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Grace Notes

***Welcome**

***Worship**

***Praise**

**Grace Baptist
Church**

**An American Baptist
Church**

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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

**January 3, 2018
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January Emphases

The Church and the church: Individual and Corporate

A year ago we began working on a strategic plan for Grace Baptist Church and spent the first two months of 2017 reviewing who we are and where we need to go. We will return to an emphasis on the church as we begin 2018 and hope you will join us as we talk about the church locally and globally, personally and corporately.

The preaching emphases will follow this schedule:

- January 7: Community and Unity. Acts 2:40-47. As the congregation gathers for our first communion of the new year we will review the characteristics of the early church in the New Testament and pray that GBC looks like the noble effort created by Jesus' earliest followers.
- January 14: Church Work and the Work of the Church. Matthew 16:13-19. The work of the church is global and even cosmic, but it cannot be accomplished without someone doing the church work, those tasks and duties that enable the church to do its work. This will be our Church Business Meeting Sunday, so plan to stay for lunch and hear the reports.
- January 21: The State of the Church. About this time each January, the president of the United States will deliver a state of the union address and the governor of Missouri will deliver a state of the state address. In like manner, after hearing our GBC reports on the previous Sunday, I will deliver a State of the Church address during the morning worship.
- January 28: Strategic Plans and God's Plans. Luke 14:25-33. We will review our Grace strategic plan and organize energies to be the church God has called us to be in the northland and around the world.
- January 31, Wednesday. For our Wednesday meal and January conversation, we will talk about practical matters related to safety and security at GBC. A local law enforcement representative will be present to direct our conversation and answer questions.

These sermons and conversations about the church will be enhanced by the ABWM study of *Toxic Charity* on January 13 and 20. I hope you will read the book and attend these studies if at all possible. (Our women may even let some guys come to this important study that relates to church ministries.)

Onward and Upward in 2018!

Jerry B. Cain, Pastor

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	1,960.63	240.39	192.31	2,393.33
12/24/17	8,077.55	950.30	475.15	9,503.00
12/31/17	8,863.80	1,042.80	521.40	10,428.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
12/24/17	28	2	63	English Service
12/24/17	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	28	2	63	
12/31/17	27	0	64	English Service
12/31/17	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	27	0	64	

Openers/ Closers	January 7 Roger McKee	January 14 Lori Hill
Greeters	January 7 Roger & Sandi McKee	January 14 Rich & Lori Hill
Cleaners	January 7 Roger & Sandi McKee	January 14 Karen
Worship Hosts	Adult Jan. Dexter Ray	Youth 1/7/18 Josslyn Stone



PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Nancy A.
Bonnie
Bonnie & Gary
Edna B.
Glenda B.
Mildred B.
Marcia B.
Calissa
Randi C. (Amber S. Friend)
Debbie
Dennis
Mrs. D.

Helen J.
Mike
Chris N.
Don P.
Roberta
Gater & Ann S.
Sam & Ruth S.
Stan
Ruth S.
Mary S.
Tyler
Fred V.
Wanda

OTHER

ABW
Bethel Building Renovations
Jeff C. Family (Bereavement)
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA/Hurricanes
Family Promise & Families
Family Minister
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor

December H. Family (Bereavement)
Law Enforcement
Leaders of Nation & State

Carrie M. Family (Bereavement)
New Church Members
Pete
Refugees
Roberts Field Baptist Church
Rohinga in Myanmar
School Systems
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
Sunday School
Those Traveling
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-Longkumer-Ngwemi

Pastor, Moderator, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Committee Chairmen:
Your Annual Reports are due in the church office NO LATER than **January 8, 2018** so they can be printed for the January 14th business meeting. Thank You!



The **RMMO (Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering)**. Your generosity inspires others! "My wife and I appreciate the check and the expression of thanks it represents. We have used it to keep up with our living expenses and some needed car repairs." May God bless you for your gift to the RMMO!

Our Goal: \$1,200.00 Received: \$1,060.00



Captain Will Akins, from the Clay County Sheriff's Department, will be at our Wednesday evening dinner/program on Wednesday January 31, 2018. Captain Akins will be addressing security concerns since recent violent events, especially in Sutherland Springs, Texas. He will have some remarks and then allow plenty of time for Q & A. Please plan on attending!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY	1 Happy New Year! Offices & Day Care Closed	2	3 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	4	5	6 4p YAAS at Martha's
	8 1:00p Day Care Bd.	9	10 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 6:00p Youth Praise Team 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 9-11a ABWM Book Study "Toxic Charity"
14 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Business Mtg. Lunch Provided 2:00p Karen Worship	15 Martin Luther King Day Noon Grace Notes Deadline	16	17 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 9-11a ABWM Book Study "Toxic Charity"
21 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	22	23 9:30a DorSew	24 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	29 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	30	31 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program 7:00p Choir Rehearsal		ABWM Bible Book Proverbs	Food Pantry: Dry Cereal

**ATTENTION
TO ALL WOMEN
OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH!**

Please plan to join us January 13 & 20, 2018 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (weather permitting) for a book study on

**TOXIC CHARITY
BY
ROBERT D. LUPTON**

We will meet at the church to look at how Churches and Charities can hurt or hinder those that they are trying to help. Please see Lori Hill for a copy of the book and plan to join us.

Young Adults & Singles

The **YAAS** group (young adults and singles), will be having a time of food, fellowship, games and Bible study on January 6th, at 4:00 PM at Martha's. Please mark your calendar and be sure to invite a friend! We currently have a list of about 20 members in this age group. Our goal is to grow this number to 40 in the next couple months. We can do it! See you there!

Greetings to the Longkumer Network



I recently had the privilege of traveling to North East India to visit the Longkumers and participate with them in a week of ministry in Nagaland and Assam. Katie and Taku maintain a very hectic schedule of partner relationships with the eleven church conventions with whom International Ministries are connected.

While in India I traveled with a delegation from the Dakota Region who have a partnership with the Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention in Assam. The region helped establish a rubber tree plantation about seven years ago. The 3000 trees are growing to maturity and production of the rubber latex is expected next year. The proceeds from the sale of the rubber will be invested in the Christian schools the KABC sponsor. The Dakotas have sent teams in the past, like the one who went this time, to provide both pastor and teacher education workshops.

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My role on the team this year was to conduct a series of stewardship workshops with leaders from all the India partners associated with International Ministries. During the three-day meeting, my focus was on stewardship of life, work and finances. I also had the privilege of preaching at the Sunday morning chapel service at the Oriental Theological Seminary in Dimapur.

There are two mission projects in Nagaland that I want to encourage you to consider helping with a special Christmas gift this year. Both are engaged in building projects that are vital to their ministry and need our immediate help.

The North East Christian University is a new liberal arts university, chartered by the Naga government, to be built about 15 kilometers outside Dimapur with a city center that is presently under construction. The first cohort of students is to begin classes next summer. An urgent need is to construct a smart classroom with the computer capacity to access on-line classes from the US to augment their curriculum. When I met with the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Darlando Khathing, he showed me the room in the Anchor building designated for the smart classroom as well as the new bamboo building being constructed for general assembly, faculty offices and classes. The immediate need for the smart classroom is \$40,000 US dollars. This will provide 25 computer work stations, all the support software, wiring and internet connection necessary for two-way classroom teaching to enable long-distance learning. Gifts of any size are welcome. Tax deductible gifts should be sent to Friends of North East Christian University (FNECU), c/o Dr. Joseph Huse, 190 Victory Hill, Coatesville, IN 46121.



Another outstanding mission project underway works with women and girls who have been rescued from human trafficking and abuse. The ministry is Miqlat (a Hebrew word that means shelter or refuge). The project was created by the Nagaland Baptist Church Council Women's Department several years ago under the leadership of Asha Sanchu. The ministry has never had a permanent home, but has depended on rented or loaned facilities for housing and rehab. The most recent facility was owned by the government; but changing political priorities have forced the ministry to move again. Through the use of limited resources and a generous donor, a new permanent home is being built by Miqlat for their shelter and rehab center. The total project will cost \$500,000 US.

The Naga government is requiring them to vacate their present location by year's end. They need to complete the first floor of their new building in order to have a home for their present clients and vocational training. An additional \$26,000 is immediately needed to complete that phase of the building. Will you help by sending a contribution? Send a check to International Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge PA 19482-0851 for a tax deductible gift. Be sure to indicate that it is for the Miqlat Ministry in Nagaland.

Thank you for continuing to hold the Longkumers in your prayers. Your financial support assures that they can continue to serve on our behalf as Country Coordinators in India.

Joseph D. Huse, Convener
Longkumer MPT

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