



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**

Welcome to Regional Meeting of Karen Baptist Convention, USA, April 1, All Day!

Eddie Cruz at Grace on April 2

Dr. Eddie Cruz, Associate Executive Director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, will be our guest on Sunday, April 2. Eddie will be sharing his testimony in the Parables Sunday School Class at 9:00 a.m. as well as explaining the America For Christ offering which is received each spring for ministry throughout the United States. He will preach the main message at 10:15 in morning worship.

Born and raised in Chicago, Cruz is well acquainted with that city's mean streets. While at his home church—North Shore Spanish Baptist Church—he was in the choir, served as a Sunday school teacher and preached at many local churches.

“It was a transformational moment in my life, and I made the decision to become a Jesus-follower,” Cruz says. “It was a life changing experience that impacted my whole family, who eventually met and accepted Christ as well.”

Since accepting Jesus Christ in 1972, Cruz has focused his ministry on making a difference in people's lives and communities. “Jesus Christ was invested in people,” he says. Cruz's ability to do just that has not gone unnoticed. He was asked by Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago to appear in a public service announcement relating to the city's community activism and invited twice by the White House during the George W. Bush administration to participate in a national immigration think tank.

“No matter how successful you think you are, if you are not successful in relationships, you aren't successful,” he says. “My goal is to design a comprehensive strategy to utilize people's talents for the glory of Jesus Christ, to promote a culture of generosity and to make a transformational difference in people's lives,” he says.

Dr. Cruz holds graduate degrees from Northern Seminary in Lombard, Ill, and you are encouraged to ask him where he received his undergraduate degree in Psychology and Human Relations.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a living body united in Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the purpose of Grace Baptist Church is to enable our fellowship to know God personally, to love God completely, to love one another and to share God's love with all people.

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	1,960.63	240.39	192.31	2,393.33
03/19/17	2,222.75	261.50	130.75	2,615.00
03/26/17	2,628.20	309.20	154.60	3,092.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
03/19/17	39	-	68	English Service
03/19/17	-	-	77	Karen Service
Total	39	-	145	
03/26/17	31	4	85	English Service
03/26/17	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	31	4	85	

Openers/ Closers	April 2 Carolyn Cook	April 9 Sandi McKee
Greeters	April 2 Pat Kirk & Vangie Webb	April 9 Eloise Mills & Virginia Hale
Visitors	April 2 Bill & Marty Turnage	April 9 Don & Ina May Fakhoury
Cleaners	April 2 Karen	April 9 Don & Donna Pyle
Worship Hosts	Adult thru April Marylou Reiter	Youth thru April Paw Ei Mer Hser Kabaw Lu

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

John A.
Nancy A.
Jack B.
Matt B.
Carolyn C.
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Sharon F.
Virginia H.
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Sam & Margie H.
Jennifer
Dave. J.
Roxie J. Mother
Doris K.

Jeanette M.
Al M.
Darlene M. Family
Don P. Brother
Rob
Sam & Ruth S.
Kenny S.
Linda S.
Ruth S.
Tobias
Tom
Marty T.
Ruth T.
Sharon W.
Annette W.

OTHER

ABW
Amber
Bethel Building Renovations
Mildred B.
Cain Family
Children's Sunday School
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise & Families
Grace Baptist Church
Robert L.
New Church Members

New Leaders of Nation & State
Family of Marian O.-Bereavement
Our Pastor
Our School Systems
Refugees
Roberts Field Baptist Church
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th, 2017 we will have the following:

6:00 p.m. A Light Meal
6:45 p.m. A Program

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!



NEEDED. . . .



Bags of individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th, 2017. **This candy needs to be able to fit in plastic Easter Eggs.** If you can provide a bag of candy, please give to Carolyn Cook, Michelle Hoitenga, or leave in the church office *no later than Sunday, April 9th*. THANK YOU!!



Please Come to our EASTER EGG HUNT


Grace Baptist Church
Saturday, APRIL 15, 2017
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Ages One Year through 5th Grade

**Bring your own basket
Invite your friends!**

Thank You

A big thank you to the Care and Fellowship Committee, and everyone who donated food and helped serve the Family Dinner in memory of Marian Osborn on March 4th.

– The Osborn Family

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2 Communion 5 th Sunday of Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	3	4 7p Day Care Committee	5 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 6:00p Youth Praise Team 6:30p Youth Meet with Pastor 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	6 7p Diaconate	7	8 9-10a Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Bethel Groundbreaking 3-5p Karen Youth
9 Palm Sunday 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship & Cantata 2:00p Karen Worship	10 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	11 7p Day Care Easter Program	12 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	13 Maundy Thursday 6:00p Light Meal 6:45p Program	14 Good Friday Office & Day Care Closed	15 10a-noon Easter Egg Hunt 3-5p Karen Youth
16 EASTER 7:00a Sunrise Service/Breakfast 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	17	18 8:30a Clothes Closet 7p Priscilla	19 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	20	21 Decorating for Wedding	22 Karen Wedding 3-5p Karen Youth
23 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	24 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	25 9:30a DorSew	26 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner/Overseas Quota 6:15p Program 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	27	28 6p Carpet Cleaning	29 8:00a All Church Clean Up Day 3-5p Karen Youth
30 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship					FOOD PANTRY Dry Beans	ABW Bible Book Nehemiah

BIRTHDAYS

5 Mu Yor
9 Hectare Thaw Htoo

18 Naw Peh
20 K' Ser Moo

21 Sam Smith
21 Janie Ray



ANNIVERSARIES

10 Fred & Jackie Villanueva

America for Christ Quiz (answers are found elsewhere in Grace Notes)

1. How many missionary organizations have merged to create American Baptist Home Mission Societies?
2. What is the name of the ABHMS publication ministry?
3. What ABHMS project supports Children in Poverty?
4. What percentage of your America for Christ dollar goes to regional ministries such as Great Rivers Region ABC?
5. The America for Christ video "A Tale of Two Women," focuses on what ministry in what city?
6. Where did Eddie Cruz earn his undergraduate degree?
7. What percentage of your America for Christ dollar goes for promotion and deputation?
8. What is the scripture text for this year's offering?
9. What percentage of your America for Christ dollar goes to ABHMS programming?
10. Of the above figure, what percentage goes to neighborhood centers such as our Bethel?

March 29 Wednesday Study on Predatory Lending

Our Wednesday night meal and fellowship time will focus on a moral problem (some of us call it sin) that is rampant in Missouri. Predatory lenders in the Show-Me are allowed to loan money to desperate people at an average annual interest rate of 450 percent, though the cap may be increased to 1950% APR. The most recent edition of *Word and Way* reported that our state “is home to more payday lenders than McDonald’s, Starbucks and Walmart locations combined.”

The Grace Baptist benevolence protocols open the door to help our community through Second Hope, a Christian response to payday lending housed at Second Baptist Church in Liberty. Our guests on Wednesday evening will be Charlie Hughes and Harold Phillips who will explain the problem in Missouri and what Christians are doing to assist people who need a quick loan.

The meal will begin at 5:30 with the conversation starting at 6:15. Please join us on March 29.

Quiz Answers

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| 1. 5 | 5. Edna Martin Neighborhood | 8. Luke 4:18-19 |
| 2. Judson Press | Center, Indianapolis, IN | 9. 59% |
| 3. Penny Project | 6. Judson University | 10. 20% |
| 4. 29% | 7. 12/% | |



Bethel Neighborhood Center Ground Breaking

– Saturday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bethel. Jerry Cain will be part of the ground breaking representing Grace Baptist. We will have food from 6 different nationalities that we serve at Bethel. Our ABW and our Karen

ladies will help with food. It should be an exciting time to break ground for our new and improved ministry. All are welcome!



*The Lord is my light and my salvation
whom shall I fear? - Psalm 27:1*

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and feet of Christ*