



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**

Installation Sunday Follow Up

I was very gratified by the events on Installation Sunday last week and am grateful to Sandi and the Pastor Search Committee for putting together such a meaningful event. We have enjoyed each other as church and pastor with an on-and-off relationship for over two years, but this installation makes it formal and official.

Ina May began the service with a focus on our Church Covenant, followed by a set of hymns by the Worship Team related to ministry, commitment and service. Judy's offertory prayer and Mike's introduction to the church moved the theme yet deeper. Moderator Bill Turnage led the hymn, the choir and the formal words of installation based on The Good Shepherd and shepherding on the Grace level. The Karen Choir, Pastor Shwe Bo's words of challenge and Pastor Pree Htoo's prayer of installation solidify our connection to the Karen Congregation.

You may have noticed some teasing from our guests about my relationships with Baptists. I am graciously received by all the Missouri Baptist groups, but often speak of being a Baptist without an adjective, intentionally prodding our many Baptist groups to find ways to cooperate in ministry. I am grateful for the Baptist General Convention of Missouri, Heartland Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Missouri Baptist Convention, Black Baptist groups and especially our American Baptist Churches as led by Muriel Johnson.

Occasionally I tamper with Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23 and Paul's words in Ephesians 4:4-5 dreaming that Baptists in the midwest could one day have one phone number, one email address, one URL, one postal address, and one unified message to the heart of America.

Thank you for welcoming my Baptist friends with many adjectives on Sunday. The flowers still decorate our home and the stately reception still bring comments of appreciation. I will try to be a tolerable shepherd who is committed to following the Good Shepherd.

Summer Minister Search

For five weeks now we have been in our search for a Summer Minister to help launch our strategic planning goals. We have searched for candidates through Central Seminary, Midwestern Seminary, William Jewell College, Great Rivers Region, Central Region and many personal contacts. Our search has led us to interview two candidates, but neither of these can move our project forward.

If you have leads or suggestions as to possible candidates, please contact me with information. God is in the process and we want to find His will to fill this important summer role.

Pastor Jerry

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	1,960.63	240.39	192.31	2,393.33
04/30/17	3,769.96	443.53	221.76	4,435.25
05/07/17	3,950.79	445.98	262.98	4,459.75

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
04/30/17	31	4	71	English Service
04/30/17	-	-	101	Karen Service
Total	31	4	172	
05/07/17	33	4	96	English Service
05/07/17	-	-	86	Karen Service
Total	33	4	182	

Openers/ Closers	May 14 Nancy Ashworth	May 21 Carolyn Cook
Greeters	May 14 Kenny & Linda Smith	May 21 Mark Grant & Ron Stallard
Visitors	May 14 John & Nancy Ashworth	May 21 Carolyn Cook & Nancy Ashworth
Cleaners	May 14 Karen	May 21 Ed & Barb Lusk
Worship Hosts	Adult thru May Dexter Ray Youth thru May 7 Maw Rach Taw 14 Amy Gruschka	Youth thru May 21 Max Gruschka 28 Kaw Thaw Htoo

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Tommy A.
Nancy A.
Jack B.
Matt B.
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Sharon F.
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Independence Police Officer
Jeff
Dave. J.
Roxie J. Mother
Margaret

Darlene M. Family
Norman's Son
Don P.
Rob
Shawn
Kenny S.
Linda S.
Sam & Ruth S.
Ruth S.
Tobias
Tom
Sharon W.

OTHER

ABW
Amber
Bethel Building Renovations
Bud's Family (Bereavement)
Mildred B.
Children's Sunday School
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Peggy D. Brother-in-law Family
Family Promise & Families
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor
Robert L.

New Church Members
New Leaders of Nation & State
Newly Married
Our School Systems
Greg S. Family
Refugees
Roberts Field Baptist Church
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
Summer Intern
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi

SUMMER SUNDAYS AT GRACE

Please note these special emphases in worship for the next few months at Grace Baptist Church. Rather than follow a lectionary guide for the 10:15 service, we will follow a cultural guide, hoping to apply Biblical guidance to the secular activities that capture our attention. Please participate in all these worship gatherings.

May 7	Installation Sunday
May 14	Mothers Day & Communion (Youth Worship Team)
May 21	Graduation Sunday (Seven Graduates)
May 28	Memorial Day Sunday
May 31	(Wednesday) Memorial Day Picnic and Campus Stroll
June 4	Mark Buhlig, Englewood Baptist, Preaching
June 11	Communion Sunday
June 18	Father's Day (Youth Worship Team)
June 25	TBA
June 28	(Wednesday) Dinner at the Community Apartments
July 2	Tom Dunn, Preaching (Independence Day)
July 9	Tom Dunn, Preaching
July 19	TBA
July 23	60 th Birthday of Grace Baptist Church
July 30	Hymnal Sunday

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY			10 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:00p Youth Praise Team 6:30p Youth & Pastor 6:30p Choir Reh.	11 4p Day Care Mother's Tea	12 6p Carpet Cleaning	13
14 Mother's Day 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship 3:00p Family Promise	15	16	17 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Graduate Recog. 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	22 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	23 9:30a DorSew	24 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	25 Ascension	26 Wedding Decorating & Rehearsal	27 10:30a Plow So & Eh Mu Lah Wedding
28 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	29 Memorial Day Office & Day Care Closed	30 Secretary Off	31 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program		ABW Bible Book Judges	Food Pantry Canned Tomatoes

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Pastor Jerry and Linda Cain, and Roger McKee for all their hard work in preparing the ground and planting the beautiful plants around our church sign. Take time to admire it the next time you are here!

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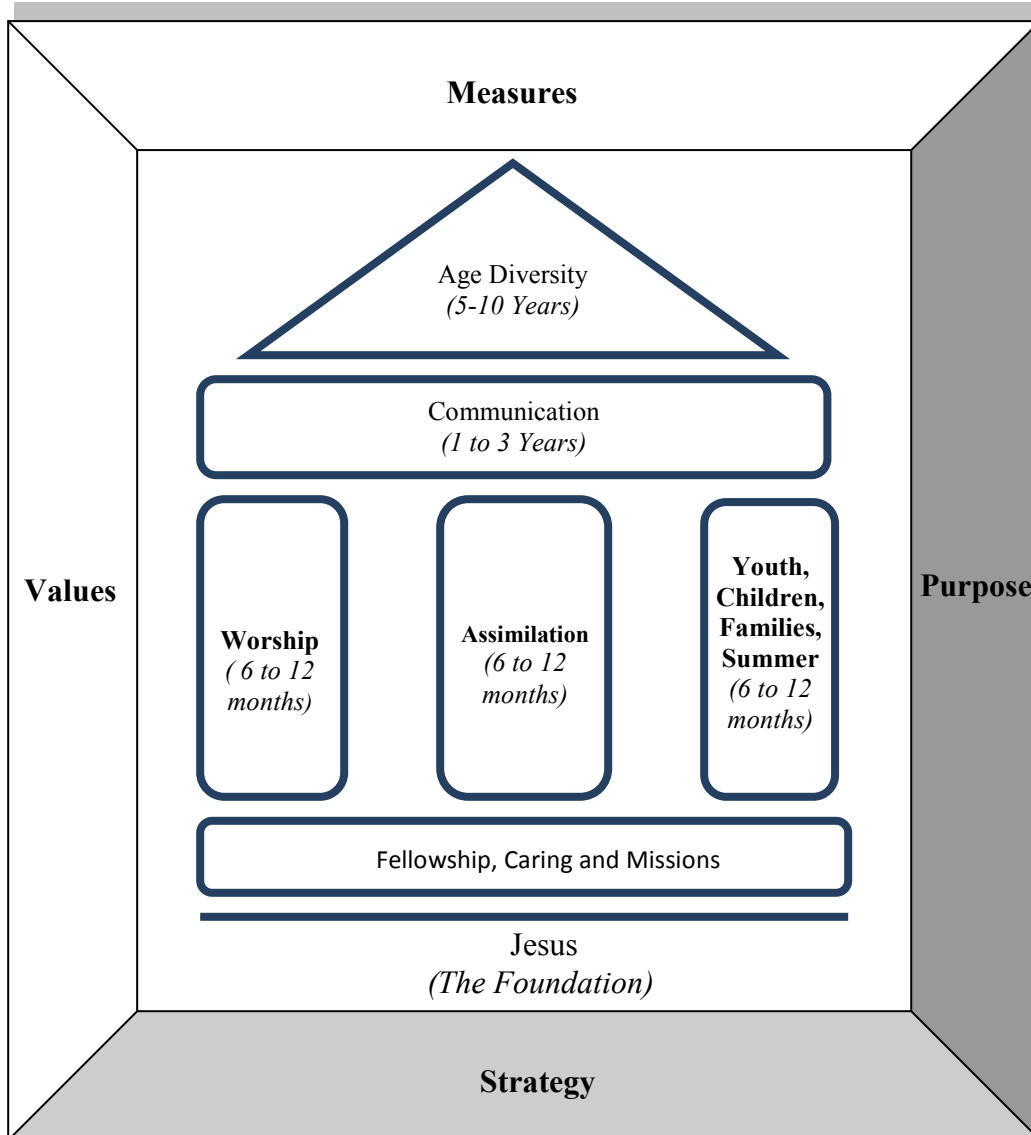
A sincere thank you to all those who participated in our All Church Work Day. A lot of "Spring Cleaning" was accomplished!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD items for May: Hygiene items like brushes, combs, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, wash cloths, drinking bottles.



**Strategic Plan
The Visual Picture**



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