

In One Accord:
Part 1
A Glad Company
Acts 2:40-47

Introduction:

The Elusive “New Testament” church

- Recognizing the Limited Information of the Scriptures & the Lessons of History

- A Caution & a Comfort

According to the Example of Acts 2, a Local Church is, *Essentially*:

1. A **God**-assembled People. vv. 39, 41+47
2. A **Gospel**-rescued People. vv. 22-39 & therefore 40+41
3. A **Gathered** People. “continued” & “together”
4. A **Glad** People. vv. 41+46
5. A **Growing** People. v. 47b

According to the Example of Acts 2, a Local Church *Actively*:

Baptizes

Teaches

Fellowships

Remembers

Prays

Lives a Compelling, Celebratory Witness to a Watching World

The Example of Acts 2, the Limited Information of Scripture & the Lessons of History:

Require that All Our Ministry Updates & Announcements:

1. Reflect our simple & central **Focus** - with pleasure.
2. Promise ongoing **Flexibility**.
3. Avoid man-made **Formula**.

Grace Community Church

Ministry Updates & Announcements

September 21, 2008

Home Groups:

Two initial small group gatherings will begin meeting in October. These gatherings will meet at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (the 14th and the 28th in October). All are welcome to attend and more groups will eagerly be put in place as needed.

West Chester

Leaders - Kent & Diane Simon

Host home - Kent & Diane Simon 610-455-0360

Broomall

Leaders - Frank & Karen Daly 610-789-0294

Host home - Nathan & Lisa Halladay 610-356-3566

Young Adult Fellowship

Steve and Katie Labriola will be leading our Young Adult Fellowship on a new schedule beginning in October. All married and unmarried young adults (including Seniors in High School) are welcome at these times of fellowship and study.

These meetings will also gather on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. The meeting place is yet to be determined, but please feel free to contact the Labriolas for more information at 610-209-1346.

Youth Group

Adam and Jackie Shorey (married as of November 1st (:)) together with Mat and Stephanie Davis will be leading our Youth Group meetings and activities beginning in October.

These meetings will move to the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7:00 pm. The young people will gather at the Shorey home for these meetings. Please contact Adam Shorey for more information at 484-885-4792.

Ministry Leaders Meetings

The first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm there will be a Ministry Leaders meeting at the Shoreys. These gatherings will be times of fellowship, discussion, mutual encouragement, and interaction about the ongoing life of our church family.

These meetings will include, as couples, our pastors, deacon, Home Group leaders, and other leaders of children's, youth, and young adult ministries.

Children's Christmas Choir

Elizabeth Shorey will be gathering together all of the Kindergarten-8th grade children who would like to participate in a Christmas Choir to sing at our Christmas Candlelight Service.

Beginning October 5th, 30-minute rehearsals will be held right after our Sunday services in the 1st-3rd grade Sunday School room. Please speak to Elizabeth if you have any questions. A sign-up sheet is available on the Children's Ministry table beginning today.

Baptism

Sunday, October 19th, we will hold a baptism service at 1:30 at the First Baptist Church, right around the corner. Feel free to bring a lunch for your family and we will enjoy fellowship together in the gym, between our morning service and the baptism service. Beverages will be provided.

In preparation for the baptism service, Don will be teaching on the topic of Christian Baptism (September 28) as part of our "In One Accord" teaching series.

We will also be gathering the following week (October 5) right after the morning service in the 1st-3rd grade Sunday School room, with anyone who would like to participate in the baptism or is exploring being baptized and has questions.

Membership

This past Spring we set aside a process that we had begun to establish Membership here at Grace Community Church.

We are pleased to announce a new and simpler approach to establishing membership in our church family. As of January 1, 2008 a body of founding members will be established. If you would like to be a part of this initial GCC membership please contact us. Let us explain...