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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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COMMITMENT SUNDAY AND BUSINESS MEETING

In the midst of the busyness of Christmas, let me take time to remind us of the business of the Church. We will meet for lunch after worship on Sunday, December 9, and make plans to conduct the work of the church in an orderly and decent manner as directed in I Corinthians 14:40. At this regular business meeting we will hear reports from the past and look forward to plans for the future. Your input is very important as we make informed plans for 2019 and beyond.

Projections for God's Work in the future will be predicated on your responses to the commitment cards completed last month. The results of those commitments are encouraging and give us hope and new energies for next year.

For 2018 we received 29 commitment cards and for 2019 we received, thus far, 38 commitment cards. That is only 9 additional commitments but it calculates into about a 31% increase in participation.

For 2018 we received financial pledges of \$143,000 and, as of last Sunday, you committed to \$158,000 for next year which is an increase of \$15,000 or a financial increase of over 10.4%. (Don't you wish your CD's were growing at 10.4%??)

Please make your presence at advent worship, lunch and business meeting a priority for this Sunday, December 9.

Jerry Cain, Pastor

Pastor, Moderator, Church Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Committee Chairmen: Your Annual Reports are due in the church office NO LATER than January 8, 2019 so they can be printed for the January 13th business meeting. Thank You!



	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,433.62	288.46	892.65	3,614.73
11/25/18	1,890.10	230.50	184.40	2,305.00
12/02/18	3,919.60	478.00	382.40	4,780.00

Openers/ Closers	December 9 Sandi McKee	December 16 Ina May Fakhoury
Greeters	December 9 Kathy Hodge	December 16 Ethlyn McCleave & Ina May Fakhoury
2 nd Hour Workers	Dec. 09 Kathy Hodge & Ashlyn Welcome Dec. 16 Donna Pyle & Rainbow Htoo	

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
11/25/18	41	2	47	English Service
12/02/18	43	0	73	English Service

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Nancy A.
Austin
Bonnie
Branson
Dan B.
Caroline
Randi C.
Derek
Peggy D.
Hans & Gisela G.
Evie H. Mother
Helen J.
K. Jones
Landon K.
Mary
Ethlyn M.
Imogene M.

Norman
Terry O.
Don P.
Rachel
Mike R.
Rita's Niece
Doug S.
Gerry S.
Larry S.
Mark S.
Steve
Tyler
Betty V.
Fred V.
Wynette
Rose Y.

OTHER

ABW
Accompanist
B Family
Florence B.
Bethel Building Renovations
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise
Family Minister/Young Adults/Singles/SS
Grace Baptist Church & Pastor
Law Enforcement
Leaders of Nation & State
New Church Members

Nominating Committee
Refugees
School Systems
Shootings
Those Traveling
Our Missionaries--Buttry-
Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi

PRAISE NOTES

The Babatunde Family received this message from their immigration lawyer last week. "Please find attached the Order of the Immigration Judge granting your request for pre-conclusion voluntary departure. The court has granted the maximum period as authorized by law of 120 days for you to depart the United States voluntarily."

It will take a few months to finish the details, but the main hurdle has been cleared! The Babtundes will need 3 or 4 extra pieces of luggage to get John's books back to Nigeria. Check in your basement and see if you have a bag you can donate.



It is a joy to read this email from Donna Pyle in which she announces "the doctor just called and the lab report showed Don's PSA dropping, so this new pill is working and he can continue on the new treatment. God has blessed us again and we are so thankful."



We celebrate with Carol Ann Staley the 4th Anniversary (12/02/14) of the successful surgery in which she was encouraged to get "her things in order" because it was necessary to remove 95% of her stomach. We are glad Carol Ann is still with us even with her teeny, tiny tummy!



Mallory McCoy, conductor of the Bulldog Chorus and music teacher at Lakewood School, wrote this note to Grace Baptist Church: *We appreciate you having us, providing yummy desserts, and donating to our classroom! Because of your donation, students at LAES will enjoy having a classroom set of headphones and a chromatic set of Boomwhackers. (Bill, does our Grace choir need a chromatic set of Boomwhackers?)*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Food Pantry: Dry Cereal	ABWM Bible Book Isaiah			1
			5 9:00a Prayer Circle 12:45p Day Care Staff 5:30p Dinner & Advent Service 7:00p Choir Reh.	6 7p Diaconate	7	8 Noon Builder's Class 5p Santa & Helpers staging here to go to Penguin Park
9 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Business Mtg./ Lunch Provided Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	10	11 7p Priscilla	12 Secretary Vac. 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner & Advent Service/Movie 7:00p Choir Reh.	13	14	15 10:00a Choir Rehearsal
16 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship/ Choir Christmas Program Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	17 Noon Grace Notes Deadline	18 9:30a DorSew 7p Day Care Christmas Program	19 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Christmas Hymn Sing & Dessert w/New Kingdom Church 7:00p Choir Reh.	20	21 Winter Secretary Vac.	22
23 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed, Day Care Closes at Noon 7p Christmas Eve Service	25 Offices & Day Care Closed WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
30 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	31 New Year's Eve Noon Grace Notes Deadline					

Christmas Schedule

- 12-5. 5:30 pm. Second Wednesday of Advent. Monthly birthday meal & Reindeer Games.
- 12-9. 10:15 am. Second Sunday of Advent. *The Messenger of the Covenant*. Malachi 2:17-3:5. (Meal and Business Meeting afterwards.)
- 12-12. 5:30 pm. Third Wednesday of Advent. The Christmas Message (video).
- 12-16. 10:15 am. Third Sunday of Advent. Choir Christmas Cantata. *The Lord in the Midst*. Zephaniah 3:11-20.
- 12-18. 7:00 pm. Day Care Christmas Pageant.
- 12-19. 7:00 pm. Fourth Wednesday of Advent. Carol Sing with New Kingdom of Faith and Restoration Church. (Dessert afterwards.)
- 12-23. 10:15 am. Fourth Sunday of Advent. *The One of Peace*. Micah 4:9-5:5a.
- 12-24. 7:00 pm. Christmas Eve and Candlelight Service.
- 12-30. 10:15 am. *The Maturing Messiah*. Luke 2:41-52.

	<h3 style="color: red;">New Address</h3>	<p>Mark Grant 1131 Lakewood Springfield, MO 65801 (816) 651-3257 Mgrant101436@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mark writes, "Would be glad for anyone from Grace to stop by when going through Springfield."</p>
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Thank You!

The beautiful decorations in the sanctuary and narthex are the work of the following individuals:

Linda Cain, Sandi McKee, Marylou Reiter, Lucille Heiser, Gerry Stallard. Marsha Henderson put together favors for our Lakewood choir singers on Wednesday evening. Lillian Gage coordinated the refreshments for Wednesday evening.

Roger McKee, Jerry Cain and Bill Turnage helped in getting the decorations from the attic.

Thanks to all! Marty Turnage

MORE PRAISE NOTES

Jackie Villanueva has completed 20 years with Cerner and will be honored tonight, December 5, at a dinner in honor of all 20 year employees. Congratulations, Jackie!



Carolyn Cook and Ina May Fakhoury played like they were homeless on November 30 and slept all night in their car at Parkville Presbyterian Church. In total there were 7 cars housing 13 homeless people representing six churches in the Northland. To date they have raised over \$5200 to help reopen Family Promise. The event was well-covered by channel 9 news and the Platte County Citizen.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



The Worship Committee is planning on having poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of each is \$8.00. If you would like to purchase one *in memory of* or *in honor of* someone, please complete the form below place it and your money in the offering on a Sunday morning, or **give it to Marty Turnage by December 9, 2018**. A list of these will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 23rd. This is a nice way to honor someone and will certainly help make our sanctuary look festive for the 2 Sundays right at Christmas time (December 16th and December 23rd). If you would like, you may take yours home immediately following worship on December 23rd.

Name: _____

I wish to purchase _____ poinsettia(s) _____ in memory of _____ in honor of _____

I have included \$8.00 for each poinsettia ordered.