



# 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**

## Finding and Doing the Will of God

I am pleased with our first Sunday of “Finding and Doing the Will of God” which launched on the first day of 2017. The attendance was good, the discussions were lively and I pray that we understand our plan for the Sunday School hour in January/February while we continue to move ahead with joy.

It is important to know that the Spirit of God lives in each of God's born-again children and is trying to guide us into "that good and perfect and acceptable will of God" (Romans 12:2). Please talk to God this week as you complete the Favorites Survey for further analysis on January 8. (And those who missed January 1 are welcome to join us on any of the future discussions.)

Key concepts gleaned from last week's discussions are:

- If GBC had a lot of money, we would probably invest it in world missions, the hungry and young people.
- GBC is ahead of other churches when it comes to its outward focus—helpfulness, hospitality, acceptance, community engagement.
- Of all the institutions in the world, GBC should be the one place where people are loved, accepted, respected and open to ministry.
- Worship at GBC is meaningful when it engages the individual's heart and mind but also is open to the world and is shared with others.

On January 8 we will look at the First Church of Jerusalem trying to determine what its values were as expressed in the book of Acts. We will look at the activity of that first congregation and ask, “Why did they do that?” The answer to that question will reveal the values of that church. Values determine action and propel the ministry of the congregation. Programming proceeds out of values. This discussion will inform one side of our picture frame.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we look at Isaiah 42:1-9 “A Light in the Darkness.” You will especially enjoy meeting Jeremy Cato who will be assisting in our morning worship.

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	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	2,309.68	269.24	288.46	2,867.38
12/25/16	4,723.45	555.70	277.85	5,557.00
01/01/17	2,783.75	327.50	163.75	3,275.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
12/25/16	0	0	71	English Service
12/25/16	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	0	0	71	
01/01/17	29	0	51	English Service
01/01/17	-	-	102	Karen Service
Total	29	0	153	

Openers/ Closers	January 8 <b>Lori Hill</b>	January 15 <b>Carolyn Cook</b>
Greeters	January 8 <b>Rich &amp; Lori Hill</b>	January 15 <b>Linda Biancavilla &amp; Pat Kirk</b>
Visitors	January 8 <b>Rich &amp; Lori Hill</b>	January 15 <b>Carolyn Cook &amp; Nancy Ashworth</b>
Cleaners	January 8 <b>Karen</b>	January 15 <b>Vangie Webb &amp; Ina May Fakhoury</b>

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALTH

Nancy A.  
Jack B. (Bill T. Cousin)  
Mildred B.  
Carolyn C.  
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)  
Madissyn C.  
Kathy D. (Accident)  
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)  
Roxie J. Mother

Landon K. (Pneumonia)  
Jeanette M.  
Darlene M. Family (Ed L. Sister)  
Marian O.  
Don P.  
Renata  
Rob  
Ruth S.  
Sam & Ruth S.



### OTHER

ABW  
Bethel Building Renovations  
Children's Sunday School  
Christian University in NE India  
Disasters in the USA  
Family Promise & Families  
Grace Baptist Church  
National Conflicts  
National Leaders

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JANUARY</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>			4 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 6:30p Choir Reh. 7:30p Praise Team	5	6	7 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth
8 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship <b>Bus. Meeting</b> <b>Lunch Provided</b> 2:00p Karen Worship	9	10	11 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh. 7:30p Praise Team	12	13	14 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth
15 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Noon Grace Notes Deadline	17	18 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh. 7:30p Praise Team	19	20	21 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth
22 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	23	24 9:30a DorSew	25 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner <b>6:15p Program with Jeremy Cato</b> 7:00p Choir Reh. 8:00p Praise Team	26	27	28 3:00-5:00p Karen Youth
29 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	30 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	31		<b>ABW Bible Book:</b> Hosea	<b>FOOD PANTRY</b> Dry Cereal	

## AN UPDATE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES KATIE AND TAKU LONGKUMER

December 20, 2016

Greetings Folks!

Thank you as always for your faithful prayers. I just want to give you an update on what's going on. Our families on both sides of the globe are facing challenges. I had shared about Taku's brother Matung's wife and her battle with throat cancer. She passed away at home Sunday morning at 1:30. So Sunday very early we, along with some family members here in Dimapur, made the 5 hour journey to village to spend time with the family and attend the funeral at 1:00 pm on Sunday. We then made the trip back that same day.

Taku's brother, Imkong, who lives here with us, continues his treatment for throat cancer. He's now had about 35 radiation treatments and 2 rounds of chemo. Today we'll get the results of his blood work to see if he can withstand another chemo tomorrow. He is being fed through a tube (here at home) and cannot speak as his throat is totally swollen closed. We are praying for God to heal and restore him.

My mother (in Springfield, IL) had emergency surgery last week (that I found out about after the fact) for the removal of her gall bladder which had been infected. She returned home for about one day and is now on her 3rd day back in the hospital for pneumonia. She doesn't know how long she'll be there, but it sounds like it may be a couple more days at least. Please pray for her healing.

We are planning to have Taku's family (siblings with their kids & kids' families) here for Christmas. A couple of the families will be staying with us; hopefully the brother who just lost his wife (and his kids) will be able to come from the village also. We will kill a pig (go to church of course), feast and pray together. I haven't really counted how many will be coming....let's see only 30-35 as some are going to their in-laws. So it will be quite a crowd. We have about a dozen workers here today (carpenters/plumber/painters and porch railing) trying to get the house ready.

I'm not sure what our kids will be doing. I've not been able to get in touch with them. They had been planning to all gather (even Senti & Zack from Colorado) at my parents and celebrate there. Even though Mom can't manage the meal and all, they come and prepare the feast and spend the day together. With Mom's hospitalization we don't know if that will be possible. They really don't have a place to congregate. Please pray for all the family as they navigate these unexpected obstacles.

We are about to head out to speak at the staff & family Christmas celebration of Seva Bharat, (India Mission). This year we are grateful to not be traveling and speaking on Christmas Day. We need this time to be together as a family.

We pray you are all joyfully preparing for a special celebration of Christmas. We do uphold you all in prayer as we covet your prayers for us. Thank you for your service and partnership in mission with us.

God Bless,  
Katie

**JEREMY CATO WILL BE AT GRACE ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> DURING  
WORSHIP AND WILL ALSO PRESENT A  
“FREE” CONCERT ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
FOLLOWING THE 5:30 PM DINNER**

Jeremy Cato was born and raised in the Kansas City area. After rededicating his life to Christ in his early twenties, he married his wife Christina. The Cato's served the Lord for over 10 years as Youth Pastors in Independence, MO. For the past 5 years, they have been serving as the Worship Pastors at their church. Jeremy has recently expanded his ministry to include a recent trip to Nashville to record with Daywind Records. Dawn is Breaking was released in November of 2016 and the first single, “Pray for You” has been released nationwide to Southern Gospel Radio in January of this year. **PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE TWO EVENTS AND** pray for God's hand and direction on the Cato's ministry as they venture out on this new season of ministry.

**Sermon Series for January, 2017  
“The Light of the Lord”**

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| January 8  | A Light in the Darkness<br>Isaiah 42:1-9   |
| January 15 | A Light to the Nations<br>Isaiah 49:1-7    |
| January 22 | We Have Seen a Great Light<br>Isaiah 9:1-7 |

**GREAT JOB  
GRACE BAPTIST DAY CARE !!!**



Again this year, our staff and children of the Day Care chose Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries to be the beneficiary of their Christmas Giving.

They collected 1,589 non-perishable food items, with the 2's and 3's class being the winners. Everyone had a pizza party, and the 2's and 3's were treated to ice cream!

The children were so excited to help load the truck with their food and the people from MLM were thrilled with the amount of food collected !!!!

**2017 BIENNIAL  
MISSION SUMMIT  
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**PORTLAND, OREGON – JUNE 30-JULY 2**

A special welcome awaits all members of the American Baptist family, as the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast roll out the red carpet for the 2017 Biennial Mission Summit.

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