

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



**From
the
Pastor**

And Now the Rest of the Story...

On January 10 I preached the same sermon in the morning English service and the afternoon Karen service. We talked about being Ambassadors for Christ in a foreign culture from the text of II Corinthians 5:20, and used the first six chapters of Daniel as examples of six things we must do in such situations. My opening illustration was about the first conversations I had with two persons in the American embassy in Rangoon, Priscilla Clapp and Peter Fasnacht. I know that sounds like name dropping but I wanted to emphasize the role of an ambassador to represent the ruler of another kingdom. That sermon was rather mediocre but I hope you got the point.

On Thursday, January 28, I received an email from the US Embassy in Yangon which I share here in its fullest:

Thank you Dr. Cain! You will also be happy to hear that the U.S. Embassy is supporting renovation of the Judson First Baptist Church in Mawlamyine, with a grant from the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation. We are working with World Monuments Fund, and they have already begun collecting good information on the church and congregation through their initial assessments. It will be a great project, and that meeting I had with you and Dr. Samuel and the others in fall 2014 helped plant the seed and highlight Adoniram Judson's contributions, which got the ball rolling on the proposal and what has now become a grant for funding the project. You should come back to Burma and see the project when you have a chance. Best regards, Peter Fasnacht

I share this with my Christian friends at Grace knowing you will rejoice that the work of Adoniram Judson among the Burmese and the Karens is being recognized by the World Monuments Fund. Like Peter Fasnacht who first learned of Adoniram Judson from me, the world may first learn of Christ from you. You are Ambassadors for Christ. Represent Him well on a daily basis and wait for the results.

Grace and Peace,

Jerry Cain, Interim Pastor

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	1,960.46	240.38	192.31	2,393.15
01/17/16	725.05	85.30	42.65	853.00
01/24/16	1,269.90	149.40	74.70	1,494.00
01/31/16	2,763.35	325.10	162.55	3,251.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
01/24/16	48	0	69	English
01/24/16	30	0	60	Karen
Total	78	0	129	
01/31/16	46	5	51	English
01/31/16	na	na	na	Karen
Total	46	5	51	

Openers/ Closers	February 7 Marylou R.	February 14 Ina May F.
Greeters	February 7 Judy S. & Jean T.	February 14 Don & Ina F.
Visitors	February 7 Mike & Marylou R.	February 14 Don & Ina F.
Cleaners	February 7 Karen	February 14 Mike & Marylou R.

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9 NRSV



PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALTH

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

Jan
Jerri K.
Jim & Lisa
Randi Shae C.
Roxie J. Mother
Winson K.
Darlene M.
Terry O.
Dean S.
Ron S.
Ruth S.

OTHER

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

WINTER SERMON SERIES

- 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.

- 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



**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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY	1	2 Ground Hog Day  6:30p Search Com. 7:00p Day Care Com.	3 Secretary Vacation 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 6:30p Choir Reh.	4 7p Diaconate	5	6 12-4p Narthex Reserved
7 Communion 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/Baptism 2:00p Karen Worship	8	9 Secretary Vacation 6:30p Search Com.	10 Ash Wednesday 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 8:30a ABW Mtg. & Mission Work Day
14 Valentine's Day 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Grace Notes Deadline 2:00p Karen Worship	15 Presidents Day 	16 Secretary Vacation 8:30a Clothes Closet 6:30p Search Com.	17 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	18	19 6:00p Carpet Cleaning	20
21 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	22	23 9:30a DorSew 6:30p Search Com.	24 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study 7:00p Choir Reh.	25	26 Secretary Vacation	27
28 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Grace Notes Deadline 2:00p Karen Worship	29				Food Pantry Canned Soups	ABW Bible Book Jonah

BIRTHDAYS

2 Eh Ku Hsu K. 8 Lah K 9 Eh H. 12 Jane G. 12 Kaw Tha D. 14 Roxie J.
5 Donna P. 8 Law K. 10 Naw E. 12 Amber S. 14 Joseph L. 15 Nancy A.



Thank You!

Members of Grace Baptist Church:

Thank you so much for your gift of \$550.00 to Family Promise of the Northland in 2015. Your continued gifts of many kinds makes this program possible.

We are very pleased to have added 2 new host sites for a total of 13, making it easier on all of us. Welcome to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of Platte County and Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Liberty. We are currently seeking more support churches and additional financial backing.

Our volunteers have made it possible to provide excellent services to our most recent residents making it possible for them to make some outstanding improvements in their lives.

Your continued financial and personal support makes it possible for lives to be changed.

Sincerely,
Marilyn G.

Items for Operation Christmas Child

January – Hygiene items like tooth brushes, hair brushes, combs, bar soap, wash rags, tooth paste (no liquids)

February – Small toys like jacks, small balls (tennis ball size or smaller), jump ropes, slinky's, harmonicas or other small musical toys, small Etch A Sketch, Hot Wheels, Play Dough (no war related toys).

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
PO Box 13457
Springfield, IL 62791
Phone: 217-726-7366
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and feet of Christ*

THANK YOU

I want to express a special THANK YOU to those who helped me and my family celebrate the life of my brother Billy Heriford Saturday, January 30th.

A special Thank You to Marylou Reiter for organizing, preparing and serving the meal along with Carolyn Cook-Head and Donna Pyle and those who provided cakes.

A special thanks to Sandi McKee for providing her expertise at the sound equipment. I also want to thank the Rev. Ron Bowen, our former pastor to Grace Baptist, for performing the Service for our family.

- Ethlyn McCleave and Family

A big **THANK YOU** to the youth of Grace Baptist Church for accepting the challenge to lead the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, January 24th, 2016. It is so uplifting to see our youth accept that challenge and trust our Lord in leading a very meaningful worship service, giving older people the confidence that the Lord is with our youth. Thanks to each one of you for your commitment to our church and our Lord!