



# 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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## Youth Sunday, January 24

The young people of Grace Baptist Church will lead our worship this Sunday, and I know you will want to be a part of this important and stimulating event. All the prayers, music, readings and worship leadership will be in the hands of our local teens. Marylou Reiter is coaching them through their worship program so that each one will be prepared this Sunday and beyond.

The preacher this week will be Suan Sonna, sixteen-year-old son of Maung Sonna, Director of Bethel Neighborhood Center. He is a sophomore at Sumner Academy where he has developed an interest in philosophy and biology. Suan enjoys discussions on evolutionary biology plus the meaning and purpose of life. Suan was the youngest participant last summer in the Festival of Young Preachers at the ABC Mission Summit in Overland Park. We are pleased to welcome him to Grace.

### Thoughts on Administration

*Administration* comes from the root word, ministry, which is an Old French word for servant, *ministre*. Thus administration is the collected duties and functions of a servant/minister and it takes 18 of us to do the job every three months in quarterly business meeting. The recent annual business meeting of Grace Baptist Church is one of the functions we as Christian servant/ministers are called to engage. Here are some thoughts about Grace gleaned from regular administration.

- This church gave 4.3% more money to missions in 2015 than in 2014. This is a good indicator of church health--outward focused vs. inward focused.
- For the first time since 2005 non-Karen worship attendance increased. 2338 traditional worshipers gathered at Grace in 2015 compared to 2143 in 2014, an increase of 1%.
- In December, we received notification from American Baptist Churches--USA recognizing Grace as one of its top 250 congregations in 2015 placing us in the top 5% of ABC life. (I do not know how this is calculated.)

Administration is often compared with the spinning of a fly wheel. Immense energy is necessary to get the wheel spinning, but once it is going, much less energy is required to keep the flywheel spinning. Have we turned the flywheel in missions giving and worship attendance? I hope so. Let's keep pushing.

### January 31 Worship

Dr. Heather Entrekin begins her retirement from Central Seminary on Monday, February 1. She will preach for us on Sunday, January 31, her final professional engagement before moving to the next chapter which she defines as "a time to open our lives to what is left undone and let our hearts enjoy a different rhythm."

Dr. Entrekin has served for the past five years as the Des Peres Associate Professor of Congregational Health and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at our seminary. Prior to that, she was pastor of Prairie Baptist Church in Prairie Village, Kansas.

You will enjoy Heather as she leads the 9:00 discussion in Sunday School on "We Are American Baptists" and then preaches the morning sermon at 10:15. Welcome, Dr. Entrekin, to Grace Baptist Church.

Grace and Peace,

Jerry Cain, Interim Pastor

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
<b>Budget</b>	<b>2,309.68</b>	<b>269.24</b>	<b>288.46</b>	<b>2,867.38</b>
<b>01/10/16</b>	<b>2,518.55</b>	<b>296.30</b>	<b>148.15</b>	<b>2,963.00</b>
<b>01/17/16</b>	<b>Not Available</b>			

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
<b>01/10/16</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	English
<b>01/10/16</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>85</b>	Karen
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>146</b>	
<b>01/17/16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	English
<b>01/17/16</b>	Visiting CKS for Karen	New Year		Karen
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	

<b>Openers/ Closers</b>	January 24 <b>Bill Turnage</b>	January 31 <b>Nancy Ashworth</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	January 24 <b>Bill &amp; Marty Turnage</b>	January 31 <b>Dave &amp; Roxie Jones</b>
<b>Visitors</b>	January 24 <b>John &amp; Nancy Ashworth</b>	January 31 <b>Dave &amp; Roxie Jones</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	January 24 <b>Karen</b>	January 31 <b>Ina May Fakhoury/Vangie Webb</b>



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALTH

Anne  
Nancy A.  
Nancy A. sister's best friend's son  
Betty  
Justin C.  
Kendra C. Family  
Bev D.  
Peggy D. Brother-in-Law  
Mark G.  
Neil F.  
Howard  
Vic H.  
Sam & Margie H.

Jan  
Jeri K.  
Jim & Lisa  
Randi Shae C.  
Roxie J. Mother  
Winson K.  
Pat K. Brother & Sister-in-law  
Darlene M.  
Terry O.  
Rama  
Dean S.  
Ron S.  
Ruth S.

### OTHER

Bethel Building Renovations  
Family Promise  
Ethlyn M.-Bereavement  
National Conflicts  
Nepal  
Nominating Committee  
Janie R.-Personal  
Troy-Personal (Jean T. Brother)  
Jean T. - Personal  
World Conflicts  
Our Missionaries-Baits-Binkley-Buttry-Longkumer-Ngwemi

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>January</b>	18 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	19 Secretary Vacation 6:30p Search Committee	20 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	21 Secretary Vacation	22	23  ABW Bible Study 1st Baptist Platte City
	18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity					
24 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	25	26 9:30a DorSew  6:30p Search Committee	27 9:00a Prayer Circle  6:30p Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 11:00a Heriford Memorial Service ABW Bible Study (Alternate)
31 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship ABW Bd. Mtg. Noon Grace Notes Deadline 2:00p Karen Worship					<b>ABW Bible Book</b> Mark	<b>Food Pantry</b> Dry Cereal



Next week, February 24, will be **YOUTH SUNDAY** at Grace Baptist Church with our young people assuming the leadership roles in our morning worship.

The guest preacher will be Suan Sonna, sixteen year old son of Maung Sonna, and the youngest participant in the Festival of Young Preachers held last summer at the ABC Missions Summit. Please make a special effort to support the next generation of Grace leaders by your attendance next Sunday.

### WINTER SERMON SERIES

- January 17. Rest for the Stressed (Church leadership). Jerry Cain
- January 24. Youth Sunday. Grace Youth and Suan Sonna
- January 31. Central Seminary. Dr. Heather Entrekin, Director of Doctor of Ministry Program
- February 7. The Ordinances--Lord's Supper and Baptism. Jerry Cain
- February 14. Great Rivers Region, ABC. Dr. Paul Gibson, Executive Minister
- February 21. The State of the Church Address. Jerry Cain
- February 28-March 27. Lent is celebrated at Grace Baptist Church. Jerry Cain

The Sunday School series entitled *The Work of the Church: Meaning, Membership and Ministry* will continue at 9:00 through February 14 in the Parables classroom.

- **January 17.** A Short History of the Church. Jerry Cain
- **January 24.** The Ministry and Ministries of Grace Baptist Church. Ina May Fakhoury
- **January 31.** The Ministry and Ministries of American Baptists. Heather Entrekin
- **February 7.** Becoming a Member at Grace Baptist Church. Jerry Cain
- **February 14.** The Ministry and Ministries of Great Rivers Region, ABC. Meet our new Executive Minister, Paul

Dear friends at Grace Baptist Church:

Thank you so much for providing a meal for our Doctor of Ministry students from Myanmar. The Chicken Casserole was delicious and the students really appreciated your hospitality. Central is grateful for your care and generosity.

Thank you so much!

*Joel MacClymont*

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*Donna Carrier*

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And the rest of the Central Seminary DMin Hospitality Team

### 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

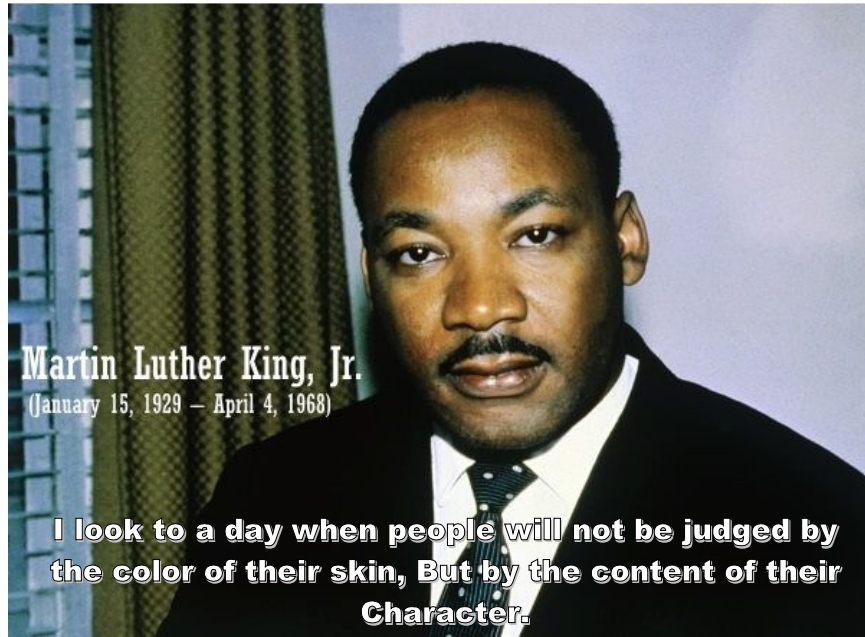
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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE  
INSTALLATION OF OUR EXECUTIVE MINISTER.**

**REVEREND PAUL GIBSON WILL BE INSTALLED AS THE  
EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES  
OF THE GREAT RIVERS REGION.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016  
1:30 P.M.**

**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
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**A RECEPTION FOR REV. AND MRS GIBSON WILL BE HELD  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

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and feet of Christ*