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# Thanks...

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, food, flowers and other expressions of concern during my recent eye problems. It's wonderful to be a part of such a caring church family.  
Love, Gwen Peoples and family

Dear Friends of Grace,

The year has been long and almost over. Knowing that you have been a support to my family & to me has helped being away a little easier. I want to thank you for all the support thru your gifts and donations thru out the year. They have been greatly appreciated by the troops and the Iraqi people that have received all that you have sent. My Commanding Officer has told me that in all his deployments he has never seen the gesture of blankets for the people of Iraq, so you are part of something new. I look forward to being home with my family and you soon.

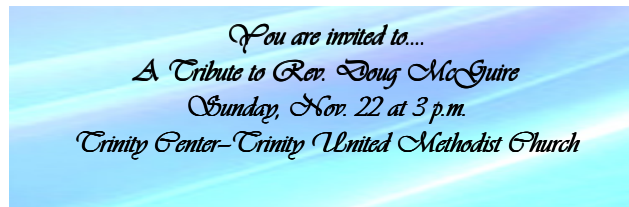
Blessings, Chaplain Jeff Ellis

## Baby Shower for Sarah McVay

Sunday, Nov. 8; 2 - 4 pm

Grace Fellowship Hall

Registered: WalMart, Target & The Children's



### Grace Church extends sympathy to:

Family & friends of Ursula Panula

Joyce Haese, in the loss of her mother, Katie Holstead

Artis Tooke, in the loss of his sister, Mary Fredrick

Janice Taylor, in the loss of her husband, Gerald (Jerry)

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Dear Friends,

Last Sunday I mentioned one of our church's ministries very close to my heart – the Grace Preschool. I have seen what the Preschool has done for my son. Owen's educational and spiritual development has been amazing! Grace Preschool is able to provide this well-rounded environment because of the fearless givers of our congregation.

The little one in the "Super Hero" costume reminds me of our Lord's invitation to you and me to become like little children

who think big and trust God, as we live each day. As we go through the next two weeks of our stewardship emphasis, I invite you to reflect on the different ministries here at Grace that have directly affected your life. These all began with a vision and were made possible by hard work and giving. Many churches have cut staff and ministries because of the downturn in the economy. We at Grace Church, on the other hand have been able to continue each one of ours because we have really "fearless" givers.

Our theme this year is "Fearless Giving in Fearful Times." Despite the bad news so many focus on, our church is a place of "good news. It will continue to be so as long as we keep our fearless focus, and so our Christian faith and ministries will remain united and strong.

As we get closer to Commitment Day on November 15, I pray you fearlessly embrace the great times we are having at Grace, think about your fearless vision for Grace's future, and ask God what He wants you to fearlessly estimate as your giving to Grace Church for 2010. Fearless Giving in Fearful Times – we Christians are not afraid.

God Bless,  
Jeff Robinson  
Stewardship Chair

P.S. Will you do yourself a favor? Make an extra effort to be in worship this Sunday to get the gift we have prepared for you. If you open the gift and use it, it can make a lasting difference in your life.

Invite a neighbor!

**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, Nov. 29**

5:15 pm—7:15 pm

Bring a friend!

For the 2nd annual: **ADVENT ADVENTURE, LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

All are invited to join us for crafts, skits, games and fun as we learn what is the importance of Advent. We especially encourage families to come with their children. Registration began Oct. 25th. Cost is \$5/family. A light supper will be served at 6:30 in the CLC. The Happy Birthday Jesus Party will conclude the evening. Each family attending will receive an Advent devotional booklet to use at home. We hope to see you there!!

Also, this year, we would like to have a Treasured Christmas Keepsake display for viewing in the Living Room.

Maybe it's an ornament your child made, a special stocking, Nativity piece, or other decoration that means something special to you and your family. We'd like to borrow these for that weekend.

Please write a brief story why it is special to you, to share with everyone.