

Grace Goes Green (GGG)



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR)!

As you may be aware, Grace Church is launching a new initiative around environmental awareness and action. While this is intended to be a long-term effort, we start today!

What does this mean and what can you do?

“God saw everything that he made. And indeed, it was very good” Genesis 1:31.

Hence, we are all called to be faithful stewards, particularly of our environmental resources. At Grace, we seek to be more proactive in doing so by looking for ways to reduce our waste by reusing and recycling as much as possible – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR).

Starting today 11/21/2010, recycle bins are provided for our use at various locations at Church.

- One bin is designated for paper (“printed” matter) and one for bottles and cans. Please put these items in the appropriate bin instead of the trash.
- ***Also, for the next four (4) weeks, we will gladly recycle your newspapers and magazines. Just drop these items in the paper bin.*** Our volunteer team will take them to the Recycle Center for you.

We hope to encourage more reuse and recycling at home as well as at Grace.

As part of this ongoing effort, you should also expect to see more earth-friendly changes, such as:

- The use of alternatives to Styrofoam serve ware;
- Additional recycle drives; and
- The use of more environmental friendly printing, including e-Grace as an option.

Already instituted, the upgrade to programmable thermostats and energy efficient light bulbs at Grace has helped save both energy and financial resources.

We will continue to promote activities that are favorable to our stewardship. We expect to communicate routinely via a link at the Grace website, e-Grace, presentations to Sunday school classes, and on screen in the Parish Hall. We look forward to your participation, your suggestions, and your help.

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Our volunteer team includes: Leigh Burns, Janie Fleming, Cathy Foster, Annette Guiseppi-Elie, Lillian Hardaway, Beau Langer, Michelle Ricketson, and Julia Woodson. Thank you.

Thanks to Jim Boyer for the already instituted energy-saving upgrades.

A SAMPLE OF SOURCES OF INFORMATION (MORE TO FOLLOW)

UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE FOR THE EARTH IN "THE GREEN BIBLE"

<http://www.greenletterbible.com/>

Consumer Reports: Appliance recycling, Cell phone recycling, Electronics recycling

<http://www.greenerchoices.org/recyclingcenter.cfm>

Make the Switch to Energy-Saving Bulbs

<http://www.edf.org/page.cfm?tagid=608>

Don't miss your chance to get FREE CFLs (LIGHTBULBS FROM DUKE ENERGY)

duke-energy.com/freecfls

Lower Water Heating Temperature for Energy Savings

http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/water_heating/index.cfm/mytopic=13090

LANDSCAPING FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/homelandscape/energy/energy.html>

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

<http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=index>

http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Focus_waste_reduction