



Grace Notes

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Karen Worship 2:00 p.m.

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”
Ephesians 2:8 NRSV**

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Last Sunday morning, February 14, I was stranded in a Holiday Inn in Hollywood, Florida, recuperating from a Burmese wedding rehearsal which started at 10:30 on Saturday night growing increasingly raucous and populous as the night wore on. I love an Asian Christian wedding which seems to mix the right ratios of worship and celebration at the same time under the same roof. Since this Karen/Kachin/Shan/Chin congregation (they agree to all speak Burmese) uses an Adventist Church building in off-hours, the Sunday wedding was not to start until 7 pm on Valentine’s evening, after everyone was off work at the sushi restaurants which provide employment for most of the congregation.

And so, since it was Florida and 70 degrees and I had no car, I walked a mile to worship at the Sheridan Hills Baptist Church, thus providing me with a view from the pew which I seldom get on a Sunday morning. The church was chartered in 1963 and, thus, is about the same age as Grace Baptist Church. Their founding pastor provided leadership for over 30 years before his death. The present pastor grew up in that congregation, learning his theology and Bible from Sunday School teachers and missions leaders who knew not they were training a future pastor for their own church.

Worship was traditional (for 2016) with two guitars, one bass, one keyboard, one grand piano, drums, percussion, two vocalists and the words on the wall. No hymnals in the pew racks. Twice the worshippers were guided to shake hands with five people. I could only get to four without repeating the routine. I filled out the requested visitor’s card and put it in the offering plate along with some tip money I carry when traveling. (I await the church’s response to my visitor’s card.) There were two prayers and two scripture readings in the service, but no printed program.

The pastor wore a sport coat with no tie which may be formal dress in Florida. The sermon was 40 minutes long, but I was given a four page outline with blanks to fill in so that I could keep up with the preacher’s train of thought. (Yes, preachers do have an orderly train of thought.) Content was good. They were working through their new member orientation from the Sunday morning pulpit with 300 people filling in the blanks like we recently did in the Parables Sunday School hour. When the sermon was over, the pastor introduced two families who were ready to join the church and then we sang the final song and were dismissed.

As announced, the pastor took his position in a back corner of the sanctuary waiting for anyone who wanted to talk to him. I had a mile to walk back to the motel, and even though there was a long line, I decided to check the pastor's pulse. The line moved slowly so I wandered around the sanctuary reading the walls until Mr. Pinkerton stopped to introduce himself. (We people from Kearney, who live in the legacy of Jesse James, are very wary of the Pinkertons.) I must have looked rather pathetic, because he quickly invited me to lunch and offered me a ride back to the motel, which I quickly accepted, before he reneged on the offer. It was a nice meal with a nice couple where we learned about our families and our churches.

I liked the order and smoothness of the service—there was no dead air. I liked to pick up the Bible and read from the Word of God. I liked the clarity of the sermon, even if it meant filling in the blanks. I like the free meal and new friends in Florida and found the entire morning a good preparation for a Sunday evening Burmese wedding and sushi celebration. I enjoy the people of God and always find a church when I am on the road on Sunday morning. God is alive and well in Florida—in both a Baptist church and a Burmese church. Much like Grace.

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	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	2,309.68	269.24	288.46	2,867.38
02/07/16	1,848.98	217.53	108.76	2,175.27
02/14/16	2,004.30	235.80	117.90	2,358.00

Openers/ Closers	February 21 Donna Pyle	February 28 Peggy Dunn
Greeters	February 21 Linda Biancavilla & Pat Kirk	February 28 Dave & Roxie Jones
Visitors	February 21 Don & Donna Pyle	February 28 Dave & Roxie Jones
Cleaners	February 21 Karen	February 28 Bill & Marty Turnage

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
02/07/16	36	2	57	English
02/07/16	NA	NA	110	Karen
Total	36	2	167	
02/14/16	50	4	54	English
02/14/16	NA	NA	NA	Karen
Total	50	4	54	



PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Nancy A. sister's best friend's son
Betty
Mildred B.
Justin C.
Kendra C. Family
Randi C.
Bev D.
Peggy D.
Peggy D. Brother-in-Law
Neil F.
Howard

Vic H.
Sam & Margie H.
Jan
Jim & Lisa
Roxie J. Mother
Kay
Winton K.
Jerri K.
Darlene M.
Terry O.
Dean S.
Ron S.
Ruth S.

OTHER

Bethel Building Renovations
Family Promise
Katilyn D. (Personal)
Dave & Michelle H. (Bereavement)
National Conflicts
Nepal (Earthquake)
Janie R. (Personal)
Troy (Personal/Jean T. Brother)
Jean T. (Personal)
Garmai W. (Bereavement)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Binkley-
Buttry-Longkumer-Ngwemi

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY			17 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	18	19 6:00p Carpet Cleaning	20 3-5p Karen Youth
21 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	22 7:00p 1 st Place for Health Orientation	23 9:30a DorSew 6:30p Search Committee	24 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study 7:00p Choir Reh.	25	26 Secretary Vacation	27 3-5p Karen Youth
28 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	29 Noon Grace Notes Deadline 6:30p Health Class	MARCH 1 7:00p Day Care Committee	MARCH 2 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Lenten Study 7:00p Choir Reh.		Food Pantry Canned Soups	ABW Bible Book Jonah

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: 3 Htoo Rah 3 Jue Ler Say 3 Charlotte Hanthorn **ANNIVERSARIES:** 4 Dave & Roxie Jones (More in next Grace Notes)

The Grace Notes are now being sent out on **Wednesday**, every other week.



The Judson College Choir will be at Grace Baptist on Sunday evening, March 6, to perform the Worship Service. We would like to have a nice crowd for this event, so please invite your neighbors and friends to join us. We will have refreshments afterwards. Hope you can join us for this special event!

If you would be willing to house choir members the night of March 6th, please let Marty Turnage know.

WINTER SERMON SERIES

- February 21. The State of the Church Address. Jerry Cain
- February 28-March 27. Lent is celebrated at Grace Baptist Church. Jerry Cain



ITEMS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FOR FEBRUARY

– Small toys like jacks, small balls (tennis ball size or smaller), jump ropes, slinky's, harmonicas or other small musical toys, small Etch A Sketch, Hot Wheels, Play Dough (no war related toys).

Great Rivers Regional Scholarship Programs

Scholarship programs exist in the Great Rivers Region to assist young people who are members of Great Rivers Region American Baptist Churches to secure a college and/or seminary education. Scholarships for any college student (regardless of major) or seminary student from the Gernenz/Shurtleff-Wilcoxon Scholarship are available. Ministerial students attending ABC-related schools and seminaries in preparation for ministry can also apply for the Harold O. Long Scholarship. **All applications must be received in the GRR office by April 1, 2016.**

To receive an application for these scholarships, write to:

Scholarship Committee
Attention: Debbie Naugle
PO Box 13457
Springfield, IL 62791
Phone: 217-726-7366
Fax: 888-922-2477
Email: debbie@abcgrr.org

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

Grace Baptist Church will offer a 13 week Christ-centered wellness program. An orientation meeting is planned for Monday, February 22nd, at 7:00 p.m., with the class beginning February 29th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. This program is more than just a weight loss program, it is centered around achieving balance in four essential areas of your lives: emotional, spiritual, mental and physical. To get more information contact Lori Hill or attend the orientation meeting.

The ABWM–Great Rivers Region **SPRING RALLY** will be held Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at University Heights in Springfield, MO. If you would like to attend, please contact Lori Hill or sign up on the bulletin board next to the Baker's Rack.



**KANSAS CITY METRO MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT
TO BENEFIT CLAY COUNTY CLOTHES CLOSET
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Fairview Christian Church
1800 N.E. 65th Street – Kansas City, MO 64118**

All proceeds generated at this concert through donations will go directly to the Clay County Clothes Closet.

Soup Cans for Liberia. The total received is \$217.07. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Liberia White Cross Quota. Donations are still being accepted just bring your donations to church and give them to Lori Hill or Sandi McKee.

**AND NOW
THESE 3 REMAIN:**

**FAITH
HOPE,
& LOVE**



**BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS LOVE.**

1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV

**RECEIVE
CHILDREN
RECEIVE ME**

2016

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
March 4, 2016**

Church Women United

Registration 9:30 a.m. – Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Barry Christian Church, 1500 N.W. Barry Rd.



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and feet of Christ*