

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 1, 2005

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: James Voth

Youth Pastor: Brett Klingenberg

Keyboard: Chelsea Vaughn

Chorister: Suzy Burch

Music by the Praise Team

To enjoy worship in the best way the Worship Council  
invites you to come prepared to focus on worship,  
leaving the troubles of the world behind.

Enter into worship in a spirit of humility and thanksgiving before God.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to each of our guests! During this time we welcome our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* Brian Doerksen

\* **Gathering Prayer**

\* **Hymn No. 304** *There Are Many Gifts*

**Offering** Mennonite Church USA

## Sharing and Prayers of the Church

**Hymn** *Thy Word*

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path (Repeat)

Verse 1: When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Verse 2: I will not forget Your love for me,  
And yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love you to the end. (To Chorus)

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*

**New Testament Reading** 1 Peter 3:8-22 Pew Bible Page 1202  
Reader: Monica Lichti

**Special Music** *I will not be shaken* Norm Strauss

I will declare my choice to the nations,  
I will shout for joy in the congregation,  
I will worship God; worship God, all my days.  
Those who love the Lord are satisfied,  
Those who trust in Him are justified,  
I will serve my God; serve my God, all my days.  
When the nations crumble, the word of the Lord will stand.  
Kings may rise and fall, His love will endure.  
Though the strong may stumble,  
the joy of the Lord is strength to my soul.  
I will not be shaken, I will not be moved, I will not be shaken.

**Sermon** *Baptism: By faith I bring you through*

*And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*1 Peter 3:21*

\* **Hymn No. 447** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 427** *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

**Postlude**

\* Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## **For Sharing and Prayer**

Pray for Daniel Klaassen, Justin Klassen, Caleb Regehr and Matthew Regier and Pastors Jim and Brett in their catechism retreat at the church today from 5-7 p.m. in preparation for baptism on Sunday, May 15.

Next Sunday Dr. Samson Parekh, the new principal of Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India, will bring the morning message during worship. Dr. Parekh began his work as principal this past December. Union Biblical Seminary is an interdenominational seminary providing Biblical and theological training for church leaders. Students come from all parts of India as well as from other countries.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, during worship there will be a service of baptism as well as the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Alden Dick as he is installed today as pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the Bible teaching ministry among the African Indigenous Churches in Botswana, for new classes that are emerging and for capable leaders. MMN workers Glyn Jones and Susan Allison-Jones ask for prayer to discern ways they can nurture these leaders.

**Today** All Church Carry-in Meal at noon. Drink and table service will be provided. All are welcome to stay.

**This afternoon** The Western District Children's Choir Festival will take place this afternoon in Memorial Hall at Bethel College. Rehearsal will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the program starts at 4:00 p.m. Those in grades 5-8 have learned the music and are encouraged to participate in the choir. All are welcome to attend the 4:00 p.m. program.

**Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.** Grace Hill Golf 'n Fellowship. Come on out to Fox Ridge Golf course in Newton on May 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for 9 holes of golf together. Cost is \$5.35/person. If you plan to come let Pastor Jim or Pastor Brett know. For those who wish we can also plan to stop somewhere for a light supper afterward.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Bible School teachers meeting at Grace Hill in the library.

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

**Next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.** Vesper Service at Wheat State Manor – Mariners S.S. Class is in charge.

**Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Hands of Friendship meet at church. Program: Gardening/Cooking with Herbs with Kay Neff. Devotions: Kaye Penner; Financial Project: Hands of Friendship Treasury.

**May 30 – June 3** Bible School with Zion at Grace Hill.

**June 12** COMING SOON! Don't miss the Grace Hill talent night and ice cream social Sunday, June 12! Invitations to participate are in your mailboxes this morning. Please be thinking of what you can share. Encourage others to bring original creations or share a talent that night. Fill in the back of the invitation and place it in the talent box in the foyer.

## Announcements

**Financial statements** for 2005 1<sup>st</sup> quarter are available on the table by the mailboxes for those who are interested.

**Journey with Joshua and the Grace Hill kids** this summer in Sunday School. Let's give our dedicated Sunday School teachers a much-deserved break! There is plenty of opportunity for helping with this vital ministry of our church. You can be a music leader, story teller, activity coordinator, helper, or early childhood teacher. Refer to the Journey with Joshua flyer for details. Sign up in the foyer during the month of May. This is one summer activity you won't want to miss!

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**You can HEAR the worship service even better using the church's FM radio transmitter.** All that is needed is a small AM/FM radio with headphones. Tune to FM 104.9 and you may receive the worship service seated anywhere in the sanctuary. Several radios are available at church or bring your own. If you have any questions our sound technicians will be glad to assist you.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Deb Regier and Katie Regier

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Chelsea Vaught

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Celebration Singers

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Doug Hiebert and Terry Klassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Western District Conference \$1,192.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Local Church

## CHURCH OFFICES

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## Et Cetera

**Hesston College** presents "Children of Eden" on May 5 at 7:30 p.m., May 6 at 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and May 7 at 1:30 p.m. at AGCO

Theatre, 420 West Lincoln Blvd., Hesston. Call 620-327-8158 to reserve tickets or pay at the door.

**The M-2 (Match two) program of Offender / Victim Ministries** is holding an orientation for new volunteers May 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility East Unit. M-2 is an in-prison Christian friendship program. Your friendship, love and concern can provide the impetus for lasting inner changes. Most of the inmates in M-2 receive no other visits than those of their M-2 friend. Applicants awaiting a friend number around 70. A volunteer commits to visit one evening per month. Contact OVM (316-283-2038) to submit your name and other required information by May 2. You may also email at isaac.ovm@southwind.net.

**Western District Conference** invites you to the first of the congregational "Circling the Conference" information sessions which will be held on Thursday, May 5, at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, at 7:00 p.m. No registration required. The next session will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at the West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, at 7:00 p.m. Become informed about the strategic planning process and projections. For a complete listing of conversation sites, call the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or email us at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org), or visit the website at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

**The Bethel College theater** department will present Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prize-winning dark comedy, one of the most produced American plays of the last eight years, "How I Learned to Drive." The play deals with mature themes including sexual abuse and incest, and there will be a representative from the Harvey County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force available to help lead talk-back sessions after each performance. The dates are Thursday through Saturday, May 5-7, at 8 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students with valid ID. The play is NOT recommended for children. Tickets are on sale at Thresher Bookstore in the Schultz Student Center, or by calling (316) 284-5205.

**India Seminary President to speak:** The new president of Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India, Dr. Samson Parekh, will present an update on the seminary at two dinner meetings: Friday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. Water's Edge Restaurant, Hesston - RSVP to Marlene Habegger, 620-327-5092, [habegger@southwind.net](mailto:habegger@southwind.net) OR Saturday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Whitewater - RSVP to Carol

Claassen, 620-752-3650, [occlaassen@wheatstate.com](mailto:occlaassen@wheatstate.com). Please RSVP by May 2.

**The next Mennonite Singles Group** get together will be at the Breadbasket Restaurant, 219 N. Main, Newton, on Saturday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. If you are single or single again, 30-50's, join us there for the German buffet. The price is \$9.35 per person. Please RSVP to Jared Friesen, 316-729-8660, or Jonathan Ensz, 620-367-4627, or email Karen at [mennosingles606@yahoo.com](mailto:mennosingles606@yahoo.com).

**Open Road**, a men's octet from Bethel College, will present its second annual year-end concert on Sunday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus. The concert will feature a mix of old and new songs from a wide variety of sacred and secular genres, including spiritual, folk, contemporary and classical, among others. The event is free and open to the public.

**Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the 2005 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** on Tuesday, May 10, at the First Mennonite Church, 52 Rambler Road, Hutchinson. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person, and is payable at the door. Please RSVP by May 6 to Kendall Claassen or Kim or Debbie Claassen.

**Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide** will air again on national television. It will air on May 15 at 11:00 a.m. on Hallmark Channel for the second time and May 22 marks the beginning date for a six-month window during which time it will air on NBC TV stations. Check <http://fiercegoodbye.com/?P=133> for more information.

**Share your financial resources!** Are you or your congregation willing to share your financial resources to help others attend Charlotte 2005? Contributions will be distributed among those who make their needs known to us. Contributions can be made when you register for Charlotte 2005 or can be mailed to Mennonite Church USA, Convention Planning, P.O. Box 1245, Elkhart, IN 46515. Be sure to designate that your gift is to help others attend Charlotte 2005!