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From: Greg Robertson [marjoranch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2011 12:10 PM
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Subject: vision of grace

To the beloved people and pastors Stan and Mark of Grace UMC celebrating a new worship space at a new location. Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Strange and marvelous are the ways of God when you submit your ways to God for transformation. When an anonymous donor gave a new and larger site to Grace provided they relocate and build a new church, transformation took place. But this was not the first time for this to occur. In 1970 as Grace grew beyond its space the people faced the question of whether or not to build. Hurricane Celia blew the roof off the church. Looking up to the sky with water soaked hymnals in hand, we became transformed. The Celtic Cross standing in the midst of the congregation became the identifying mark of who we were. What transformation does God have in store for Grace UMC thirty five years hence? I do not know, but this I do know. The gift of God's love being born in you this Christmas, will be born in the lives of future generations who will gather here.

With love and hope,

Pastor Greg Robertson

December 3, 2011

Revs. Stan Whites and Mark Montgomery
Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church
14521 Northwest Boulevard
Corpus Christi, TX 78410

Dear Friends:

What a great day you will celebrate on December 11th! I send my heartiest congratulations to all of you on your new worship center and a new purpose and ministry in this new location.

As a former pastor of Grace Church, it always thrills me to hear of the great work being done by this congregation. Having been with this family of faith when the newest facility at the Leopard Street location was constructed, I dreamed of great things for this Church; but never in my wildest dreams did I conceive of a beautiful, functional new facility such as you have achieved at this time.

I had planned to share the day of Dedication of the new facility with you from the time I knew the new facility was being built. Unfortunately, before the date was announced, I had purchased tickets to be with my daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren in Charleston, South Carolina, at this exact time.

Know my thoughts and prayers will be with you all today. And some time in the not-too-distant future, I will visit and worship with the family of faith called Grace United Methodist Church in their lovely new home.

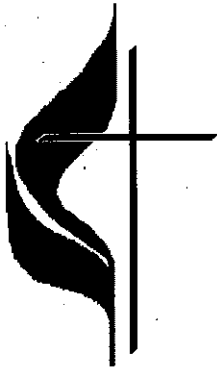
Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. C. Earle Lewis
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December 9, 2011

Dear Stan,

Please convey my regrets to the congregation that Vickie and I will not be able to attend the dedication service this Sunday. This Advent Season is particularly important for the congregation of First United Methodist Church, Seguin as we have completed our capital maintenance campaign and are celebrating the restoration of our sanctuary.

I served as Associate Pastor at Grace from 1987-1991 with the Reverend Dr. Kim Cape. Grace Church will always be significant for a number of reasons:

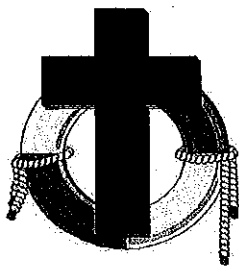
- It was my first appointment after seminary... you were so gracious as I learned!
- Our second daughter, Jennifer Grace, was born in the parsonage and stopped breathing later that same week, only to spend several days at Driscoll Children's Hospital, coming home with an apnea/cardiac monitor for eight months. Worship one morning was especially eventful as one of her leads came off triggering the alarm! Everyone held their breath until the all-clear signal was given.
- Finally, you expressed the love of God in many ways but particularly when I was hospitalized for 5 full weeks with the diagnosis of cyclothymia. I can imagine that many churches might have "cut their losses" asking the Bishop for a new pastor, but you stood by me and thus made an investment in my life and in the church that continues to yield fruit for Christ's Kingdom 22 years later.

I share this, only to place the attention on the phenomenal ministry of God's grace and Grace United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi. While your perspective is properly on the future, you have a history of "living the vision" and I have no doubt whatsoever that you will continue *Living the Vision* until Christ returns!

Celebrating Christ's Advent with you!

Steve

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**Comments from past residents
on how Mission 911 helped
them:**

"By being able to come to Mission 911 from Charlie's, I was able to maintain my sobriety and to remain accountable. There are many good and caring people associated with the mission here, and it was a privilege to be a part of it."

"Made me look at issues I haven't had to look at in many years. This is very important."

"The meetings and the spirit of recovery."

"Structure, great staff. Showed me how to open up a little, need to do more."

"Helped me build my self-esteem and started me in the right direction. I have grown closer to God and help to get honest with myself."

"Helped me with clarity and what I should do with my life."

"Brought us in and started to work with our situation immediately. The program is geared toward helping us become self-sustaining much quicker."

"Gave me hope and love. And to look up and out."


"They blessed me with their family orientated establishment. Took me in when I didn't even have a dime to my name."

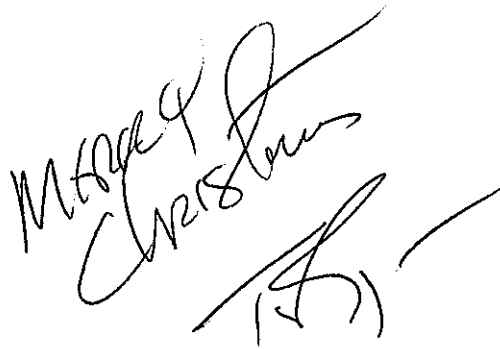
"Helped me with my spiritual growth."

Dear Church Family:

Thank you for breaking the bondage of homelessness and poverty in our community. Your amazing donation of gifts for all of our residents at Mission 911 will help us continue to helping men, women and children in our community. Your dedication and love is making a big difference in the lives that we come in contact with in a daily basis. Your prayers and work as a servant to our loving God have made it possible for someone that feels lonely and out of touch to feel they are important and God loves them. Our mission for the homeless and those struggling in poverty relies solely on the unsurpassable goodness of our God, through grants and through committed people like you. If you are interested in getting current updates regarding the activities at Mission 911, you can log on to our website at www.ccmission911.org. Thank you again and may the Lord continue to richly bless you.

In His Service,


Tony Reyes
Executive Director
Mission 911



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"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

-Luke 6:38 NIV