4853enr/pdf/BILLS-111hr4853enr.pdf>

**8TH ANNUAL EASTER FOOD DRIVE**



**Giving Hope to Hungry People**

*Nearly 500,000 of Ohio's children are hungry or at risk of hunger each day! Here is your chance to help make a difference by providing one or more food boxes and sharing the love of Christ with families in our community. Again there is a great need in our community. Please help!*

**Delivery Dates: April 16 & 17**

**Feed the Need**

*“In our community, no one should go hungry – one hungry child is one child too many.”*

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” (Jesus Christ)*



Parent/Child Dedication Class, Sunday, May 1 at 11 am. This class is for parents planning to have a child dedicated at a Parent/Child Dedication Service on May 8. Complete the Communication Card to register.

# 211

## Wooster Christian School



It hasn't been in our strength that Wooster Christian School has developed the academic and spiritual program for which it is recognized. We pray for God's guidance daily, seek to follow His leading and credit Him for His work.

Thus, it is that we are asking you to join us in praying for 211 students in 2011. We very fully realize that it will only be through the regular prayers of many people that there is any chance that we will open school in August with 211 students.

Wooster Christian School is a ministry of Grace Brethren Church. We have students from 39 churches and are inviting all of them to join us in the prayer campaign for 211 students. I trust that there is no reason that a Christian could not pray for God to honor that request. WCS is His work.

God's completed work at WCS is our eighth graders. (Not that they are perfect but that is as far as He can take them here – we do not have a high school) One of the things for which I pray is for Christian parents, both those who have children enrolled at WCS and those who do not, to know who they are, the essence of their being, and their academic skills. The reason for sharing that fact is to allow you to pray in good conscience for God to bring 211 students here knowing that He is indeed doing a great work both spiritually and academically.

Please be praying regularly for 211. Thanks very much.

In His service,  
Gary Rogers

## From the Family...

### Notes of Thanks:

**Bill Moses family:** Thank you so much for all the kindness and love demonstrated to Bill and his family during his recent illness and death. Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, food and the beautiful flowers that graced the altar at his service. He loved his church family.

**Alice Miller family:** Thank you so very much for the roses and Bible for mother's funeral. The comfort meal was just wonderful and so very thoughtful. I am enclosing a check for a thank you donation.

### Christian Sympathy

**Andy Kiel family** in the death of his brother, Jeff.

**Elaine Coblentz** in the death of her husband, Perry.

**Mike Boles** family in the death of his brother, Richard.

### Congratulations

**Sarah & Matt Carter** on the birth of Evangeline Ann, 2/28.

**Angie & Brett Hershey** on the birth of Brant Michael, 3/4.

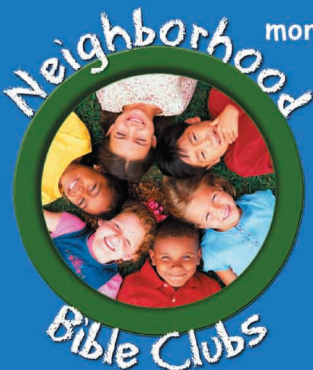
**Jessica & Matt Bowling** on the birth of Adrianna Faith, 3/8.

Join the Team...

## Neighborhood Bible Clubs

June \* July \* August

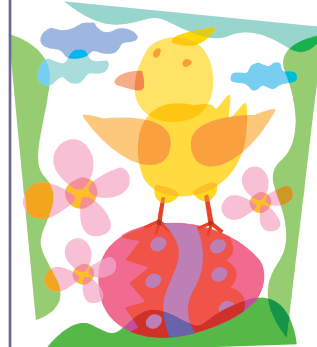
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- ✋ Teacher
- ✋ Host in your home
- ✋ Host in someone else's home
- ✋ Helper
- ✋ Follow up mailings

Stop by the table in the lobby today for a brochure!

## Preschool Easter Party



Saturday, April 9  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$5.00/family  
Available at the Children's Ministry Table