



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**

Moving from Strategy to Tactics

We had a good weekend with Tim Deatruck over last Saturday and Sunday. Thanks for your participation and for all the questions you asked about How to Find and Do God's Will at Grace Baptist Church. Tim and the First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines went through this process two years ago and are now reaping the results of their planning. We hope to build on their spiritual growth experience.

We have done well on our Purpose Statement and our Values Statement. The current version of our Strategy Statements read like this:

- Age Diversity. GBC will be a congregation composed of people from a wide spectrum of age and experience.
- Assimilation. GBC will seek to welcome and seamlessly integrate visitors and new members into its fellowship.
- Communication. GBC will find ways to effectively tell her story to the community and the world.
- Fellowship. GBC will continue to be known as a diverse fellowship that enjoys each other.
- Caring and Missions. GBC will live the Gospel through service to the community and the world.
- Worship. GBC will glorify God through excellence and passion on Sunday and throughout the week.

On Sunday, February 19, we will move from strategy to tactics. Your assignment is to list the activities and programs you think God wants us to implement at Grace. This should be a fun and free-flowing hour. If a squad of U.S. Army soldiers is to take hill number 17 (strategy), their task is to determine who goes up the east side and who goes up the west side and who calls in the bombers and who carries the flame thrower (tactics). We will continue the conversation about tactics on Wednesday evening, February 22.

Please come to these two gatherings with ideas that will help our church grow and fulfill the purpose God has given us. The Holy Spirit is working in you and me trying to nudge us toward the future God has planned for us. Please pray and listen and come on Sunday and Wednesday to report what you are hearing from God about the next steps of Grace Baptist Church.

Jerry B. Cain, Pastor



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD items for February: Accessories like jewelry, hair clips and bows, sun glasses, watches, etc.

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp	Total
Budget	1,960.63	240.39	192.31	2,393.33
02/05/17	3,472.26	408.50	204.25	4,085.01
02/12/17	1,625.20	191.20	95.60	1,912.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
02/05/17	40	-	61	English Service
02/05/17	-	-	81	Karen Service
Total	40	-	142	
02/12/17	46	-	64	English Service
02/12/17	-	-	109	Karen Service
Total	46	-	173	

Openers/ Closers	February 19 Donna Pyle	February 26 Dave & Roxie Jones
Greeters	February 19 Linda Biancavilla & Pat Kirk	February 26 Dave & Roxie Jones
Visitors	February 19 Don & Donna Pyle	February 26 Dave & Roxie Jones
Cleaners	February 19 Karen	February 26 Judy Summers & Carolyn Cook

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Nancy A.
Jack B.
Jerry C. Mother
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Vic H. (Vangie W. Brother)
Roxie J. Mother
Jennifer
Landon K.
Doris K.
Jeanette M.
Darlene M. Family
Nita
Marian O.

Don P. Brother
Maxwell R.
Renata
Rob
Sam & Ruth S.
Kenny S.
Linda S.
Carol Ann S.
Ruth S.
Tobias
Tom
Marty T.
Annette W.

OTHER

ABW
Amber
Bethel Building Renovations
Children's Sunday School
Christian University in NE India
Day Care Family
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise & Families
Grace Baptist Church
Nation
National Leaders
Neighbor's Salvation

New Church Members
New Leaders of Nation & State
Nominating Committee
Our Pastor
Our School Systems
Planning Session
Refugees
Roberts Field Baptist Church
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
Show Love to Each Other
Garmai W. (New Grandbaby)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi

Congratulations to Jeremy Cato!

It was announced on February 1st that Jeremy Cato's solo, "I Will Pray for You" has made the Top 100 Chart according to the Southern Gospel Music Association. Jeremy sang that number when he visited Grace on January 8 and again on January 25. Thanks to Ron and Caroline Stallard for helping this budding artist sing the Gospel of Jesus to a world that needs to hear this message.



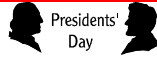
Congratulations to Richard and Lori Hill on the birth of their granddaughter, Coralie Macken Hill, at 8:02 a.m., Wednesday, February 8th, 2017. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21" long. Mother and baby are doing fine, as are Lori and Richard!



YOU can save a life. Yes you can! CPR saves lives. Grace Baptist Church is offering training for anyone wanting to know how to do CPR and how use the AED. You can use CPR skills wherever you are—at home, at work, at the park or at church.

Many members of the church have been trained, but the training needs to be renewed every two years. Most of us need to renew our certification. Michelle Hoytenga (Day Care Director) is offering CPR classes March 14 and 15. The class will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. She has room for 6 persons in each class. There will be no charge.

Please sign up for this valuable opportunity. Call Vangie Webb at 505-0619 or see her after the worship service. Please take advantage of this opportunity and be ready to save a life.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 3:00p Family Promise			15 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Praise Team	16	17	18 8:30a ABW Meeting 3-5p Karen Youth
19 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	20 Presidents' Day  10-11a Shepherd's Center	21 8:30a Clothes Closet	22 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Praise Team	23 10-12:15p Shepherd's Center	24 Sec. Vacation	25 3-5p Karen Youth
26 Transfiguration 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	27 Noon Grace Notes Deadline 10-11a Shepherd's Center	28 9:30a DorSew	MARCH 1 Ash Wednesday 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh. 7:30p Praise Team	ABWM BIBLE BOOK Philemon	FOOD PANTRY: Canned Soups	



Several ABHMS-coordinated volunteer teams have helped with rebuilding efforts in Baton Rouge, La., since August 2016, when flooding impacted more than 55,000 homes in the area.

When American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) helps communities rebuild after a natural disaster, the organization truly commits. Take, for example, the Baton Rouge area. It was August when unprecedented rainfall caused flooding that affected more than 55,000 homes in Louisiana. Since then, several ABHMS-coordinated volunteer teams from American Baptist Men USA (ABMen USA) have taken mission trips to the area. Now it's January, and ABMen from West Virginia, Illinois and Massachusetts are serving in Baton Rouge. The next volunteer work weeks in Baton Rouge are scheduled for March 12-18 and 19-25.

Congratulations to Yo Tha who has been called as assistant pastor for the Karen Grace Baptist Church. Yo Tha will be filling in for pastors Shway Bo and Pree Htoo when they need assistance. It was a special joy last Sunday to hear these three spiritual leaders sing a trio in the afternoon service. Welcome Yo Tha!

Sermon Series for January & February, 2017
"Jesus Teaches Righteousness"

January 29	Blessings in the Kingdom	Matthew 5:1-12
February 5	Salt and Light	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Canoeing the Mountains	Dr. Tim Deatrich
February 19	Loving One's Enemies	Matthew 5:38-48
February 26	Listen to Jesus	Matthew 17:1-9

Northland Church Women United

cordially invites you to join us for the
World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 3rd, 2017
Registration: 9:30 a.m. Program: 10:00 a.m.
6751 NE 70th Street, KCMO 64119
Light Refreshments
Host: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Dear Grace Baptist Church,

Some years ago when visiting Africa, Tim and I were surprised by how advanced Africa was in technology. At the time, we were using a “bag phone”, a mobile phone the size of a big family Bible (remember those?). Meanwhile, small cell phones were everywhere we looked around DR Congo. How could a country so underdeveloped be ahead of the United States in adopting technology? The answer lies in the fact that much of Africa never developed landline telephone service or it was beyond expensive. When cell phone technology appeared, it was quickly adopted, particularly in the cities, and then spread to the rural areas. It is not uncommon for families living in mud brick huts with thatched roof to have a cell phone charged by a solar panel.

Jump ahead to today, not much has changed. Most of rural Congo does not have electricity, has never seen or used a computer, cooks over an open fire, but might have a cell phone. Into this milieu, we have been introducing a computerized financial and record keeping system at the Vanga hospital. Training starts with how to use a mouse and goes from there.

We are very blessed to have two grown up missionary “kids” who have been working for another organization to develop the software specifically geared to this context. Steven Fountain and Jonathan Niles have spent the last month in Vanga working on installing and rolling out the computer program, training the administrative staff to use it, and writing code as needed to address the specific needs found here. It is an immense project, but “mulembe, mulembe” as we say here, the roll out is going forward.

In the end, we will be able to track the financial aspect of the hospital and minimize the risk of misuse of funds. We will be better able to evaluate utilization of hospital services and fine tune our efficiency and effectiveness.

We thank God for His provision for the work here.

Kathy and Tim Rice
Christ-followers in Vanga Congo

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

All women are invited to the ABW General Meeting and Mission Work Day on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served. Our general meeting will include discussion of recommended changes to the current ABW Bylaws. Please join us as we have hands-on mission projects following the business meeting. Yearbooks will be available.

Area V Annual Gathering

March 11, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
2nd Baptist Church, 9030 Clayton Road, Clayton, MO
“It’s God’s Thing!”

Recommit, Re-imagine, Reengage

Guest Speaker

Reverend Dr. Jeffery Haggray,
Executive Director, American
Baptist Home Mission Societies
Registration Forms Available
in Church Office or register



online <http://abcgrr.org/areanews/area5.htm>