



Good News

For the Family of Grace

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With All My Heart...

59 years! On February 15, my parents will celebrate their wedding anniversary. In August, with God's strength, my wife's parents will also celebrate 59 years as husband and wife.

Would you agree that deserves some recognition? Our extended family is deeply grateful for the significant impact both sets of parents have made through nearly 6 decades of commitment to our Lord and each other. It's not impossible, but it's certainly unusual, isn't it?

When I think about the relationship our folks have enjoyed with each other, one word comes to my mind: "Fidelity." They have modeled faithfulness to each other for all who have known them through the years.

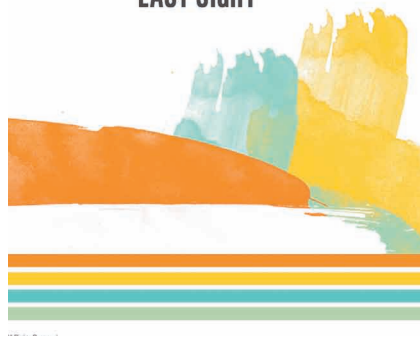
So how do you do that, anyway? How do you live

"hopelessly devoted" to one person all of your life? With all the pressures on marriages today, how can you insure your own marriage will go the distance?

Beginning in February, our Sunday services will tackle these questions. With the assistance of author, Kerry Shook,

we'll discover why the best relationships are ones that demonstrate dedication, trust and commitment. I invite you to join us each week, and bring a guest with you, as we unpack insights into a love relationship that endures through all the hardships and uncertainties of life. Join us for "Love At Last Sight," Sundays at

**LOVE AT
LAST SIGHT**



8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM.

With all my heart,

Sanctity of Human Life

January is the month we celebrate “sanctity of human life.” Usually, this is linked to the protection of the unborn, a just cause, and a fundamental issue of human decency and survival of the human race.

This year, however, I want to put a different spin on this whole issue: the sanctity of Christian life around the world. The holidays are now over, people are trying to lose weight, toys are already broken, pictures are being shared... we survived another hectic end of the year and we had fun (at least most of us!).

But that was not the case for many Christians in Nigeria, Egypt, Iraq, Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia, China, Uzbekistan, Colombia, Philippines, and a host of other countries where Christians are still being the target of brutal attacks simply for the crime of believing in Jesus Christ. Many Christians are victims of false accusations of proselytizing or blaspheming against Islam with harsh sentences that include many years in jail or labor camps.

There is a virulent, violent and vigorous brand of Islam that is killing Christians in some parts of the world. This is undeniable. What is shameful is that the media and the government have, by and large, ignored the plight of Christians living under the

shadow of radical Islam. As one journalist, himself a Jew, put it, “Christians are the Jews of the 21st Century.”

The picture you see accompanying this article is shocking, but it represents the story of a real person with a real name and



Dr. Bert examining Yubelina



a real family. She represents thousands of others who have felt the ire and hatred of radical Islam. Yubelina is a Christian woman who was terribly burned while escaping an attack by radical Muslims on her Christian village in Indonesia. A doctor from Voice of the Martyrs has performed several plastic surgeries on her face and she lives on as a testimony to the kind of violence that is being committed against Christians.

So, as we celebrate “Sanctity of Human Life” month, please continue to remember the unborn. But also remember those who have been born again in countries where it is against the law to change religion. I hope you will decide to pray for the persecuted and do something about speaking on their behalf.

Pastor Ivanildo C. Trindade
Associate Pastor of Outreach Ministries

For more information: <http://www.persecution.com/>

Here is one concrete way to help! Write encouraging letters to the following prisoners:



Li Ying
No. 2 Division, Section 3
Wuhan Female Prison
Wuhan City
Hubei Province, 430032
Peoples Republic of China

Li Ying has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for her role in the publication of an underground Christian magazine in China.



Asia Bibi
District Jail
Sheikhupura
Punjab
Pakistan

A 37 year old Pakistani woman, Asia Bibi, was arrested for sharing her faith and has been sentenced to death.



Dimitry Shestakov
Ispravitel'noye Ucherezhdeniye 64/29
Novoyiskaya Oblast
Uzbekistan

Pastor Dimitry was arrested during a raid of his Full Gospel Church in Andijan and remains in jail since 2007.

Oh, What a Night!

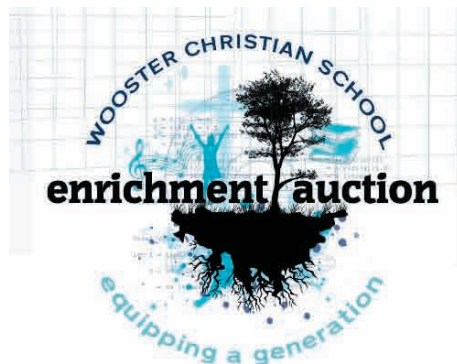
Wooster Christian School



What do an autographed Browns jersey, a Vera Bradley tote bag, tickets to a sporting event, and Stihl yard equipment all have in common? If you've seen our auction display on the north end of the church, you may have guessed correctly. These are all things that, through the generosity of donors and the enthusiastic bidding of our supporters, will bring in money at our Enrichment Auction, which is just days away.

The fun begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, February 11. Once they have registered, guests can browse our 80+ live auction items, view and bid on their choice of over 100 silent auction items, and enjoy delicious gourmet refreshments. At 7:00, the exciting live auction will begin.

Could you use a weekend trip out of town, an overnight stay at a bed and breakfast, or a family vacation? Would you



like to get your hands on some professional sports tickets? What about restaurant gift cards? We have items for everyone, from home décor to yard equipment. Our class

baskets – always a hit! – feature items for chocoholics, gardeners, coffee lovers, kids, scrapbookers, and much more. As usual, we have an amazing selection of autographed sports memorabilia from OSU, Browns, Cavs, and many others.

We were thankful to see so many GBC faces at our event last year! Words cannot express how much it means to our ministry to have the support of the church community, and the auction is the most FUN way to get involved. Won't you join us for a memorable evening on February 11? Your bids will impact young lives for the glory of Christ!

Kristen Fridley

Not yet in a group at Grace? Regardless of your age, gender, or marital status, you need to consider a Home Group! Chances are, one is launching soon close to where you live at a time that works in your calendar:

STERLING/CRESTON/SEVILLE

Norwayne Religious Education Building
Mondays - 7:00 PM (begins February 21)
Hosts & Leaders: Mark & Steph Craig/Mike & Cathy Petrie

WOOSTER

- 1177 W Milltown Road
Wednesdays: 7:00 PM (begins February 16)
Hosts & Leaders: Alan & Linda Streit
- 2582 Shamrock Way - (no childcare)
Thursdays: 6:00 PM (begins February 17)
Hosts & Leaders: Bob & Jane Herald
- 130 E Henrietta Street
Wednesdays - 7:00 PM (begins February 23)
Hosts & Leaders: Charlie & Val Gibson

ORRVILLE/WOOSTER

- 2457 Ruble Drive, Wooster
Mondays: 7:00 PM (begins February 21)
Hosts & Leaders: Garry & Karen Masowich

FREDERICKSBURG

- 10798 Holmesville Road
Wednesdays: 6:30 PM (begins February 16)
Hosts: Mark & Missy Lemon Leaders: Paul & Jennifer Miller

SMITHVILLE

- 465 E Main Street
Thursdays: 7:00 PM (begins February 17)
Hosts & Leaders: Carl & Alice Rehm

*These groups meet every two weeks for 6-8 sessions and dive into a great study called **Crazy Love**. This study will inspire you to move beyond the status quo in your faith.*

Complete the Communication Card to register for a Home Group!





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Grace Kids' Ministries Appreciation Coffee



SUNDAY, February 13
9:00-10:00 AM in room 152

All Children's Ministry Volunteers invited!

Refreshments - Prizes
Training Information

RSVP to your Dept Coordinator by Feb 9

Life Mates
An evening dedicated to enriching, encouraging, and energizing marriages

COFFEE HOUSE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12
7:00 PM - Student Ministries Center
Coffee and Tea Bar beginning at 6:30 PM

Comedy by **Mark Rein**
95.5 the Fish

Tickets are \$10/couple.
On sale today in the lobby!
Includes Coffee and Tea Bar, and Delicious Dessert

Music by **Matt Carter**





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