



Grace Notes

*Welcome

*Worship

*Praise

Memorable Moments in May

I wish to take a few moments to review and emphasize events of this month that advance the cause of Christ through Grace Baptist Church, and it begins with last Saturday, May 5. Roger McKee and others have taken time for Baseball Paul, a fifteen year old lad, who lives in our neighborhood and plays baseball, often alone, on our south lawn. The kids and adults in the area are now coming out for spring and last Saturday Anthony Welcome hit fly balls to Paul and a passel of boys on our block who need a man to teach them how to be a man. Thanks, Anthony.

And several people have helped a Nigerian family move into our neighborhood by securing an apartment and the necessary furniture to set up house-keeping. Thanks Mike, Mark, Roger and others who have welcomed the stranger in our midst. (They still need a living room couch and twin beds for the teen-aged boys.)

Sunday we welcomed a full-grown man, Dallas Hodge, and a ten-year-old boy, Cayden Simpson, into our church family through baptism. One has lived a full life and the other is just starting the pilgrimage. We welcome them to our fellowship and look forward to walking with them in spiritual growth. Congratulations, Dallas and Cayden.

Day Care Sunday reminded us of one of the most significant ministries of our congregation by providing quality care for children of working families. We recognized the seven precious gifts that will be leaving us to go into kindergarten in the fall and followed their leadership as they led in worship. And this Thursday afternoon, our children will host a Mother's Day tea to honor the mothers and grandmothers of our Day Care family. Thanks to Marylou and her Board for their good work.

About 80 people participated in the Spring Fling Banquet on Monday night and each received a shower of blessings (that was the theme!). The food, the fellowship, the environment and the program all marvelously came together under the direction of our ABWM leadership and Carol Ann Staley. And the program presented by Martha, Emily and Laura was both inspiring and excellent. It was a nice reunion of family and friends.

And Wednesday Night, May 9, Rainbow Htoo graduates from high school. Do you remember when he was so small and cute and new to America? Congratulations, Rainbow.

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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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	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,433.62	288.46	892.65	3,614.73
04/29/18	2,468.20	301.00	240.80	3,010.00
05/06/18	3,603.90	439.50	351.60	4,395.00

Openers/ Closers	May 13 Ed & Barb Lusk	May 20 Nancy Ashworth
Greeters	May 13 Larry & Gerry Stallard	May 20 Kenny & Linda Smith
Cleaners	May 13 Jody McLaughlin & Jean Tysdal	May 20 Karen
Worship Hosts	Adult	
	May Nancy Ashworth	June Mark Grant

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
04/29/18	43	3	74	English Service
04/29/18	-	-	94	Karen Service
Total	43	3	168	
05/06/18	68	4	167	English Service
05/06/18	-	-	-	Karen Service
Total	68	4	167	

A person soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions!
- Richard L. Evans

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Nancy A.
Pat B.
Lonnie B.
Bonnie
Glenda B.
Randi C.
Carolyn C.
Corissa
Mrs. D.
Jack
Helen J.
Mike
Imogene M.
Paul N.

Terry O.
Don P.
Kelly R.
Jessica R Grandfather
Kenny S.
Carol A. S.
Doug S.
Gerry S.
Larry S.
Mark S.
Ruth S.
Gemma T.
Tyler
Fred V.

OTHER

ABW
Bethel Building Renovations
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise
Family Minister/Young Adults/Singles/SS
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor
Stan G. Family
Law Enforcement

Leaders of Nation & State
New Church Members
Refugees
School Systems
Shootings in KCMO & KCKS
Sam S. Family (Bereavement)
Maw T. (Personal)
World Conflicts
Our Missionaries-Baits-Buttry-
Longkumer-Ngwemi

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		HEALTHY SNACK MONTH FOR BETHEL	9 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 6:00p Youth Praise Team	10 4p Day Care Mother's Tea	11	12
13 Mother's Day Communion 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	14 14	15 8:30a Clothes Closet	16 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	17	18 5:30p Youth Cookout & Games	19 1:00p Sam Smith Memorial Service (11:00a Smith Family Brunch)
20 Pentecost Sunday 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 2:00p Karen Worship	21 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	22 9:30a DorSew	23 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Choir Reh.	24	25	26
27 Graduate Recognition 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship 1:30p Karen Worship & 9th Anniversary Celebration	28 THANK YOU! Memorial Day Offices & Day Care Closed	29 Sec. Off	30 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program - - - Samaritan's Purse & Christmas Child	31	FOOD PANTRY: Canned Tomatoes	ABWM BIBLE BOOK Lamentations



Our Karen Church is planning to celebrate the 9th anniversary of Grace Karen Baptist Church on May 27th, 2018. Dinner will be provided after the service.

We invite each and every one of our families and friends at Grace Baptist to join us on Sunday, May 27th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. for our celebration of 9 years as Grace Karen Baptist Church.



Your America for Christ offering is making life-changing impact through ministries and resources that vitalize our congregations and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico with the hope of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your GREAT giving!

Received to Date: \$1,515.00! Goal: \$1,259.50

According to our 2017 records, Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO gave \$12,728.08 in United Mission support, earning your church the ranking of **#105 in the entire denomination!** Congratulations, and thank you for your continued support!

By supporting United Mission, your church is joining with other American Baptist Churches all across the United States and Puerto Rico in acknowledging that none of us is called to do God's work alone, as "*we are labourers together with God.*" 1 Cor. 3:9.

Thank you again for including United Mission support in your church's budget. It is because of United Mission support that we are able to continue doing the ministries to which we believe God has called us.

Tina M. Turner
United Mission Coordinator

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH STRATEGY STATEMENTS

- **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 their fellowship.
- **Caring and Missions.** GBC will live the Gospel through their service to the community and the world.
- **Communication.** GBC will find ways to effectively tell their story to the community and the world.
- **Fellowship.** GBC will continue to be known as a diverse fellowship that enjoys each other.
- **Worship.** GBC will glorify God through excellence and passion on Sunday and throughout the week.



The Asphaltting of our Parking Lot scheduled for May 5, 2018 has been delayed due to the weather.

The **NEW DATE** has been scheduled for Friday-Saturday, June 8-9, 2018 (Weather Cooperating!)

From the Pastor Continued:

On the last Wednesday of April we talked about our mission money that goes to United Mission of American Baptists and on May 3 we received a letter stating, "According to our 2017 records, Grace Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO, gave \$12,728.08 in United Mission support earning your church the ranking of #105 in the entire denomination!" That ranking of 105 out of 5,000 congregations puts us in a leadership category I never anticipated. "Thank you again for including United Mission support in your church's budget."

And finally, my mother turns 97 years old on Friday, May 11, thus continuing her attempts to keep up with Ethlyn. We will make another quick trip to Texas to celebrate with her and check on all her support systems. One of Jesus' harshest rebukes was issued in Mark 7:9-13 to those who do not care for their parents:

⁹ *You are simply rejecting God's laws and trampling them under your feet for the sake of tradition.* ¹⁰ *"For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother.'* And he said that anyone who speaks against his father or mother must die.¹¹ *But you say it is perfectly all right for a man to disregard his needy parents, telling them, 'Sorry, I can't help you! For I have given to God what I could have given to you.'* ¹²⁻¹³ And so you break the law of God in order to protect your man-made tradition. And this is only one example. There are many, many others."

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we share communion and prepare for Pentecost.

Jerry Cain

Spring 2018 Preaching Schedule

May 13	Mother's Day/Communion	Jesus' Legacy of Spirit	John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
May 20	Pentecost.	Jesus' Legacy of Mystery	John 3:1-17
May 27	Memorial Day/Graduation Sunday	Jesus' Legacy of Life	II Corinthians 4:1-12
May 30	(Wednesday) Dinner & Program:	Samaritan's Purse & Operation Christmas Child	



After May the choir will take a break for the summer. If you would like to provide special music please see Chris Nunn.

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