



Grace Notes

*Welcome

*Worship

*Praise

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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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CHURCH

We will finish our annual emphasis on the church this Sunday with the **State of the Church** address. (I know our attention this week is on the Super Bowl, but please be present as we check where we are and peek into the future. We will be out in time for the start of the game which is about 5 p.m.) Here are some summary thoughts (informed by Frederick Buechner) on the many ways we think about Church

The **visible church** is all the people who get together from time to time in God's name. Anybody can find out where they are meeting by going east or west on Vivion Road. The **invisible church** is all the people God uses for his hands and feet in this world. Nobody can find out where they are except God.

Think of the visible church and the invisible church as **two circles**. The optimist says they are concentric. The cynic says they don't even touch. I say they occasionally overlap, and even frequently overlap at Grace Baptist Church. God is at work in our neighborhood and it is our job to find Him and join Him at work.

You have noticed at Grace we place a high value on our **church home** and appreciate Roger McKee for his leadership in maintaining our "church". We know this structure is only temporary and we do not worship the building. Eventually the church will not need the church building.

The author the Book of Revelation states that there is **no temple in the New Jerusalem**, thus squelching the notion that Heaven is an endless worship service. The reason that there is no temple in the New Jerusalem is presumably the same as the reason that Noah left the ark behind when he finally made it Mount Ararat. But, until then we stay close to the church as our ship, our ark, in the midst of the storm.

I look forward to several big events in our church in the next few months. On March 1 our Sunday School will launch a special discipleship emphasis entitled "The Pathway to Christian Maturity". I pray many will take advantage of this unique opportunity.

See you Sunday. Go Chiefs!!

Jerry Cain, Pastor

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,409.10	269.23	192.31	2,870.64
1/19/20	1,667.88	203.40	162.72	2,034.00
1/26/20	2,122.98	258.90	207.12	2,589.00

ATTENDANCE				
	S.S.	SUNDAY SERVANTS	WORSHIP	
1/19/20	32	4	57	English Service
1/26/20	36	3	61	English Service

Openers/ Closers	February 2 Carolyn Cook	February 9 Dave & Roxie Jones
Greeters	February 2 Carolyn Cook & Lillian Gage	February 9 Dave & Roxie Jones

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“My Almighty God Eternal Always 4ever”

PRAYER CONCERNS



HEALTH

Nancy A.
Austin
Bonnie B.
Max B.
Barbara C
Bonnie
Cecil
Gary D.
Dixie
Don & Peggy
Gary
Rita G.
Gisela G.
Juliann H.
Kathy H.
Dave H.

Gerald H.
Gary J.
J.O.
Landon K.
Pat K.
Stephanie K.
Lisa
Lori
Mark
Mike
Janet M. Family
Nick's Aunt
Frank P.
Al & Abbie Q.
Raymond
Mike R.

Carol Ann R.
Toni S.
Harold S.
Doug S.
Gerry S.
Jared S.
Kris S.
Larry S.
Mark S.
Steve
Todd Family
Ruth T.
Fred V.
Wanda
Jean W.
Vangie W.

OTHER

ABW
Accompanist
Christian University in NE India
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise
Grace Baptist Church/Pastor/S.S.
Larry & Juliann H. - Bereavement
Law Enforcement
Leaders of Nation and State
Robert L.
Park L. Family (Bereavement)

Nominating Committee

Family of Jackie V. - Bereavement
Refugees
School Systems
Shootings – World Conflicts
Our Missionaries--Buttry-
Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi



American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

The American Baptist Women will meet for their Webinar on Addiction, as well as their regular General Meeting and Missions Work Day, on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast will be provided!!** Ladies, plan on joining us.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you so much for your WMO contribution in support of our peacemaking mission work through International Ministries. We are thankful to all those who enable our ministries and send us forth with their generous support – including you!

October-November we were in Ukraine. Every other year for the last 12 years or so Dan has taught a week long intensive course on conflict transformation at the Ukraine Evangelical Theological Seminary with students from across


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The Russian speaking world. For Baptists and Pentecostals, this is one of the most strategic theological institutions. Sharon had never come to Ukraine, so her addition to our teaching team was extra special.

One of our students was Ira, short for Irena (“Peace!”). She is from Moscow in Russia where she leads a ministry among battered women. She was thrilled to have content that spoke directly and powerfully to her context. More than once she spoke to us about how relevant what we were teaching was to the situations she was dealing with. She felt she was getting meaty content to address the shattered lives of the women she works alongside. We didn’t give simplistic answers, but Bible based material that she can adapt to empower women marginalized by violence and trauma.

Again, we are immensely thankful for your partnership in this global work. We pray you have a grace filled 2020!

- Dan & Sharon Buttry

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Food Pantry Dry Cereal	29 9:00a Prayer Circle 5:30p Dinner 6:15p Program 7:00p Choir Reh.	30 9:30a Senior Coffee At Antioch McDonalds	31	ABWM Bible Book Acts

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		FOOD PANTRY Canned Soups	BIBLE BOOK Ruth			1
2 Communion Ground Hog Day 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	3 1:00p Day Care Board	4	5 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Choir Reh.	6 9:30a Senior Coffee At Antioch McDonalds	7	8 8:30a ABWM Webinar, General Mtg. & Missions Work Day Breakfast Provided
9 9:00a S.S. 10:15a Worship Noon Karen Youth 2:00p Karen Worship	10 Noon Grace Notes Deadline 7:00p Diaconate	11	12 9:00a Prayer Circle 6:15p Praise Team 6:30p Choir Reh.	13 9:30a Senior Coffee At Antioch McDonalds	14 Valentine's Day  9:30a Parties (DC)	15
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*DC=Day Care

Let's plan on going to the Free Burma Rangers documentary on Tuesday night February 25. I will buy 20 tickets. I do not yet know the cost. Jerry

FREE BURMA RANGERS is a documentary film exploring the extraordinary 20-year journey of missionaries Dave and Karen Eubank. The film follows Dave, Karen, and their three young children, as they venture into war zones where they are fighting to bring hope.

Dave Eubank is a rare hero of the faith. He is a former U.S. Special Forces soldier turned missionary to conflict zones. The film is a real adventure movie. Viewers will follow the family into firefights, heroic rescues, and experience life-changing ministry. In the midst of this unprecedented journey, you will witness amazing lessons of faith from one of the most inspiring families in the world.

The Free Burma Rangers was founded over 20 years ago by Eubank, in response to conflict in Burma, and now offer help, hope and love to internally displaced people around the world.

(Viewer Discretion Advised – Includes intense, Graphic Sequences of War Violence)

Personal Update for the McCurdy Family

(After four years of service in Costa Rica, we returned to the USA at the beginning of June 2019, to start our required year of home assignment. This a time when missionaries temporarily come off the field and go back to their passport country for a period of time, typically one year. During this time, they go through debriefing meetings, attend conferences for missionaries, receive counseling to make sure they are adjusting well to life overseas, help International Ministries with work stateside and attend trainings or seminars.)

Many of you know that Peter has been having chronic migraines since October 2018. After exhausting the medical care available to him in Costa Rica, he began seeing doctors in the USA. Thankfully, after 9 months of new and various preventative treatments, there seems to be hope for relief from the debilitating migraines. Please continue to pray for complete relief from the migraines.

Sarah has been enjoying doing the majority of the church visitation and sharing about how God is working and moving in Latin America. However, she is looking forward to the holidays as it will give her time to rest from all of the travel. She is looking at a few options for personal enrichment this spring and is very excited about these opportunities.

Elisabeth (Essie) is finishing up her 1st semester of her Sophomore year at CIU (Columbia International University). She is majoring in business with a focus in Health Care Administration and minoring in Nutrition. Be in prayer for her as she is recovering from a recent concussion and is receiving good follow-up care during winter break.

Nathaniel is enjoying being home schooled, currently in 10th grade. He excelled at and thoroughly enjoyed playing American Football with the local high school. They were District Champions for the 4th year in a row.

Samuel is enjoying playing basketball and attending the local public school district. He was elected Student Council Class President. His 14th birthday was January 8!

Elianna is enjoying taking ballet classes. We are told that she is a natural. She is excelling socially at school as well as catching up on her written and reading English levels. After attending bilingual school for a few years, her English is showing a few weaknesses, but her teacher is confident that they won't be weaknesses for much longer.

We continue to give thanks to God for you and your partnership in this calling.

Love in Christ,
Peter, Sarah
Essie, Nathaniel, Samuel & Elianna McCurdy

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