"Attacking Conflict" (Part I)

"They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what authority (power) or what name did you do this?"' --Acts 4:7

Dear Grace Baptist Church Family:

"Be sure that no good deed will go unpunished!" So goes an old saying of one my dear Christian friends who is now with the Lord. Peter and John had, in Jesus' name, healed the lame man who begged by the gate to the Temple. Now they were being questioned by the religious authorities!

They had reason to be unhappy with what had just happened. They believed that they had eliminated the Jesus Movement by crucifying its leader. But now, here were his followers healing people in his name and proclaiming him alive by God's resurrection power! Quite annoying! The council responded in a typically heavy, mail-gloved fist approach by arresting, interrogating and intimidating the apostles.

Many people act the same way when someone confronts them. They attack because they are more interested in winning the fight than maintaining a relationship with their opponent. They view conflict as a contest. It is all about having control and the need to control others!

It usually begins verbally. Out comes "Mr. Nasty". The "enemy" is identified and attacked either directly or with accusations. Things build up a head of steam, escalates and may even come to blows! Jesus warned that hatred led to murder even!

Many attackers in conflicts today engage lawyers to sue their opponents, resulting in a wasteful expense of time and money. This approach to conflict will never find a peaceful solution because it is about "winning". It only makes things worse when someone wins and someone loses. The hurt and pain remain. Is there a "win-win" proposition here anywhere?

With Jesus there is! We need to remember how God responds to the conflict our rebellion against Him causes! He could unleash his holy wrath and annihilate us. But God doesn't do that! God approaches us in mercy and love to deal with our sin and to reconcile us to himself, making peace by the blood of his Son (Read: Romans 5:8-11; Ephesians 2:15-16).

When we are in conflict it is well to remember how God has dealt with us, before we consider how to deal with others, even our enemies.

Father, how amazing that you show us your love. While we were yet sinners and enemies, you sent Jesus who gave his life up for us to make peace between us! How can we thank you enough! Amen.

Pastor Andy
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**CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS**

**HEALTH**
- K Baw Klay - Health
- Mark & Kathy - Stroke/Cancer
- Virtue King - Eye Surgery 9/12/13
- Imogene Montgomery - Health
- Carol Reynolds - Knee Pain
- Rich - Health
- Roy Ronveaux - Health
- Rose - Health
- Rosemary - Surgery
- Jim Stegman - Health
- Evelyn Summers - Surgery
- Vangie Webb - Back Surgery Recovery
- Annette Westbrook - Knee Surgery 8/30/13

**EMPLOYMENT**
- Elena Bartholomew
- Vicki Dixon
- Cheri Severance

**OTHER CONCERNS**
- ABWM Leadership
- Corey Blackwell - Personal
- Kathy & Denny - Personal
- OK Tornado Victims
- Rhonda - Personal
- National Leaders (God's Guidance)
- Troy - Personal

**ATTENDANCE**

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**FREE GOSPEL CONCERT – Benefiting “Family Promise”**

**Sunday, August 11, 2013** 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

**Featuring:**
- “Sonshine Singers”
- “Saints Alive Praise Team”
- “New Creation”
- “Lola Belknap”
- “Chris Nunn”
- “Gene Simowitz”

**Hope to see you there!**

Grace Baptist Church 3101 N.E. Vivion Road KCMO
Thank you to ROGER MCKEE for doing such a beautiful job of making a “Bean Bag” baseball game for our Day Care. The children are really enjoying it! Also, thanks to ELOISE MILLS for giving us the idea.

The 21st Annual Day Care Family Picnic will be Tuesday, August 6th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The Day Care will provide hot dogs, buns, drinks and table service, we ask you to bring a dish to share.

Come join us for a GREAT time!

“A Christmas Gathering”

A Special Evening Just for Ladies!

Please join us for a holiday event, just for you. A fun filled evening of fellowship, food, surprises, and music.

Get ready for the holidays.

Sunday, December 1, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
Grace Baptist Church

See Lori Hill for Tickets ($20.00 Each - Cost includes dinner)

Seating is limited to 50, get your tickets early.

Day Camp Report

Our Day Camp was a great success!! The children had fun and we give a big THANK YOU to the following people. Without all of them, the camp would not have happened.

Those that worked at the camp each and every day:

- Pastor Andy
- Virginia Hale
- Barbara Lusk
- Don Pyle
- Thay Doh Soe (Ben)
- Ed Baxter
- Pat Kirk
- Eloise Mills
- Moe Pwint Pyu
- Ed & Carolyn Baxter
- Jerry & Carolyn Head
- Richard & Lori Hill
- Dave & Roxie Jones
- Pat Kirk
- Virginia Hale
- Ed & Barbara Lusk
- Earl & Ethlyn McCleave
- Roger & Sandi McKee
- Eloise Mills
- Don & Donna Pyle
- Mike & Marylou Reiter
- Carol Reynolds
- Jean Tysdal
- Paul & Vangie Webb
- Annette Westbrook

Those who contributed:

- Ed & Carolyn Baxter
- Linda Biancavilla
- Peggy Dunn
- Don & Ina May Fakhoury
- Sybil Fox
- Virginia Hale
- Jerry & Carolyn Head
- Richard & Lori Hill
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Also, a big thank you for all those who prayed for the workers and campers throughout the week!

In July we gave $116.00 worth of food to our local food pantry. Thank you for continuing to support this very real need in our community. For August we are collecting canned chicken or tuna or any other non perishable item you would like to donate.