



Grace Notes

*Welcome

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COVID Grace Notes April 6 (Easter Theme)

DIACONATE DEVOTIONAL

We are in a time of uncertainty, yet it's time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Through this pandemic there are stories of sickness and dying, yet there are incredible stories of faith, humanity, and healing. Daily I'm reminded of Hymns like "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "I Need Thee Every Hour". These are the times many step back, turn to their Faith, "Take Time to Be Holy" and "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus". We all know "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands". We must "Trust and Obey. Remember "How Great Thou Art" and "There is Power in the Blood"

We are "Standing on the Promises" of God. "Jesus Paid It All" so we would have "Blessed Assurance" that we are "Safe In The Arms of Jesus" and "God Will Take Care of You". We might walk "In The Garden", remember "The Old Rugged Cross", the "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and ask our "Precious Lord, Take My Hand".

Perhaps you would rather Get in touch with God and "Turn Your Radio On". "It Is No Secret" what God can do: "He Lives". "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". I can't imagine not "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms." We must "Be Strong In The Lord" and be of good courage for he is our guide.

We miss the fellowship of our Grace Baptist Church family and friends. "Shall We Gather at the River" when this pandemic is over? What ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say "It Is Well with My Soul" for "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"! I know that God has us. Let us Pray "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and thank you for paying it all for us! Thank you for the comfort the words of these Hymns bring us to remind us you are our great healer and Savior who is always with us!

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7 (Submitted by Mary Webb)

NARTHEX NEWS

(A summary of topics we would talk about if we were in the Narthex at GBC)

Mark Grant from Springfield texts, "Perhaps it is just me, but it seems the services moved more smoothly than last week. Thanks for making it possible to attend PALM SUNDAY'S service."

A take-away from the Kearney men's conference that six of us attended in March: *Religion is hanging around the cross. Christianity is hanging on the cross.*

Tom Spriggle reports, "We are being good recluses."

Cyndi Call reports that her mother, Barbara, "is still in isolation (at New Mark) but she seems to be a bit better and more like herself, more clear-headed, doing PT and OT."

And also from Cyndi Call, "Thanks to you and all of those who played a part in making the sermons available to us. It is a great blessing."

Howard L. Jackson called and prayed for our church over the phone. He shared his testimony of 27 years in the Air Force before then finding a church and Jesus here in Kansas City.

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10:15 a.m.

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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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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember that most expenses continue at the church even though we are not meeting on Sunday. You may send your gifts to our financial secretary, Roger McKee, at 5320 N. Wayne, KCMO 64118.

DIACONATE ON TELECONFERENCE TODAY

Today, Monday, April 6, the diaconate will meet at 1:00 pm over the phone. We have major plans to make about Holy Week, Easter and the future. A take-away from A. W. Tozer: *A scared world needs a fearless church.*

Route to the Videos, Technically

After the first three videos, the technical route to find them on the website has been set and probably will not change into the future. Thanks to Mike Reiter, Ron Whited and Chris Foster.

1. Go to our website. www.grace4u.net
2. Under the church picture, to the far right, click on “media”.
3. Then click on “videos”.
4. You will then find all the worship videos we have produced and you may click on the one you want.

Route to the Videos, Spiritually

In this season of social distancing, technology is a gift, but there’s not much warmth in its touch. I have tried preaching to an empty sanctuary three times now hoping that the congregation will populate that unseen space from their living rooms. I pray this is happening in your home.

The short prophetic book of Joel reports on a plague that overwhelmed the people of God. Locusts had invaded their land like a mighty army, with the teeth and appetites of lions, leaving only a wasteland in their wake. The prophet Joel wrote words for their grief which might be relevant today.

Mourn like a bride left alone at the altar, a bride dressed in a forlorn sack instead of her wedding gown. All our offerings—all our grain and wine—are cut off, swallowed by the locusts. No one has anything to bring into the Lord’s house. The priests are in mourning.... (Joel 1:8-9)

I have been thinking these past few weeks about the mourning priests in Joel 1 who are unable to perform their tasks in the temple because of the locust plague. It is weird to not meet physically with people for church services. Easter Sunday will be our fourth Sunday of trying to make a worship video for our congregation. I am thankful for the technology, but it is also sad to not carry out my duties as a pastor the way I would like to – in person with the people God has called me to shepherd. I relate to the priest in Joel 1 more than I ever have before. --- Jerry B. Cain

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH

Alex
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
Nancy A. Family (Bereavement)
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 K. 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

