

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



EASTER THANKSGIVING

As I review the events of Easter and the past 16 months with Grace Baptist Church, I am driven by a spirit of thanksgiving more than anything else. Here is my thanksgiving list.

- New and good friends.** I retired from a position where good friendships are hard to cultivate due to a differentiation of power (that is a management term) often felt between faculty and administrators. Grace refreshed my soul by teaching me again the joy of mutual friendships which I hope to maintain in the future.
- Memorable road trips.** I enjoyed our trips through Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Illinois and Nebraska over the past year and have many pictures to remind me of our good times. Thanks for the conversations, the insights and the learning.
- Intercultural diversity.** On Sunday we recognized new members in March with a salt and light ceremony. There were two of Asian descent, two of African heritage and two from European stock. Grace reminds me of heaven which will be populated by people from every tribe, every nation, and every language all singing praises to the our God.
- Fiscal realism.** I am pleased that Grace does annually what the USA cannot do—balance her budget. The church knows her financial revenues (and seeks to increase them) and thus lives within those limitations. Good ministry can be done with the resources God is supplying, whatever they are.
- Women's leadership.** Last spring I was surprised to learn how active the Baptist Women's Ministry is at Grace and beyond. Great Rivers ABWM has been in the past and is presently very dependent on the women of Grace Baptist Church. These servants of Christ supply many resources and significant finances for the work of the Kingdom.
- Internal ministry.** The members of Grace Baptist Church seem to like each other and sincerely want to carry one another's burdens. At church on Easter Sunday people were gathered around Pat Kirk, Kathy Hodge, Rich Hill and Peggy Dunn for prayer and encouragement.
- External service.** But also on Easter weekend, GBC was trying to help those outside the congregation with ministry to two Family Promise families, a loan to a new neighbor, gifts to America for Christ Offering, and a neighborhood Easter egg hunt. And the Grace Day Care is running full steam today.
- Two congregations.** The Karen-speaking congregation and the English-speaking congregation respect each other and both want the other group to succeed. I have experienced no paternalism in this unique relationship. Each is willing to assist the other and to make the necessary adjustments required to share resources for the worship of our God and service to His creation.
- Physical plant.** The Church seems to know that its acreage and our square footage is not an idol to be worshipped and protected but rather a tool to be used and regularly serviced. In the past eight days the buildings were used for 5 Sunday worship services (include Easter Sunrise), housing and meals for homeless families, day care for working parents, 4 meals hosting over 30 each time, Easter pageant, an indoor Easter egg hunt, 3 baptisms, weekly prayers, Sunday school and more. Yet the building is clean and once again the baptistery worked and new plantings at the north entrance will improve the ambiance of the physical plant.
- Lay and professional interdependence.** There is a good mutuality between Beth and the church during the week and Chris and the church over the weekends. Lay people need professional skills of others and the paid staff need the support and friendship of the laity. I am grateful for this good interplay at GBC.
- Joy in ministry.** I am grateful today for the joy of new members coming to Grace as well as the baptisms, funerals, baby dedications and other high points of ministry with this good congregation. We all need an occasional success to stay motivated through the daily expectations.

Thank you for your kind words and for your regular prayers and encouragement. I hope to keep in touch with Grace and rejoice in your good ministry in the Kingdom of God.

Jerry B. Cain

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	2,309.68	269.24	288.46	2,867.38
03/20/16	1,505.35	177.10	88.55	1,771.00
03/27/16	2,550.00	300.00	150.00	3,000.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
03/20/16	48	4	87	English
03/20/16	-	-	72	Karen
Total	48	4	159	
03/27/16	50	0	77	English
03/27/16	-	-	101	Karen
Total	50	0	178	

Openers/ Closers	April 3 Carolyn Cook	April 10 Sandi McKee
Greeters	April 3 Pat Kirk & Vangie Webb	April 10 Eloise Mills & Elaine Mills
Visitors	April 3 John & Nancy Ashworth	April 10 Don & Ina May Fakhoury
Cleaners	April 3 Karen	April 10 ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP (4/9/16)

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Betty (Anita P. Roommate)
Bill & Wife (Pat K. Brother)
Breana
Mildred B.
Kenzie B.
Marcia B.
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Bev D. (Barb L. Friend)
Peggy D.
Peggy D. Brother-in-Law
Neil F. (Mike R. Friend)
Charlotte H.

Howard (John A. Friend)
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Sam & Margie H.
Jan (Marylou R. Friend)
Jim & Lisa
Roxie J. Mother
Kay
Pat Kirk
Darlene M. (Ed L. Sister)
Terry O.
Dean S.
Ron S.
Ruth S.
Wanda (Linda B. Sister)

OTHER

American Voters
Bethel Building Renovations
Christian University in NE India
Katilyn D. (Personal)
Family Promise
Rich & Lori H. Family (Bereavement)
Karen Home Worship
Jerri K. (Move)
National Conflicts
National Leaders
Nepal (Earthquake)

Our School Systems

Search Committee
Troy (Personal/Jean T. Brother)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Binkley-
Buttry-Longkumer-Ngwemi



*Northland Community Choir
Benefit Concert
For Family Promise
Sunday, April 24th, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.
Graham Tyler Chapel
Park University Campus
Parkville, Missouri*



ITEMS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS

CHILD FOR APRIL: Clothing like socks, t-shirts, ball caps, flip flops (we need items in different sizes that would be appropriate for children between 2 and 14 years.)

NORTHLAND CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FORUM

Friday, April 1, 2016.
Refreshments 9:30 a.m.
Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Highlands Community of Christ Church
7615 North Platte Purchase Drive
Program: Family Promise
Speaker: Carolyn Cook

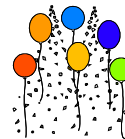
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		FOOD PANTRY Dry Beans	ABW BIBLE BOOK Zechariah		1 9:30a CWU 6:30p Pastor Cain's Farewell Dinner	2 3-5p Karen Youth
3 Communion 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	4 6:30p Health Class	5 6:30p Search Committee 7:00p Day Care Committee	6 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff Meeting 6:30p Choir Reh.	7 7p Diaconate	8	9 8-Noon WORK DAY (Continental Breakfast) 3-5p Karen Youth 6p Parables Class/Turnage
10 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	11 6:30p Health Class	12 6:30p Search Committee 7p Priscilla Circle	13 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	14	15	16 10-Noon Pizza Fundraiser 3-5p Karen Youth
17 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	18 6:30p Health Class	19 8:30a Clothes Closet 6:30p Search Committee	20 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	21	22	23 3-5p Karen Youth
24 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship 3:00p Family Promise Concert	25 6:30p Health Class	26 9:30a DorSew 6:30p Search Committee	27 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study 7:00p Choir Reh.	28	29	30 3-5p Karen Youth

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BIRTHDAYS

18 Naw Peh
 20 K' Ser Moo
 21 Sam Smith

21 Janie Ray



ANNIVERSARIES

10 Fred & Jackie Villanueva
 20 Carl & Vicki George

WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE 2016

On Earth as in Heaven

When: July 4-9, 2016

Where: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, Wisconsin

Celebrate the Fourth of July surrounded by hundreds of friends with a picnic, a mission program and fireworks!

Registration is open! SAVE with early bird discounts if you register before April 15.

Learn more at www.worldmissionconference.org.

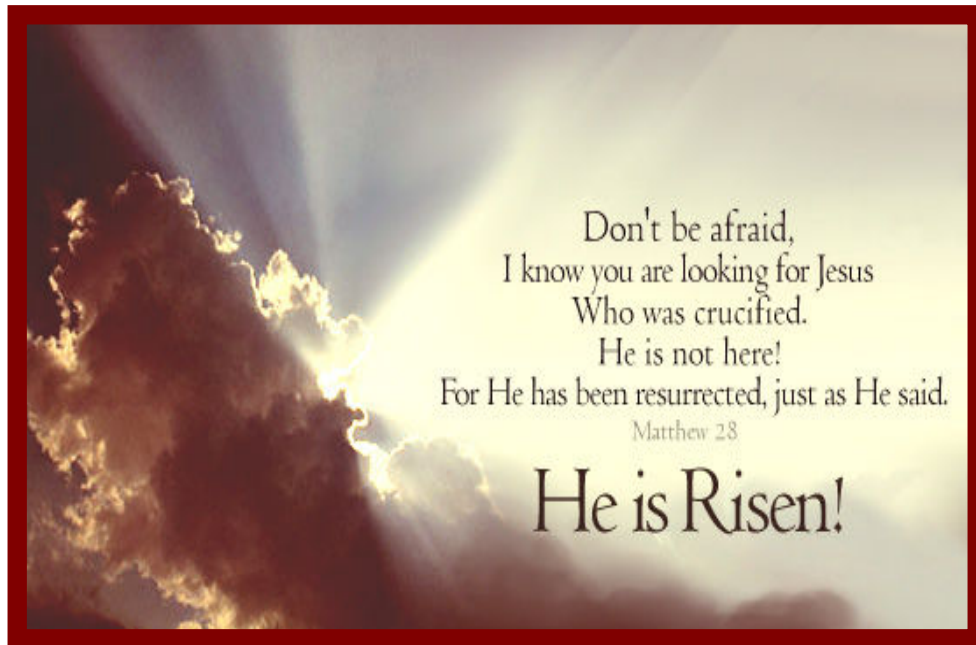
Contact the Green Lake Conference Center to book your housing: (920) 294-3323



Coming Soon - Pizza!

The Missions Committee will have another Pizza fundraiser for the Missions Committee. Prices will remain the same and we promise you that this is the best pizza. Some people buy many pizzas and use them during the year. They are uncooked. This will be on Saturday, April 16th, 2016. If you can help, we would be delighted, just let Roxie Jones or Don Fakhoury know. Pizzas need to be picked up by NOON on Saturday, April 16th. Please pay up front because we do not have an account. Order form attached.

Cheese Pizza: \$ 8.50 each
 Pepperoni Pizza: \$10.00 each
 Supreme Pizza: \$11.00 each



We welcome Rev. Chris McRorey to our pulpit for the month of April. Chris has been visiting and volunteering at Grace for the past year, most recently leading the baptism class for our young people. Sermon Topics for April:

April 3	"The In-Between & the Unlikely"	John 20:1-18	April 17	"The In-Between in Everyday Life"	John 21:1-14
April 10	"The In-Between & Seeing It"	John 20:19-31	April 24	"The In-Between & Following"	John 21:15-25

We will be receiving the **America for Christ Offering** during the month of April. "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand to be our way of life." Ephesians 2:10. Prayerfully consider YOUR gift to this offering. Our Goal is \$2,000.00.



Our *Christian Love and Sympathy* is expressed to Richard & Lori Hill upon the death of Richard's Mother, Lois Maxine Hill. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at White Chapel Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00–11:00 a.m.

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and feet of Christ*

PIZZA ORDER FORM

MISSION COMMITTEE FUND RAISER

Mission Trip Fund for future trips

Order large pizzas which will be made fresh on Saturday, April 16th for you to pick up between 10 AM and Noon that day. They can be frozen or cooked for immediate use. DEADLINE for orders is Sunday, April 10th. Please pay when you order. Thanks!

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Pizza description and price per pizza</u>	<u>Total price</u>
_____	Cheese pizza @ \$8.50 each	_____
_____	Pepperoni pizza @ \$10.00 each	_____
_____	Supreme pizza @ \$11.00 each (sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, green peppers, Onions, black olives)	_____

Name _____ Total \$ _____

Phone _____

Please pay with order (checks to Grace Baptist) and put in offering plate or give to Roxie Jones, Ina May Fakhoury, Don Fakhoury, or church office by April 10th.