

GRACE NOTES

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“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

FROM
THE
PASTOR

Signs and Certificates

Mark 8:11-12 reports a terse, quick scene between Jesus and His detractors early in the Messiah’s ministry. It is reported like this: *Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him [Jesus], seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.”*

Much like people in our modern world, these leaders wanted something from Jesus that would validate His teaching and His healing. His presence and power were not enough. The Jewish leaders kept demanding a sign (Matthew 12:38; 16:1; Luke 11:29) that was tangible and visible. They asked for something that would substantiate what they viewed as His revolutionary teachings and lifestyle. They wanted to know by what right, in whose name, with what credentials, through what power Jesus was teaching. They thought this carpenter from Galilee needed certification because of his teachings which were contrary to the teachings of the rabbis and scribes.

But in this scene from Mark 8, Jesus says no sign will be given to validate who He is. He had no degrees or documents to produce and display on the wall. He was not certified as a Sadducee or a Pharisee or an Essene or a Zealot or a Democrat or a Republican. Jesus was not endorsed by any union, nor by any professional society. He only had the imprimatur of John the Baptist, a dove and a voice that appeared at His baptism. No signs nor certificates.

As his ministry developed and the Jewish community persisted in demanding a sign, Jesus finally capitulated and promised one sign. He said, *“Destroy this temple (speaking of his own body), and in three days I will raise it up” John 2:19.* He gave the very same sign, through different imagery, in Matthew 12:40, *“...as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so shall the son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*

Jesus was declaring that the sign to authenticate everything He has said and done in life was this, *“Kill me and on the third day I will rise from the grave” (Matthew 27:64).* In other words, the Lord made His resurrection the sign to substantiate the genuineness of His message in life and His sacrifice in death. If Jesus did not rise from the grave, His claims would be false and His death would be in vain. If He did rise from the grave, then He was who He claimed to be, the Son of God and Savior of the World.

We are quoting each Sunday this month at Grace Baptist Church, the formula which summarizes the meaning of Easter from Luke 24:7, *“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”* Please join us on Sundays in March as we review the events surrounding the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that validate who He is and what He has done for His children.

Jerry Cain
Interim Pastor

| | Current | Missions | Cap. Imp | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Budget | 2,309.68 | 269.24 | 288.46 | 2,867.38 |
| 02/21/16 | 712.34 | 83.81 | 41.90 | 838.05 |
| 02/28/16 | 4,817.80 | 566.80 | 283.40 | 5,668.00 |

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| Openers/ Closers | March 6 Lori Hill | March 13 Roger McKee |
| Greeters | March 6 Rich & Lori Hill | March 13 Roger & Sandi McKee |
| Visitors | March 6 Rich & Lori Hill | March 13 John & Nancy Ashworth |
| Cleaners | March 6 Karen | March 13 Don & Donna Pyle |

| ATTENDANCE | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| | S.S. | SUNDAY SERVANTS | WORSHIP | |
| 02/21/16 | 47 | 2 | 44 | English |
| 02/28/16 | - | - | 97 | Karen |
| Total | 47 | 2 | 141 | |
| 02/21/16 | 45 | 5 | 69 | English |
| 02/28/16 | - | - | 103 | Karen |
| Total | 45 | 5 | 172 | |

AREA V – 48th Annual Gathering
March 12, 2015 (9:00 AM –
Noon Luncheon)

First Baptist Church
100 W. Red Bridge Road

If registering after March 7, 2016 please
e-mail: AREAV@MCHSI.COM
to make arrangements to pay at the door.
(Registration forms in church office)



Rev.
Muriel L.
Johnson

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Betty (Anita P. Roommate)
Bill (Pat K. Brother)
Breana
Mildred B.
Linda B. Daughter/Grandson
Kendra C. Family (Ernest H. Friend)
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Bev D. (Barb L. Friend)
Peggy D.
Peggy D. Brother-in-Law
Neil F. (Mike R. Friend)
Dave H. Mother
Howard (John A. Friend)







Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Sam & Margie H.
Jan (Marylou R. Friend)
Jim & Lisa
Roxie J. Mother
Kay
Winton K.
Jerri K.
Darlene M. (Ed L. Sister)
Terry O.
Kenzie R.
Dean S.
Ron S.
Ruth S.
Wanda (Linda B. Sister)

OTHER

American Voters
Bethel Building Renovations
Christian University in NE India
Katilyn D. (Personal)
Family Promise
Karen Home Worship
National Conflicts
National Leaders
Nepal (Earthquake)
Our School Systems
Search Committee
Troy (Personal/Jean T. Brother)
Garmai W. (Bereavement)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Binkley- Buttry-Longkumer-Ngwemi



The **Judson University Choir** will have a concert at Grace Baptist Church this Sunday, March 6th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Invite your neighbors and friends and plan to attend!!!

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March  | | 1 6:30p Search Committee 7p Day Care Committee | 2 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Lenten Study 7:00p Choir Reh. | 3 | 4 World Day of Prayer 9:30a CWU Barry Christian Sec. Vac. | 5 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth |
| 6 Communion, 4 th Sunday of Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship 7:00p Judson Choir | 7 6:30p Health Class | 8 6:30p Search Committee 7p Priscilla Circle | 9 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Lenten Study 7:00p Choir Reh. | 10 | 11 | 12 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth |
| 13 Time Change  5 th Sunday of Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Special Project Luncheon Business Mtg. 2:00p Karen Worship | 14 Noon Grace Notes Deadline 6:30p Health Class | 15 8:30a Clothes Closet 6:30p Search Committee | 16 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Lenten Study 7:00p Choir Reh. | 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19 9:30a ABWM Spring Rally at University Heights 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth |
| 20 Palm Sunday  9:00a S.S. 10:15p Worship/ Cantata 2:00p Karen Worship Karen Dinner & Birthday Party | 21 6:30p Health Class | 22 9:30a DorSew 6:30p Search Committee 7p Day Care Easter Program | 23 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh. | 24 Maundy Thursday 7p Maundy Thursday Service | 25 Good Friday Day Care & Offices Closed | 26 10a Easter Egg Hunt  3:00-5:00p Karen Youth |
| 27 EASTER  7:00a Sunrise Service Breakfast 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship | 28 Noon Grace Notes Deadline 6:30p Health Class | 29 6:30p Search Committee | 30 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh. | 31 | FOOD PANTRY Pasta | ABWM Bible Book: Daniel |

BIRTHDAYS

3 Charlotte Hanthorn
3 Htoo Rah
3 Jue Ler Say
7 Vicki Dixon
10 Shwe Bo
10 Myent Kaing
10 Put Shwe
10 Say La Paw
12 Peggy Dunn
15 Hser K' Lu Paw
15 Davy Jones
16 Haley Summers

18 Carl George
18 Wilson Myint
18 Vangie Webb
26 Eh Wah
30 Ina May Fakhoury
31 Jean Tysdal

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Dave & Roxie Jones

Best Wishes

The **ABWM Area V Great Rivers Region Spring Rally** will be held Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at University Heights in Springfield, MO. The speaker is Kathy Rice. The Rice Family is from St. Louis, MO. They are medical missionaries at Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Dominican Republic of Congo. If you would like to attend, please contact Lori Hill or sign up on the bulletin board next to the Baker's Rack.



ITEMS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FOR MARCH – large toys like

deflated soccer ball with a pump, larger cars or trucks (we have a large number of stuffed animals already so no more are needed and remember this is not the only thing to be packed in the shoebox and it cannot be war related)

**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.



**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.

YOU ARE INVITED

Friday, April 1st, 2016, at 6:30
p.m., there will be a dinner &
program in celebration and
thanks of Jerry Cain's time at
Grace Baptist Church. (At the
church.)

Reservations a must. Please call
(or e-mail) the church office if you
plan to attend: (816) 452-0212 or
beth@grace4u.net



The
HEAVENS
declare the
glory of God;
the **Skies**
proclaim the work
of his **HANDS**

Psalm 19:1

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and feet of Christ*