



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**

The Joy of Forgiveness

So I confessed my sins
and told them all to you.
I said, “I’ll tell the LORD
each one of my sins.”
Then you forgave me
and took away my guilt.
We worship you, Lord,
and we should always pray
Whenever we find out
that we have sinned.
Then we won’t be swept away
by a raging flood.

Psalm 32:5-6 The Contemporary English Version

Psalm 32 is a joyous poem of the reality of God’s gracious nature. In it, David describes the exuberant feeling of experiencing God’s forgiveness. There is nothing like that feeling: a fresh, restoration of our relationship with God. David goes on to say that God’s forgiveness brings joy to us. “You are my hiding place! You protect me from trouble, and you put songs in my heart because you have saved me” Psalm 32:7 (CEV). Yet, in order to experience this joy, we have to admit our fault.

The apostle Paul knew that we human beings are far from perfect. He wrote, “In fact, I don’t understand why I act the way I do. I don’t do what I know is right. I do the things that I hate” Romans 7:15 (CEV). Our human reality of falling short of God’s design for us is that we need to regularly acknowledge those faults to God. It is in the moment of that acknowledgement that we often find ourselves struggling. After all, to admit our faults means that we are truly fallible. Who wants to be known as someone who makes mistakes?

Yet, what God longs for in us is honesty. And to be honest (pun intended), when we sin, we need to seek God’s forgiveness, because that is when we truly are honest about ourselves with God (who, by the way, already knows about our sin). So when the Holy Spirit shows you your sin, acknowledge that then and there to God so that your relationship with Jesus will continue to be open and honest. You will also experience the joy of God’s forgiveness which will put a song in your heart.

Pastor Dave Moor

(Thoughts from Past Grace Notes)

| | Current | Missions | Cap. Imp | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Budget | 1,960.63 | 240.39 | 192.31 | 2,393.33 |
| 07/23/17 | 2,130.95 | 250.70 | 125.35 | 2,507.00 |
| 07/30/17 | 2,636.70 | 310.20 | 155.10 | 3,102.00 |

| ATTENDANCE | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|
| | S.S. | SUNDAY SERVANTS | WORSHIP | |
| 07/23/17 | 33 | 3 | 84 | English Service |
| 07/23/17 | - | - | 78 | Karen Service |
| Total | 33 | 3 | 162 | |
| 07/30/17 | 27 | - | 70 | English Service |
| 07/30/17 | - | - | 99 | Karen Service |
| Total | 27 | - | 169 | |

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Openers/ Closers | August 6 Ed & Barb Lusk | August 13 Nancy Ashworth |
| Greeters | August 6 Ed & Barb Lusk | August 13 Kathy Hodge & Anita Parkins |
| Visitors | August 6 Dave & Roxie Jones | August 13 John & Nancy Ashworth |
| Cleaners | August 6 Karen | August 13 John & Nancy Ashworth |
| Worship Hosts | Adult thru August Bill Turnage | Youth thru August 6 Bah Blut Wah |

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Nancy A.
Jack B.
Saundra B.
Edna B.
Mildred B.
Marcia B.
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Sharon F.
Jim G.
Juliann H.
Independence Police Officer
Linda

Eloise M.
Don P.
Rob
Roy R.
Shirley
Kenny S.
Linda S.
Sam & Ruth S.
Stan
Ruth S.
Marty T.
Sharon W.
Gary W.

OTHER

ABW
Bethel Building Renovations
Sunday School
Tom C. Family (Bereavement)
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Jane Doe (Personal)
Family Promise & Families
Don F. Family (Bereavement)
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor
Gary J
Robert L.
Micki M. Family (Bereavement)

New Church Members
Leaders of Nation & State
M. Car Repair
Refugees
Roberts Field Baptist Church
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
Our School Systems
Summer Intern/Summer Program
Those Traveling
Vacation Bible School
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi

Vacation Bible School

We are having an amazing week at Vacation Bible School. Our theme is "Maker Fun Factory" and we are having interesting topics each day. We have incredible Bible learning experiences, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats. We also have a mission project through a program called Operation Kid to Kid, that is letting our kids show God's mighty love to needy remote villages in Peru. We have had 75 children in attendance! Praise the Lord!!!!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who brought snacks for Vacation Bible School! I was totally amazed that everything was signed up for. What a great church!!

- Barb Lusk

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <h1>August</h1> | | 1 Secretary Off 9a VBS 7p Day Care Board Family Promise | 2 9a VBS 12:45p Day Care Staff Family Promise | 3 9a VBS Family Promise | 4 9a VBS Family Promise | 5 MeMe & Dah Ku's Wedding Family Promise |
| 6 Communion 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship | 7 | 8 Secretary Off 7p Priscilla | 9 9a Prayer Circle | 10 7p Diaconate | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship | 14 Noon Grace Notes Deadline | 15 Secretary Off 8:30a Clothes Closet 4p ABW Bd. Mtg. | 16 9a Prayer Circle | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship | 21 | 22 Secretary Off | 23 9a Prayer Circle | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship | 28 Noon Grace Notes Deadline | 29 Secretary Off | 30 9a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program | 31 | ABWM Bible Book 1 Samuel | Food Pantry: Canned Tuna or Chicken |

BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 6 Mike Reiter | 8 Thoo Lei Paw | 15 Charity | 28 Ruth Smith |
| 7 Fred Villanueva | 12 Elaine Mills | 21 Pree Htoo | 29 Rae Pae Loe |
| 8 Than Zaw | 15 Glen Dixon | 23 John Ashworth | 30 Sar Paw |

Best Wishes

ANNIVERSARIES

15 Mike & Marylou Reiter
23 Brad & Judy Summers



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FOR AUGUST: School Supplies



Our Christian Love and Sympathy is expressed to Pastor Jerry and Linda Cain on the death of his brother Tom. Tom passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Services will be held in Texas. More information to follow. Please remember the entire Cain Family in your prayers.

MIDWEEK VBS REPORT

| Attendance | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Students | 61 | 76 | 72 |
| Workers | 29 | 26 | 26 |

Thanks for your participation and support. Pray that we can finish the week strong. The Maker's Fun Factory singers will be leading in Worship this Sunday, August 6.

PERSONAL NOTE

I am grateful that many of you have prayed for my brother, Tom, since he decided in March to go into hospice care rather than try to revive his transplanted kidney. Tom died on Tuesday night and thus, I am going to Texas today, Wednesday, to break the news to my mother who is 96 years old.

Marylou Reiter will fill my role in Vacation Bible School on Thursday and Friday. Mark Buhlig from Englewood Baptist Church will fill the pulpit on Sunday in my absence. Thanks to these two friends who help carry the burden.

Please pray for my mother as she adjusts to the loss of her first-born son. Children should not die before their parents and this news will be hard on her.

I look forward to being back in a normal routine soon and am assured that God is in control and will bring good out of every situation as He promised.

- Jerry B. Cain

Topics for August Sunday's

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| August 6 | Vacation Staycation |
| August 13 | Back to School |
| August 20 | When the Skies Grow Dark |
| August 27 | TBA |

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