



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**

ADVENT: More than Activities

Historically the Christian Church has set aside specific days and seasons to celebrate various events in the life of Christ. It is time to begin the “new church year”, which means we turn our attention to Advent. The four Sundays before Christmas will lead us up to the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, traditionally acknowledged on December 24 and 25. The schedule at Grace Baptist Church will be busy, but meaningful. I hope you can add these events to your calendar as we remember again the First Advent of our Lord and wait expectantly for the Second Advent of our Lord.

Sunday, November 27.	First Sunday of Advent: Night of Miracles: Annunciation
Wednesday, November 30.	Advent dinner featuring The Northland Christmas Store and Bill Turnage
Sunday, December 4.	Second Sunday of Advent: Night of Miracles: Communion
Wednesday, December 7.	Advent dinner featuring Victoria Barbee, Kansas City Rescue Mission
Sunday, December 11.	Third Sunday of Advent: Night of Miracles: Bethlehem
Tuesday, December 13.	Grace Day Care Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 14.	Advent dinner featuring Eighth Grade Orchestral Ensemble, Northgate Middle School
Sunday, December 18.	Fourth Sunday of Advent: Night of Miracles: Cantata
Wednesday, December 21.	Advent dinner and Carol Sing with New Kingdom of Faith and Restoration Church
Saturday, December 24.	Christmas Celebration with Karen Grace Baptist Church
Saturday, December 24.	Christmas Eve Service: Night of Miracles: Grace Baptist Youth Drama
Sunday, December 25.	Christmas Day: Night of Miracles: Shepherds

I know we will get distracted by all the events and hoopla promoted by the secular culture, and many of these events are good, but my prayer is that we will schedule specific times to worship and focus on the birth of Jesus. On one level we are encouraged to say, “Happy Holidays”, while another level drives us to say “Merry Christmas”. But, as people of Grace, let’s look this December to an even higher level and dwell on Advent as much as possible.

I look forward to worshipping with you this next Sunday.

Pastor Jerry Cain
Grace Baptist Church

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	2,309.68	269.24	288.46	2,867.38
11/13/16	1,250.35	147.10	73.55	1,471.00
11/20/16	3,327.33	391.45	195.72	3,914.50

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
11/13/16	41	0	56	English Service
11/13/16	-	-	134	Karen Service
Total	41	0	190	
11/20/16	41	4	45	English Service
11/20/16	-	-	96	Karen Service
Total	41	4	141	

Openers/ Closers	November 27 Marty Turnage	December 4 Sandi McKee
Greeters	November 27 Judy Summers & Jean Tysdal	December 4 Kathy Hodge & Anita Parkins
Visitors	November 27 Mike & Marylou Reiter	December 4 John & Nancy Ashworth
Cleaners	November 27 Karen	December 4 Mike & Marylou Reiter

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Mildred B.
Madissyn C.
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Roxie J. Mother
Jeanette M.
Darlene M. Family (Ed L. Sister)

Marian O.

Don P.
Sam & Ruth S.
Wanda
Annette W.



OTHER

ABW
Bethel Building Renovations
Children's Sunday School
Christian University in NE India
Church Merger
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise & Families
Mike & Carl G. (Personal)
Grace Baptist Church
Bill G. Family (Bereavement)
Chris M. Grandmother (Move)

National Conflicts
National Leaders
New Church Members
Neighbor's Salvation
Opal (Bereavement)
Our Pastor
Our School Systems
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
Mrs. V. (Bereavement)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-Longkumer-Ngwemi

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			23 NO MEETINGS	24 Offices & Day Care Closed	25 Secretary Off	26 3-5p Karen Youth
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	28	29 Bethel Thank You Celebration at Central. ALL DONORS Welcome	30 9a Prayer Circle 5:30p Advent Dinner 6:15p Northland Christmas Store with Bill Turnage 7:00p Choir Reh. 8-8:30p Praise Team		FOOD PANTRY: Rice	ABW Bible Book I, II, III John




MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Our Grace Choir will present the Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles", on Sunday, December 18th, 2016.



Again this year we will be collecting shampoo for the **Northland Christmas Store**. We will have boxes available in the Narthex.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Secretary Vacation	3 3-5p Karen Youth 5:30-8:30p KC Parks & Rec. using Parking Lot
4 Communion 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship ABW Bd. 2:00p Karen Worship	5 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	6 6:30p Day Care Staff Party/Reiter's Day Care Committee 7p Priscilla Circle (Last Mtg. until April)	7 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 5:30p Advent Dinner 6:15p Victoria Barbee KC Rescue Mission 7:00p Choir Reh. 8:00p Praise Team	8 7p Diaconate	9	10 3-5p Karen Youth
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Business Mtg./Lunch Provided 2:00p Karen Worship	12 6:30p Bethel Board & Staff at GBC	13 7p Day Care Christmas Program	14 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Advent Dinner 6:15p Northgate Middle School Orchestra 7:00p Choir Reh. 8:00p Praise Team	15	16 Secretary Vacation	17 3-5p Karen Youth
18 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship & Cantata 2:00p Karen Worship 3:00p Family Promise	19 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	20 8:30a Clothes Closet	21 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Advent Dinner 6:15p Carol Sing with New Kingdom Church 7:00p Choir Reh. 8:00p Praise Team	22	23 Offices Closed, Day Care Closes at Noon	24 Christmas Eve 10:00a-4:30p Karen Using Building  6:00p Christmas Eve Service
25 CHRISTMAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS 10:15a Worship 2:00p to 9:00p Karen Celebration	26 Offices & Day Care Closed	27	28 9:00a Prayer Circle NO EVENING MTGS.	29	30 Secretary Vacation	31 New Year's Eve 

BIRTHDAYS



1 December Paw
6 Cha Koh Lo
10 Paisha Paw

11 Judy Summers
12 Eh Doh Paw
15 Kan Min

18 Kaw Thaw Htoo
22 Lis Taw
23 Virginia Hale

31 Linda Smith
31 Jackie Villanueva

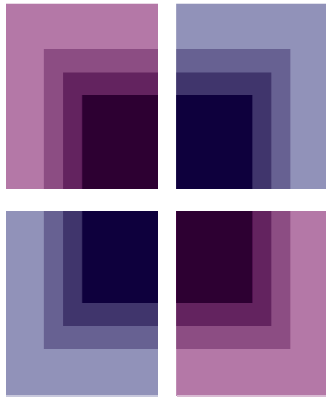


Our Christian Love and Sympathy is expressed to the Family of William "Bill" Grant of Bolivar, MO. Bill passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. He was the brother of Mark Grant. Please be in prayer for the family.

The **PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. instead of our regular December 13th date. Instead of exchanging gifts, we will be collecting for Heifer International and deciding what we would like to purchase.

The Priscilla Circle is open to all ladies of Grace Baptist church. You are welcome to join us. ***This will be our last meeting before our winter break.***

Offering for Retired Ministers and Missionaries (RMMO)



American Baptist Churches annually give an award to the ABC congregation that most generously supports the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, which Grace will emphasize over the next three Sundays. The story of the widow giving her tiny offering is reported in Luke 21:1-4 and is a model for Christian generosity and thankfulness. It might be a good read for those of us inundated with opportunities to buy stuff over the next few weeks.

A modern version of that widow was reported in 1981 at the First Chinese Baptist Church in Fresno, CA, one of our sister ABC churches. A Vietnamese woman was worshipping with the congregation and had no prior knowledge of the meaning of the RMMO offering. In response to the words of gratitude printed on the RMMO offering envelope, she slipped off her wristwatch, her only possession of value, and placed it in the RMMO envelope. It was the only gift she could make to support those who served the church through a ministerial calling and she gave it willingly.

I hope you will read the material in the Sunday bulletins over the next three weeks and attend to the videos that we will see at each service. And I pray you will respond generously, even if it means giving away your watch. Living spouses of these gospel warriors, such as Vangie Webb and Mildred Burk, will receive a small bump in their income because of your kindness.

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Retired
Ministers+
Missionaries
Offering
2016



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship Committee is planning on having poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each is \$8.00. If you would like to purchase one *in memory of* or *in honor of* someone, please complete the form below place it and your money in the offering on a Sunday morning, or give it to Marty Turnage by December 7, 2016. A list of these will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th. This is a nice way to honor someone and will certainly help make our sanctuary look festive for the 2 Sundays right at Christmas time (December 18th and December 25th). If you would like, you may take yours home immediately following worship on December 25th.

Name: _____

I wish to purchase _____ poinsettia(s) _____ in memory of _____ in honor of _____

I have included \$8.00 for each poinsettia ordered.