



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH 3101 NE VIVION ROAD KANSAS CITY, MO 64119
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Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

COVID GRACE NOTES APRIL 23, 2020

Taken from Jesus Calling, Enjoying Peace in His Presence, by Sarah Young

Trust ME, and don't be afraid. Many things feel out of control. Your routines are not running smoothly. You tend to feel more secure when your life is predictable. Let ME lead you *to the rock that is higher than you* and your circumstances. *Take Refuge in the shelter of My wings*, where you are absolutely secure.

When you are shaken out of your comfortable routines. Grip MY hand tightly and look for growth opportunities. Instead of bemoaning the loss of your comfort, accept the challenge of something new. *I lead you on from glory to glory*, making you fit for MY kingdom. Say *yes* to the ways I work in your life. Trust ME, and don't be afraid.

*Isaiah 12:2, Psalm 61:2-4, 2 Corinthians 3:18

We are here in this time, at this moment because it is God's will. We will adhere to the "New Normal" knowing that this too shall pass and await the next version of the "New Normal". I pray that during these unprecedented times that we remain unafraid, we keep our hearts open. Get out your Church directory and call people, go for a walk, try cooking something new for dinner or start a book study with friends over the phone. Use this time wisely.

I also pray that when we reopen again, we remember the small things that we missed - the hugs, the handshakes, gathering to worship, Fellowship, the shopping and going out for dinner.

And know this, as surely as God has led us to this, he will see us through this.

Jody McLaughlin

CHRIS FOSTER JOINS GBC AS MEDIA MANAGER

At their teleconference meeting last Monday evening, the Diaconate voted unanimously to invite Chris Foster to join our staff as Media Manager. He will be minimally compensated through the Church Growth Fund and will be responsible for the production of the weekly video worship service as long as we are under a stay-at-home order.

Chris is a well-known professional musician in the Kansas City area who has been attending our church for the past four months. He has joined the Parables Sunday School Class and stepped up to help with our video experiment five weeks ago when we suspended Sunday worship for the coronavirus pandemic.

Chris made his profession of faith and was baptized as a lad at his family's North Carolina Baptist Church. He now has three grown children and presently works in the bakery in the Liberty Price Chopper. Previously Chris worked as a musician and prayer minister for the Unity Church in Lee's Summit. Welcome Chris!!

For those who do not get to drive by the campus, the resurrection colors are flying in the lawn. He is risen indeed!



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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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Maxwell Ray is one of our Grace family who is on the front line versus the coronavirus in his job at Hy-Vee. Please pray for him and send a note of thanks to 6724 Randall Court #1, Gladstone, MO 64119.

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Narthex News

(Things we would be talking about if we were gathered in the GBC Narthex.)

FOUND: Nice pair of glasses in sturdy GANT carrying case. Available for pickup in church office on Monday or Thursday mornings.

The Diaconate met on Monday night and voted to give \$1000 from the Fellowship Fund to the food pantry at Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries on Vivion Road to assist our community with food shortages. Grace has enjoyed a productive relationship with MLM for many years.

From a Karen friend in Illinois: "I watched and listened to your message and as always it was very inspiring. The songs in between your message make me feel like I was attending church service. I share the link with several family members and friends knowing that your message will strengthen their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

From Vangie Webb whose computer sends GBC messages to spam: "I have just finished reading all the Grace Notes that I have missed and it was a great blessing. I knew some of this but needed to see all of it. Thank you."

"Have we begun a new ministry via video??? I think it is going well and I have been blessed by the services that have been presented. I was touched by the notes by Cynthia and Barbara Call as well as Mark Grant."

A special thank you to Jean Tysdal who orchestrated and delivered 20 boxes of fruit and vegetables last Monday to church members and friends in the northland. If you would like a generous box of healthy food (only \$20.00), please call Jean for the next delivery date. (816) 810-5519.

Church Moderator, Bill Turnage, is taking suggestions and ideas on how best to open for Sunday services when the stay-at-home order is repealed. If you have comments about how we should come together to reconnect, please call him at (816) 453-1888. Your input is deeply appreciated.

The Caring Committee with Carolyn Cook as chair, reminds the congregation that we have funds from our monthly Fellowship Offerings to assist church members and community members through financial or personal crises. Please feel free to call or refer people to Carolyn at (816) 679-3778.

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Sunday, April 26, 2020

Sermon Title: "We Had Hoped..."

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Music: Sharon Thompson, Donna Pyle, Chris Foster, John Ashworth

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and feet of Christ*

Grace Baptist Church – Assistant Pastoral Search Committee Survey

Ministry Activities

- _____ **Budget/Financial Management** – prepare and implement budget.
- _____ **Church Growth** – develops and maintains programs and activities for enlarging the membership and/or the church's vision for ministry.
- _____ **Communication** – keep persons informed through the use of the media, the church newsletter, etc.
- _____ **Conflict management** – resolve conflict situations with persons and groups for the church's ministry.
- _____ **Counseling** – provide opportunities for individuals, couples, families, to enter a healing relationship.
- _____ **Education** – provide a teaching ministry based on theological, educational and historical foundations.
- _____ **Evangelism** – seek to lead persons to make decisions for Christ.
- _____ **Interpreting the Faith** – communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology in terms relevant to persons' lives.
- _____ **Leadership Development** – seek to recognize and develop persons as leaders, providing opportunities for their training and growth.
- _____ **Ministry Gifts Discovery** – motivate and support persons in discovering and using their gifts for ministry in their daily lives.
- _____ **Mission Promotion** – encourage and provide opportunities for the congregation/individual to be informed and involved in Christian witness at home and abroad.
- _____ **Nurturing Fellowship** – create an atmosphere in which persons feel accepted, included and cared for and can identify with the group.
- _____ **Pastoral Care** – provide by word and presence an empathetic concern for persons in the routine and joys as well as the crises and transitions of life, giving assistance where appropriate and feasible.
- _____ **Preaching** – support preaching ministry with time for preparation/reflection on the Word, and commitment to listen for the Word's power and its relevance for individuals, the church, the community and the world.
- _____ **Program Development** - design, and help to implement social, educational, religious and/or recreational programs of ministry.
- _____ **Social Action Enablement** seek to be aware of justice issues in the community and the world; then discover ways to act toward eliminating the cause of injustice.
- _____ **Spiritual Life Development** – provide opportunities for individuals or groups to understand and enhance the spiritual dimensions of their personal lives.
- _____ **Stewardship** - enable persons to develop and use individual and corporate resources – personal gifts, skills and finances to the glory of God.
- _____ **Visitation** – make formal and informal connections with church members or others in their homes, at work and in other settings.
- _____ **Worship Preparation and Leading**–participate actively in worship, offering suggestions for greater participation and effectiveness in the expression of praise, and thanksgiving to God.
- _____ **Other ministry activities**

Please return your responses by mail or email to Sandi McKee by May 1. Your input is crucial to the work of the Assistant Pastor Search Committee so that we can represent your needs during this search. With thanks from your search committee.

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