

# Good News

For the Family of Grace

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## *With All My Heart...*

I have to tell you, I don't do this very often. A few hours ago, I left the hospital room of the oldest living member of our church. He's fighting for his life, and I'm not sure if he will live to read these words.

I first met Stan over 30 years ago when my wife and I moved to Wooster and joined the staff of Grace. Stan and his great wife, Hazel, had begun attending our church a few months earlier. It wasn't long until he retired as a professor at the Ohio State Agricultural Research and Development Center. For all practical purposes, I've only known Stan since he's been retired.

Stan came to Jesus late in his life. I have heard him say that he has grown more as a Christian in the last 30 years than he did in all the combined years of his previous spiritual walk.

Frankly, I've been challenged personally by Stan's hunger for the Truth. I've met few people who demonstrated a greater thirst for knowledge than he did. In fact, Stan seemed to develop that unique balance that Peter described when he said, "*Grow*

*in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18).

I've met many people who have grown in knowledge - but not grace. I've met a few people who have grown in grace - without much knowledge. But the command of Scripture is to grow in both our appreciation of grace and our understanding of the truth about Jesus Christ.

The Bible says that "*grace and truth came through Jesus Christ"* (John 1:17). One of the true marks of spiritual maturity is the development of both grace and truth in a person's life.

Stan Watson has demonstrated the development of both of those qualities. I can't think of a better challenge for all of us as we enter the New Year. Why not follow Stan's example in your desire to "become fully devoted followers of Christ?"

With all my heart,



Happy New Year from the students and staff of Wooster Christian School! It boggles my mind that 2011 has passed and we are starting yet another year. Often people make resolutions for the new year or begin a new tradition. For others it is a fresh start financially or a way to help put the past behind them. For me, personally, I am reminded of Isaiah 43 where God tells us that He is continually doing new things! The challenge for us is to seek out what God is doing and respond. The paradox is that in the midst of the new things God is doing, He is unchanging! Education is a venue where change and new things are constant. As we face the changes, we serve a God that will never change. His love will endure forever! What a great curriculum to teach our students!

Our theme Scripture for the year has been Matthew 6:33 which instructs us to seek God's Kingdom first. We have already spent time focusing on how we can seek God's Kingdom and how we can be a part of Kingdom service. As we kick off the third nine weeks we will shift our emphasis toward how we can build God's Kingdom. We will be dealing with missions and how we all need to live our lives "on mission" for God, regardless of where we are.



Wooster Christian is not exempt from "new things." We are frequently trying out new ideas, evaluating our program, and considering fresh approaches. There are several opportunities

coming up to challenge our students. We will be participating in the ACSI Spelling Bee, hosting a regional junior high leadership conference, and sending several entries to a state-wide Martin Luther King Jr. event/contest. Each opportunity gives the students a chance to think critically, expand their knowledge, and grow.

Another big event coming up is our annual auction. This will be taking place on Saturday, March 3rd from 9am-1pm. Feel free to take a look at our auction website at [www.woosterchristianschool.com/auction](http://www.woosterchristianschool.com/auction). There you can register for the event and preview silent and live auction items. We always have a great variety of items that appeal to a wide variety of tastes and interests. Please consider joining us. Your bid is our blessing!

If you have any questions about Wooster Christian School, or are interested in enrollment info, please contact Julie Green, our Director of Development, at the school.

Randy Claes,  
Administrator



## *From the Family*

### Notes of Thanks

**Vicki & Dwight Roseler:** We want to thank everyone who has reached out to us during this difficult time caring for Vicki's declining parents and the recent death of Vicki's mother, Ruth. Special thanks to the pastors and friends who came to Mom's services, sent flowers, cards, provided meals, and have faithfully prayed for us. We covet your continued prayers as we adjust and care for Vicki's father. Psalm 31:14

### Christian Sympathy

**Carole Reich** family in the death of Shirley Stillwagner.

**Lara Grant** family in the death of John Geiger.

**Carolyn Moon** in the death of her sister.

**Steve Isaacson** family in the death of his father.

**Scott Kantenwein** family in the death of his mother.

### Congratulations

**Jordan & Joshua Garrison** on the birth of Myla Kamille, 11/25.



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*"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news." Isaiah 52:7a*

**Children's Sunday**  
January 29, 2012



LifeMates, Saturday, February 11, 2012. Mark your calendars and join us for "Marriage Minute, Can You Win It?" We will have 4 couples playing games from the Minute to Win It game show as we focus on ways to improve marriages.

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**SOARDUNK**

SOAR is a group of guys from Liberty University who perform trampoline acrobatic basketball shows.

Families are invited to enjoy this free, fast-paced event complete with snacks.

Sponsored by Grace Kids' Ministry and Upward Basketball!

**Saturday, February 4**  
10:00-11:00 AM in the Gym  
Wooster Grace - 4599 Burbank Road

**Wayne County**  
**FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

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**FOOD BANK** Help pack and distribute boxes!

**second Saturdays@GRACE**  
Saturday, January 14  
Meet in room I62 at 9:30 am  
Sign up on the Communication Card to participate!

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