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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

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February Super Sunday School Sundays

During the month of February, we are concentrating on Sunday School attendance and Sunday School growth. Our Bible teaching program is important for the spiritual growth for those of us who follow Jesus.

For the four Sundays in February, breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and will feature egg casserole and a variety of sweet breads. Each class has an attendance goal and your presence is important to revitalize our knowledge of the Bible.

Builders	20
Parables	20
Youth	20
Children	08
TBAs	20

In case you wonder, TBAs are those To Be Arranged—new folk who will join us to enrich our Bible teaching programs. Please invite any “unchurched” friends and/or family that you know to our February breakfasts and Sunday School. If you are shy about inviting people to church, please give names and numbers to Martha Carter or Jerry Cain for an invitation and follow-up.

We look forward to March Madness when we will start new Bible study classes at Grace. Please pray for our Sunday School and participate in this February Super Sunday School event. Breakfast will be at 8:30 with Bible study beginning at 9:00. Let's all get to church early for food, fellowship and spiritual growth!

Welcome Ron Carlson

For the next two Sundays one of our own church members, Ron Carlson, will be our pulpit guest. He has a long career in ministry, most recently with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. I will be preaching in Florida the first two Sundays of February and attending the winter retreat of the Judson University Board of Trustees in Naples. Thanks, Ron, for helping Grace Baptist Church be God's people in the Northland.

---Jerry Cain

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,433.62	288.46	892.65	3,614.73
01/21/18	1,773.66	216.30	173.04	2,163.00
01/28/18	2,623.18	319.90	255.92	3,199.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
01/21/18	31	4	57	English Service
01/21/18	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	31	4	57	
01/28/18	43	2	74	English Service
01/28/18	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	43	2	74	

Openers/ Closers	February 4 Dave & Roxie Jones	February 11 Marylou Reiter
Greeters	February 4 Dave & Roxie Jones	February 11 Judy Summers/Jean Tysdal
Cleaners	February 4 Bill & Marty Turnage	February 22 Karen
Worship Hosts	Feb. Adult Dave Jones	Youth 4 Law Rach Taw 11 Tee Moo Paw 18 Kaw Thaw Htoo 25 Wah Wah

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Nancy A.
Ava
Bonnie & Gary
Glenda B.
Corissa
Randi C.
Debbie
Dennis
Mrs. D.
Gary J.
Helen J.
Jemma
Marvin

Mike
Bill N.
Chris N.
Paul N.
Don P.
Gater & Ann S.
Sam & Ruth S.
Stan
Ruth S.
Mary S.
Gemma T.
Tyler
Fred V.

OTHER

ABW
Bethel Building Renovations
Mildred B. Family (Bereavement)
Jeff C. Family (Bereavement)
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA/Mud/Cold
Family Promise & Families
Family Minister & Young Adults/Singles
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor
Law Enforcement
Leaders of Nation & State

Carrie M. Family (Bereavement)
New Church Members
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

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10



My Church Family:

Thank you for your prayers during the days since Carrie's death.

Your love has been shown through your calls, cards and visits.

We hope to plant a tree in her memory in her Dad's worship area – southeast of our church.

Love,
Carolyn

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY			31 (JANUARY) 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	1	2 Groundhog Day 	3
4 Communion 8:30a All Church Breakfast 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/Ron Carlson 2:00p Karen Worship	5 1:00p Day Care Board	6	7 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 6:00p Youth Praise Team 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10 8:30a ABWM General Mtg. & Missions Workday
11 8:30a All Church Breakfast 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/Ron Carlson 2:00p Karen Worship	12 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 1 st Sunday in Lent 8:30a All Church Breakfast 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	19 Presidents Day	20 8:30a Clothes Closet	21 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 2 nd Sunday in Lent 8:30a All Church Breakfast 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	26 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	27 9:30a DorSew	28 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program 7:00p Choir Reh.			

BIRTHDAYS

5 Donna Pyle	8 Law Mu Thaw	12 Jane Gruschka	15 Nancy Ashworth
8 Robert Lee	10 Naw Eh	12 Amber Summers	21 Ba Blut Wah
8 Lah Kuh	12 Kaw Tha Blay Du	14 Roxie Jones	



Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Thank you so much for your World Mission Offering in December in support of my peacemaking mission work through International Ministries. At this time of giving, I am especially grateful for your giving in a way that echoes the angels' proclamation of "Peace on earth!" Bless you!

Part of the Christmas Story is that Herod wanted to eliminate any competitor to his rule. So when he heard from the Magi about a king who was to be born and got the scholars to confirm the Micah's prophecy about Bethlehem, he ordered the slaughter of all the boy babies in the region. Thanks to an angelic warning, Joseph escaped with Mary and baby Jesus. Jesus became a refugee before he could even talk. Sharon and I began the year ministering among those serving refugees in Lebanon and then went to Egypt in the footsteps of the Holy Family. My last mission trip of the year was among refugees from war and poverty, this time in Europe.

One of our 10 day TCTT training grads is Crispinus Pamba from Kenya. He works among the African immigrants like himself. He invited me to Lecce in southern Italy to train the African immigrants in conflict transformation as well as the Italian social workers and community activists who work with the immigrants. The immigrants did a skit about discrimination as part of the workshop Cris and I led. Their stories were heartbreaking. One said between the war he fled in Mali and the desert crossing, he has nobody left in his family. Then there were the hellacious experiences they had getting through Libya followed by the harrowing crossing of the Mediterranean in flimsy boats. Tens of thousands of people have perished making this journey, so we spent a lot of time dealing with trauma. Jesus came for people such as these!

You sent us to work among such folks. We couldn't do it without your involvement and generosity. Thank you! I trust you had a blessed Christmas, and may you have a grace-filled 2018!

Peace,
Dan Buttry

Dear Partners, Family and Friends!

We pray you have all enjoyed a blessed celebration of Christmas with your families and churches and a hope-filled and refreshing start to the New Year.

WE WANT TO BEGIN THIS NEW YEAR WITH A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS SUPPORT THAT HAS ENABLED US TO SERVE THE LORD AND MINISTER HIS LOVE AND PEACE HERE IN INDIA.

Now to catch you up with what is happening with us here.

The final two months of 2017 were filled with consecutive training programs with different groups of our Indian partners. We were blessed to have several of our Missionary Partnership Team members and other friends from the US come and join in teaching.

This past year we traveled frequently by flight for ministry with our partners in South and Eastern India and by train and road for work with our North East India partners. Often we were home less than one week in the month. By the end of the year the schedule was beginning to take a toll on our health. Thankfully, we have not suffered any major illness, just nasty cases of the flu and malaise, perhaps exhaustion.

We were committed to minister over Christmas in Changtongya Village, sharing the preaching in five services Dec. 23-25. Katie was not well enough to make the grueling journey and spend extended days in the cold mountain village, so Taku made the trip alone. He endured the cold and rustic conditions doing all the preaching and speaking in another program on the 29th, while Katie retreated and recouped spending several days in bed.

We shared a restful New Year's together in Dimapur and are now ready to begin this year's ministry. We will be flying off to South India Jan. 8, returning the next week to attend Taku's brother's wedding in the village. This brother lost his wife to cancer in 2015 and is now remarrying.

February we look forward to the influx of many of our US friends and colleagues coming to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church among one of our NEI partner bodies. Following the celebration we will journey again to South India for meetings with leaders all our partners who work together in the ministries of the Commissions and Forums addressing issues and matters regarding Anti-Human Trafficking; Religious Liberty; Women; and Youth; while also continuing the organization of the next All India Baptist Leaders Summit in 2019.

We are rejoicing in the opportunities we have for ministry this year. Looking a bit further down the road, in March we will be baptizing several new believers from Muslim backgrounds and conducting training for new believers from Bhutan. In May we have been invited to teach on mission at the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches Biennial, as a follow up to our ministry with them last year in Hong Kong. We'll send more details and stories in the coming days.

Please continue to uphold us in your PRAYERS.....

* for grace and strength as we traverse the skies and rough roads to share the Word of God with our partners here in India.

* Please pray for our partners as many are encountering increasing persecution and opposition to the Gospel. Despite this, hearts are open and there is amazing church growth taking place within each of our partners ministry.

* Our brother-in-law (has just been diagnosed with final stage stomach cancer that has spread to the pancreas. Please pray for the family.

* PRAISE THE LORD that Taku's brother who was suffering with throat cancer, is now cancer free!

* Pray for our family: Katie's parents health and well being (Mom now 82)

Our Kids: Lima is considering coming to live in India with us this summer. Meren & his family (2 yr. old Liam and Laura) in Illinois, Senti & her husband, Zack, in Denver

Since our ministry has expanded to all India, our ministry expenses for travel have increased. Please do continue to give that we may move forward, assisting our Partners in the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

– Rev. Katie Longkumer

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