



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



FORGIVENESS

When Beth reminded that this was my month to write a devotional for the Grace Notes, I immediately thought about the lesson we had on May 1 concerning forgiveness. In our discussion we acknowledged that we find it difficult to do as Jesus asked us to do and that we likely don't do it well. In thinking about that, I decided to look for further thoughts on this topic. The story of Joseph and his brothers offers some guidelines on doing it in a godly way. (Genesis 45)

Joseph had a lot to forgive. He had baggage against his brothers who sold him into slavery and, therefore, separated him from all that was familiar and loved. He suffered further at the hands of a woman who had no scruples about lying, blaming and making false accusations. In the case of his brothers, he forgave them, showed them grace and made life easier for them—no grudges!

R.T, Kendal in a book on Total Forgiveness, we are offered some guidance about how to proceed. Joseph asked all non concerned persons to leave the room when he discussed what had happened between him and his brothers a long time ago. When something needs to be said, it should be done quietly and respectfully and only with those who are involved and those who can make a difference.

It should not be done from a position of one up-one down power. Joseph did not require his brothers to acknowledge his power. It appears that he did not want them to be afraid. He put them at ease.

He let them save face. He told them about all that happened. He also told them that he believed that what had happened was for the good of his family and his people. He told them that what had happened was of God and that it served God's purposes.

Joseph committed himself to continue to forgive. He chose to forgive and to keep on doing so. In our lesson on May 1, we were told that it was required as often as seven times per day. So, forgiveness is to be renewed, daily, weekly, yearly. Satan favors negativity and bitterness. Love promotes forgiveness as a LIFESTYLE. God has forgiven each one and we are to choose to pay it forward.

Vangie Webb

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 - Elizabeth Buckner Genesis 11:1-9 “Track Suit Trousers”

Elizabeth Buckner is a preacher, poet, PTA President, and (most importantly) parent. When not in class or writing papers for her Master of Divinity degree that she is earning from Central Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas, she is either cooking a new recipe, hiking Missouri trails, or shuttling kids to various activities. She has also traveled extensively. Most recently, she pilgrimaged to Thailand and Myanmar.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 - Dr. Robert Magee Luke 23:26-29, 39-43 “The Importance of the Cross”

Dr. Magee retired as Senior Minister of First Christian Church in NKC in 2002 after 13 years. He serves as the Team Leader for the annual Medical/Dental Missions to Jamaica on behalf of the church and Rotary International. The mission just completed its 15th annual mission. Dr. Magee also served over 32 years with the United States Army Reserve. Presently he is a retired Chaplain for the USAR holding the rank of Colonel.

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	2,309.68	269.24	288.46	2,867.38
05/01/16	3,011.55	354.30	177.15	3,543.00
05/08/16	2,198.10	258.60	129.30	2,586.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
05/01/16	34	12	63	English
05/01/16	-	-	90	Karen
Total	34	12	153	
05/08/16	37	4	69	English
05/08/16	-	-	-	Karen
Total	37	4	69	

Openers/ Closers	May 15 Nancy Ashworth	May 22 Carolyn Cook-Head
Greeters	May 15 Kenny & Linda Smith	May 22 KNyaw & Paw Ger Kaw
Visitors	May 15 John & Nancy Ashworth	May 22 Carolyn Head & Nancy Ashworth
Cleaners	May 15 Karen	May 22 Mike & Marylou Reiter



PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Breena
Mildred B.
Kenzie B.
Bob (Peggy D. Brother-in-law)
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Bev D. (Barb L. Friend)
Peggy D. Brother-in-Law
Neil F. (Mike R. Friend)
Charlotte H.
Howard (John A. Friend)
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)

Sam & Margie H.
Jim & Lisa
Roxie J. Mother
Jerri K.
Linzy
Darlene M. (Ed L. Sister)
Terry O.
Anita P.
Carol Ann R.
Shawn/Car Accident
Ron S.
Ruth S.
Wanda (Linda B. Sister)

OTHER

American Voters
Bethel Building Renovations
Christian University in NE India
Katilyn D. (Personal)
Family Promise & Families
Mike & Carl G. (Personal)
Rich & Lori H. Family (Bereavement)
National Conflicts
National Leaders

Japan & Ecuador (Earthquake)
New Church Members
Our School Systems
Search Committee
Troy (Personal/Jean T. Brother)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi

Please join us for our
Open House and
Ribbon Cutting
at Metro Lutheran Ministry's new
Northland Facility



Help MLM celebrate the grand opening of our Northland facility. Witness the ribbon cutting, take a tour and enjoy light refreshments.

Friday, May 20
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

MLM Northland
1100 NE Vivion Road
Kansas City, MO 64118
(next to St. James Lutheran Church)
Questions? Contact Maryann Grace
(816) 285-3141



ITEMS FOR OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD FOR
MAY: Useful items for older boys
like small tools (no sharp knives),
watches, fishing items like hooks,
lures, fishing line, bobbers, weights.

Just A Reminder 

PRAYER CIRCLE meets in the Friendship
Room every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER is held the
LAST Wednesday Night of the month at 5:30
p.m., followed by 6:15 p.m. Bible Study.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			11 9:00a Prayer Circle	12 4p Day Care Mother's Tea	13 6p Carpet Cleaning	14 10a-Noon Pizza Fundraiser 3-5p Karen Youth
15 Graduate Recog. 9:00a S.S.  10:15a Worship/ Elizabeth Buckner 2:00p Karen Worship	16 11:30a-1:30p Shepherds Center 6:30p Health Class	17 6:30p Search Committee	18 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir/Turnage's	19	20	21 3-5p Karen Youth
22 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/ Dr. Robert W. Magee 2:00p Karen Worship	23 11:30a-1:30p Shepherds Center Noon Grace Notes Deadline 6:30p Health Class	24 9:30a DorSew 6:30p Search Committee	25 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study	26	27	28 3-5p Karen Youth
29 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship 3:00p Family Promise	30 MEMORIAL DAY  Office & Day Care Closed	31 6:30p Search Committee			FOOD PANTRY Canned Tomatoes	ABWM Bible Book: Nahum



MAY IS HEALTHY SNACK MONTH FOR BETHEL

Nutritious Snacks:

Pretzels, Cheezits, Raisins, Natural Microwave Popcorn, Peanut Butter or Cheese Sandwich Crackers, Chex Mix, 100% Fruit Juice, Granola Bars, Triscuits or Peanut Butter.

THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the MLM Food Drive sponsored by our Senior High Youth. We received 180 items. Thank you for your great giving!

American Baptist Women's Ministries Great Rivers Region Annual Conference June 3-5, 2016 Keller Convention Center - Effingham, IL

"How God Sees You –
YOU ARE A MASTERPIECE"
Ephesians 2:10

Registration Deadline is May 20, 2016 (See Lori Hill)

Friday Night Concert – State of Grace
Conference Leaders:

Missionaries: Awenam Anifrani and Holale Azondjagni – France

Bible Study Leader: Cana Roth

Workshop Leaders: Stephanie Johanpeter, Jean Tysdal & Shirley Rogers

Saturday Night Talent Show

(This year a BRUNCH is planned at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Early birds...be sure to bring a quick snack to tide you over 'til Brunch.)

Saturday morning activities start at 8:30 a.m.

Please bring new or used greeting cards for blessing boxes

Class of 2016

ME ME

Me Me graduated from East High School on May 6th, 2016. She was in the pre-nursing program in High School as well as in the A+ Program. She is going to Penn Valley College to study nursing.



PAW EI MER

Paw Ei Mer graduated from East High School on May 6th, 2016 in the top ten percent of her class. She was in the A+ Program and is in the National Honor Society. She received the Academic Excellence Award. She is going to community college with plans to become a doctor.

LER HAY PAW

Ler Hay Paw graduated from East High School on May 6th, 2016 and was in the National Honor Society. She plans on going to community college to major in teaching.



Congratulations Graduates

Our Graduates will be recognized in our Worship Service on Sunday, May 15th, 2016