



# 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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## GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH RESPONDS TO COVID-19

Because of the new stay-at-home order promulgated by City of Kansas City, Grace Baptist Church is implementing temporary changes through April. We will follow the guidelines of Kansas City through this current OVID-19 pandemic. Thus, this week we will make these adjustments in the normal operations of Grace Baptist Church.

- Sunday School, Morning Worship and Karen Services are **cancelled for March 29 through April 26**. Yes, that includes Easter. We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord when the City ends the lockdown necessary to end the transmission of this virus.
- **Grace Baptist Day Care** has been designated "essential to the health and safety" of the neighborhood and will remain open under the watch-care of its Board of Directors.
- Our **office manager, Beth Sigley**, will be working in the church office only occasionally on Monday and Thursday mornings and at home as needed.
- Grace Baptist Church will publish **two abbreviated editions of Grace Notes (Monday and Thursday)** each week to keep members informed and inspired. For those without computer resources, we will mail Grace Notes through USPS.
- We will exhibit **appropriate selfless Christian morality** by practicing social distancing, concern for our neighbors and friends and cooperation with civil authorities.
- We will work with a small list of volunteers to **produce a worship video each week** to be uploaded to our website and to our Facebook page.
- We will trust God and pray each day.

Be it known that we are not making these changes because we are a bunch of fraidy cats. We are not acting out of fear, but out of love--love for one another, love for the vulnerable, love for all people--as noted in our Purpose Statement. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7)

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|         | Current    | Missions | Cap. Imp. | Total    |
|---------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Budget  | 2,409.10   | 269.23   | 192.31    | 2,870.64 |
| 3/15/20 | 863.46     | 105.30   | 84.24     | 1,053.00 |
| 3/22/20 | NO SERVICE | .....    |           |          |

| ATTENDANCE |      |                 |         |                 |
|------------|------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
|            | S.S. | SUNDAY SERVANTS | WORSHIP |                 |
| 3/15/20    | 26   | 2               | 39      | English Service |
| 3/22/20    | NO   | SERVICE         | .....   | English Service |

|                     |                        |                       |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Openers/<br>Closers | March 29<br>NO SERVICE | April 5<br>NO SERVICE |
| Greeters            | March 29<br>NO SERVICE | April 5<br>NO SERVICE |

## MAGE-A4

“My Almighty God Eternal Always 4ever”

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### HEALTH

Alex  
Nancy A.  
Austin  
Autoprayers  
Bonnie B.  
Max B.  
Barbara C  
Bonnie  
Cecil  
Chris  
Corona Virus  
Carolyn C.  
Gary D.  
Dixie  
Don & Peggy

Gary  
Rita G.  
Gisela G.  
Juliann H.  
Gerald H.  
Kathy H.  
Lori  
Shawna M.  
Mark  
Mike  
Frank P.  
Pam & Monte  
Erlene O.  
Al & Abbie Q.  
Raymond

Mike R.  
Ruth S.  
Toni S.  
Harold S.  
Doug S.  
Gerry S.  
Jared S.  
Kris S.  
Larry S.  
Mark S.  
Steve  
Taylor  
Fred V.  
Jean W.  
Annette W.

### OTHER

ABW  
Accompanist  
Christian University in NE India  
End of Coronavirus!  
Disasters in the USA  
Family Promise  
Family Adopting Baby  
Grace Baptist Church/Pastor/S.S.  
Lakewood School  
Landon Kirk Family (Bereavement)  
Law Enforcement  
Leaders of Nation and State  
Robert L.  
Lisa's Family (Bereavement)

Brandon & Kristen W. (Deployment)  
Nominating Committee  
Refugees  
School Systems  
Shootings – World Conflicts  
Our Missionaries--Buttry-  
Longkumer-McCurdy-NgwemiSonna



## America for CHRIST OFFERING 2020

Impacting and Transforming Lives Across America and Puerto Rico:  
The Love Thy Neighbor Campaign


We will gladly receive your offerings by mail during this unsettling time!

### To View the GBC Video Worship

1. Go to [grace4u.net](http://grace4u.net), the Grace Baptist Church website.
2. Click on “Media” the last word in the black line under the church picture.
3. “Click on link to our Multimedia Gallery.”
4. Click on “Media Archives” at the top center of the screen.
5. (At this point those using Google Chrome will go to the address line and click on the small circle with an i in it. On the “flash” line click on the drop down symbol and click “allow” to activate flash.)
6. Click on the “I Thirst 3/22/2020” box at the lower left corner of the screen.
7. Click on the triangle arrow in the middle of the church collage scene and the video should begin.
8. (If you get really desperate, call Mike Reiter for instructions.)



Our Christian Love and Sympathy is expressed to Pat Kirk and her family on the death of her husband, Landon Kirk. More information to come as it is available. Please keep the family in your prayers.

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------|---|---|--------|----------|
|  |        |         | 25<br>9:00a Prayer Circle<br><br>7:00p Choir Reh. | 26 Senior Coffee<br>Gladstone HyVee<br><br><b>Canceled Until Further Notice</b> | 27     | 28       |
| 29 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent<br><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>                      | 30     | 31      |   | <b>BIBLE BOOK:</b><br>Ezekiel<br><br><b>FOOD PANTRY:</b><br>Pasta               |        |          |

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                              | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                            |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
|   |                                     |  | 1<br>9a Prayer Circle<br><br>6:30p Choir Reh.  | 2<br>Senior Coffee<br>Gladstone HyVee<br><br><b>Canceled Until Further Notice</b>                          | 3  | 4                                   |
| 5 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br><br><br><b>NO SERVICES</b> | 6<br><br>1:30p Day Care Board       | 7 <b>JESUS LOVES ME THIS &amp; KNOW</b><br><br><b>CANCELED</b><br><del>7p Day Care Easter Prog.</del> | 8<br>9a Prayer Circle<br><br>6:30p Choir Reh.  | 9<br><br>Maundy Thursday | 10 <b>Good Friday</b><br><br>Office & Day Care Closed | 11                                  |
| 12 <b>EASTER</b><br><br><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>    | 13<br><br>Noon Grace Notes Deadline | 14<br><br>7p Priscilla Circle  | 15<br>9a Prayer Circle<br><br>6:30p Choir Reh. | 16   | 17   | 18                                  |
| 19<br><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>  | 20                                  | 21   | 22<br>9a Prayer Circle<br><br>6:30p Choir Reh. | 23<br>10a Library (DC)   | 24   | 25                                  |
| 26<br><br><b>NO SERVICES</b>  | 27<br><br>Noon Grace Notes Deadline | 28<br>9:30a<br>DorSew  | 29<br>9a Prayer Circle<br><br>6:30p Choir Reh. | 30   | <b>FOOD PANTRY</b><br><br>Dry Beans  | <b>ABWM Bible Book</b><br>Zephaniah |

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                    |                     |                      |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 6 Ron Tietz        | 20 Marsha Henderson | 25 Brandon Webb      |
| 10 Lucille Heiser  | 21 Janie Ray        | 28 Barbara Sharpless |
| 17 Sharon Thompson | 25 Alexa Welcome    |                      |



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Dear Friend of IM:

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As our communities and nations wrestle with the COVID-19 pandemic, we here at International Ministries IM) join with believers around the world in praying for God's mercy and healing on those affected by the virus, and for divine wisdom and grace for those working to contain its spread.

I am grateful to report that, at this time, there are no reported or suspected cases of COVID-19 amongst IM personnel either at home or abroad. However, as an organization, IM is taking prompt and precautionary action in keeping with the latest available information from the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease control. IM's home office employees have been instructed to work remotely unless business reasons require their physical presence in the office, to cancel non-essential business travel, and to self-isolate for two weeks after any business or personal travel. IM's global servants have been instructed to cancel planned trips through April to countries that have been flagged by the CDC at Risk Assessment Levels 2 and 3, to limit and obtain area director approval for essential travel to other regions, and to avoid non-essential large gatherings. We undertake such measures not only to safeguard our own health and wellness, but also in view of the impact our choices may have on friends and people around us.

I want to assure you that IM's operations and mission will continue during this time. For home office personnel, clear lines of communications and reporting have been established to ensure that our work-especially our support functions for the needs of our global servants, staff, volunteers, international partners, and you, our friends-can proceed with minimal disruption. Likewise, IM global servants remain on the field and persist in their work of sharing the gospel and ministering to those in need.

Indeed, as in previous times of trouble, IM global servants have been able to parlay their long-term presence and partnership in the affected regions to provide timely assistance. Beginning in January, IM global servants and partners in Asia and North America, in cooperation with local churches, responded to the growing COVID-19 crisis by coordinating the delivery of needed medical supplies to China. Generous donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing Coronavirus fund made this effort possible.

IM has provided more than 9,500 coveralls to 6 hospitals in Wuhan and Nanjing in partnership with Amity Foundation in China. The banner says Amity Foundation and North America partners donate medical supplies in Coronavirus relief.

We covet your prayers as we continue working cross-culturally towards God's kingdom of healing, health, and wellness on earth as it is in heaven. Even as we have seen news of panic and hoarding, we have also seen IM global servants and believers around the world bear witness to the gospel through their generosity, steadfastness, and incarnational presence. Please pray for us to hold fast to the constancy of God in these uncertain times and to be covered by God's wisdom, compassion, and protection as we continue our work.

If you find yourself sequestered at home and in search of something to read, consider catching up on IM's missionary journals. These journals remind us that our God has been actively at work before and during the present moment: may they bring us comfort and courage.

With God's guidance, may we all proceed in this challenging season with caution, but not fear, and always with hope.

Prayerfully,  
Rev. Sharon T. Koh

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