



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**

Brexit” – what a strange word. A few months ago it wasn’t a word; now it is powerful enough to send the stock market into a free fall, send Europe into a panic and encourage Scotland to threaten their own “Scexit” from Great Britain. The remarkable thing to me, however, was the news report that the day after the “brexit” vote the number one topic being “Googled” in England was the question, “What is the European Union?” That suggests the “brexit” decision was made, perhaps in large part, by people who didn’t know what they were really voting on.

I sometimes worry about the ways good people make life-altering decisions based on inaccurate and incomplete information, bias, emotion, hearsay, and even “ennie, meenie, miney, moe.” In our world we cannot afford such immature decision-making practices. Something far more substantial is required. So let me offer another word, not as strange as “brexit” but far more important and life-impacting. The word is “discernment.” As followers of Jesus, we are to exercise discernment as we face the choices and decisions that confront us. In fact, the Apostle Paul instructs us to “examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.” (I Thess. 5:21-22, NASB). To some of us discernment is given in unusual measure as a special grace gift (I Cor. 12:10), but some measure of it is essential for us all and must be constantly nourished. We must take care to develop our spiritual discernment. This is why the psalmist prays, “I am your servant; give me discernment” (Ps. 119:125, NIV).

Why is this important? Careful Biblical reflection, prayer and Godly counsel in the face of difficult choices serves as a means of protection; guarding us from being deceived and tossed about by the changing tides of whim and fancy. Additionally, discernment functions as a key to Christian freedom. The zealous but undiscerning person can become enslaved to the popular notions of others, to his or her own uneducated conscience, to an unbiblical pattern of life. Growth in discernment sets us free from such bondage, enabling us to distinguish practices that may be helpful in some circumstances from those that are mandated in all circumstances.

To say that we live in troubled times is a bit of an understatement. The American political scene is nothing short of bizarre. Every morning seems to begin with a news report of another outbreak of violence and terror.

So how do you approach the decisions you and your congregation face each day? I hope your decisions are informed and responsible. I hope yours is a discerning mind. My prayer for us all is summed up in Psalm 119:66, “Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments.”



Faith in God

Written by Dr. John Williams
Executive Minister ABC Central Region

Submitted by Ina May Fakhoury

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	2,309.68	269.24	288.46	2,867.38
08/21/16	1,438.20	169.20	84.60	1,692.00
08/28/16	1,550.44	182.41	91.20	1,824.05

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
08/21/16	36	4	57	English
08/21/16	-	-	-	Karen
Total	36	4	57	
08/28/16	45	3	66	English
08/28/16	-	-	102	Karen
Total	45	3	168	

Openers/ Closers	September 4 Vangie Webb	September 11 Ina May Fakhoury
Greeters	September 4 KNYaw & Anna Soe	September 11 Don & Ina May Fakhoury
Visitors	September 4 Vangie Webb & Carolyn Cook	September 11 Don & Ina May Fakhoury
Cleaners	September 4 Karen	September 11 Roger & Sandi McKee



PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Mildred B.
Cindy
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Bev D. (Barb L. Friend)
Mike D. (Michelle H. B-in-Law)
Debbie
Peggy D. Brother-in-Law
Charlotte H.
Howard (John A. Friend)

Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Sam & Margie H.
Roxie J. Mother
Ikie M.
Darlene M. Family (Ed L. Sister)
Terry O.
Rita
Sam & Ruth S.
Carol Ann S.
Ruth S.

OTHER

ABW
Alex
American Voters
Bethel Building Renovations
Children's Sunday School
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise & Families
Mike & Carl G. (Personal)
Grace Baptist Church

National Conflicts
National Leaders
Nominating Committee
New Church Members
Our School Systems
Search Committee
Steve (Personal)
Jean T. (Personal)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi



Endowment Committee Update

The Endowment Committee met on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. The ending value for the Grace Baptist Church Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2016, was \$23,117. Dividends and interest as of this date total \$290. This amount is what is available for an authorized grant. Deposits, including contributions totaled \$5,003, during the period ending June 30th. Ethlyn McCleave was elected chairman.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER: Hard candy (newly purchased, please and no chocolate because it melts), rubber bands, monetary donations to help pay for shipping (each box is \$7.00)

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER		ABW BIBLE BOOK AMOS	AUGUST 31 9:00a Prayer Circle NO EVENING MEETINGS	1	2	3 3-5p Karen Youth
4 Communion 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/ Dave Davis 2:00p Karen Worship	5 LABOR DAY Office & Day Care Closed	6 6:30p Search Committee 7p Day Care Committee	7 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff Meeting 6:30p Choir Reh.	8	9	10 9:00a ABWM Breakfast 3-5p Karen Youth
11 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/ Daphne Braswell Business Meeting/ Lunch provided 2:00p Karen Worship	12 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	13 6:30p Search Committee 7p Priscilla Circle	14 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	15	16	17 3-5p Karen Youth
18 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/ Jerry Cain 2:00p Karen Worship	19	20 6:30p Search Committee	21 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	22 	23	24 3-5p Karen Youth
25 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/ Stephen Barbee 2:00p Karen Worship	26 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	27 9:30a DorSew 6:30p Search Committee	28 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study 7:00p Choir Reh.	29	30	FOOD PANTRY CANNED CORN
					GRR Annual Assembly/Effingham	



FALL ADULT RETREAT - - - "RUN THE RACE" October 6-8, 2016 - - - Windermere Baptist Conference Center

\$75 includes meals & program
\$49 and up for lodging

Speakers:

Dr. Paul Gibson, ABC Springfield, IL
Greg Morrow, First Baptist Church, California

Music:

Bud & Barbara Lee
South Haven Choir

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" Hebrews 12:1b

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THURSDAY

5:30	Opening Banquet & Concert	Dining Hall	Bud & Barbara Lee
7:00	Worship	Harding Auditorium	P. Gibson & Choir
8:30	S'more & Hymn Sing	Vespers Campfire Site	

FRIDAY

7:30	Breakfast & Devotion	Dining Hall	G. Morrow & Choir
8:45	Bible Study & Worship	Harding Auditorium	
9:45	Coffee Break	Harding Auditorium	
10:00	Breakout Sessions	Lower Harding	
11:00	Breakout Sessions	Lower Harding	
12:00	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00	What's New at Windermere	Dining Hall	John Bailey
2:00	Breakout Sessions	Lower Harding	
3:00	Talent Show for All	Harding Auditorium	Everyone!

FRIDAY CONTINUED:

4:30	Break		
5:30	Supper	Dining Hall	
7:00	Worship	Harding Auditorium	P. Gibson/Choir
8:30	Dessert/Games	Fireside Lounge	

SATURDAY

7:30	Breakfast/Devotion	Dining Hall	
8:45	Bible Study/Worship	Harding Auditorium	G. Morrow & Choir
10:00	Breakout Sessions	Lower Hardin	
11:00	Room Check Out	Registration	
12:00	Lunch	Dining Hall	
1:00	Closing Worship	Harding Auditorium	P. Gibson & Choir
3:00	Departure or Sign Up for the Weekend		

LODGING RATES FOR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Cedar Grove	\$ 40.00	per night	Family Units 350-352 (sleeps 5)	\$ 69.00	per night
Motel	\$ 49.00	per night	Family Units 355, 356, 361 (sleeps 9-11)	\$ 119.00	per night
Lakeview	\$ 85.00	per night	Family Units 353 & 362 (sleeps 9)	\$ 127.00	per night
Dogwood	\$ 85.00	per night	Family Units 354, 357, 360, 363 (sleeps 9)	\$ 141.00	per night
			Family Units 1570 & 1571 (sleeps 9)	\$ 141.00	per night




We're
Engaged!

*Paw Ler
Announces the Engagement
of Her Daughter
Anna Soe
to
Sah Bway Moo*



Cuba.

In September we are receiving the World Mission Offering. Our goal is \$2,000.00. American Baptists have about 119 missionaries serving around the world. The number is actually larger because of some who are not listed because they serve in countries closed to the Gospel. The emphasis this year is on the rapidly expanding church in

Our work in Cuba started in 1898. Following the Cuban revolution in 1959 the government nationalized religious properties and declared the country atheist. In the 1990's they lost support from the Soviet Union and gradually eased up on religious restrictions. The Second Baptist Church Peniel in Jiguani had seven members in 2007. Today the Church has 314 members with 60-70 children attending services. This active Church sponsors 2 mission Churches in the city

Grace Baptist Church is a very mission minded Church. We help support 4 missionaries, Longkumers, Buttry, Nzungas and Baits. We have had all of them here and many others too. We support them all and we hope you will exceed the \$2000.00 challenge goal.

In our Church we have the fruits of former missionaries' service. Our membership includes people from Burma, Vietnam, Liberia, the Philippines and others.

Please prayerfully consider your offering. – Don Fakhoury, Missions Chair

Thank you for your gift of \$50.00 on July 20th, this will certainly keep our program progressively going forward.

Sincerely,
Family Promise of the Northland



Our ABW Breakfast is Saturday, September 10th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

All women are invited