



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

\*Welcome \*Worship \*Praise

COVID GRACE NOTES MAY 14, 2020

## Grace Baptist Day Care Reopens on Monday!!

With sadness our Grace Baptist Day Care suspended operations on March 27, but with joy and excitement reopens on Monday, May 18! Several changes will be made in daily operations to protect the health of employees and children who frequent our building each day.

- Day Care staff will wear facemasks.
- Children will be checked in outside the door with no parents entering the building.
- Children will have their temperature checked upon arrival at the building.
- Staff will have their temperature checked twice each day.
- The Narthex will be off limits for playtime. Children will play in their room, in the east hallway, or outside on the playground.
- Toys and facilities will be wiped clean throughout the day.

Operations will run from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. for the first two weeks and then expand back to the traditional 6-6 schedule beginning on June 1. During this interim closure, the Day Care has lost 10 children and 5 teachers. They hope to rebuild those numbers during these first two weeks of curtailed operations.

Please pray for Michelle as she directs the daily operations and for Marylou as she leads the Board. We rejoice that we can take these first steps toward normalcy around the church building. – Jerry B. Cain



## NARTHEX NEWS

(Items we would talk about should we be meeting in the Narthex on Sunday.)

Rumor has it that Kenny and Linda Smith will be back to Liberty around May 16 so watch out, the IQ of Clay County is going up four points. Welcome home! We miss you.

Mike Reiter has two more weeks of one infusion per week before his next PET scan. Psalm 91 was his key verse this Wednesday as he underwent the latest treatment. *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, My God. In Him I will trust."* MAGE-4A

*"As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on thing and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you."* — C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Carolyn Cook is concerned that she is to go to the dentist wearing a facemask. How will the dentist recognize her behind a facemask? How will the dentist get to her teeth through a facemask?

Barb and Eddie Lusk will be back on May 23! Because of the fear of flying caused by the coronavirus, they are renting a car and driving from south Texas to Kansas City. Welcome home.

One of the families that Dennis Farabee works with in China has heard about the dire conditions in the US due to the coronavirus and has offered to send him a facemask. Even people in China want Dennis to be healthy. Thank you, Lord.

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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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Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) ministers to families who have lost homes to floods, to children living lives of limitation in poverty, to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, and many more. ABHMS has been answering God’s call to heal broken families and communities – as well as cultivate strong Christian leaders and equip passionate disciples – since 1832.

The world’s needs today are as great as they were close to two centuries ago. Ministry grants are awarded to mission partners across the United States and Puerto Rico—partners who are also doing the work empowering Christian leaders, nurturing disciples and intercultural awareness, and transforming congregations and communities with the healing power of God’s love. These ministries are making a difference in the lives of so many individuals and families. Grace’s contribution can help bring God’s healing touch to so many more.

As of today we have received \$350.00 toward our \$1,500.00 goal. Our mission partners are need of assistance now as never before in endeavoring to meet needs of the people they serve. Please include your contribution to AFC in your next offering to the church by noting the amount of your AFC contribution on the memo line of your check.

By contributing to the AFC Offering, you increase our capacity to fulfill the biblical mandate in Matthew 22:39: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” - Sandi McKee



### FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness was the title of the Sunday School lesson on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Parables Class members most likely were ‘faithful’ in studying the lesson, despite not being in our classroom. Faithfulness is ‘keeping a promise’ according to the lesson material. ‘Keeping a promise’ may be keeping a religious or marriage vow. It can also mean a pledge to an organization that we belong to or have joined. The lesson text was based on Acts 7:55-60, the story of stoning of Stephen. Stephen, Phillip and others were steadfast in their faithfulness to Jesus Christ! Stephen was faithful despite enduring scorn and hostility. The Bible does not reveal much regarding Stephen, other than he was a man of faith and filled with the Holy Spirit. He was well versed in the Scriptures and was an effective speaker.

“Faithfulness grows out of our daily choices to follow Jesus and let his teachings guide our lives.” It is unlikely that we, as believers, will sacrifice our lives to follow Jesus, as did Stephen. The author of the lesson on ‘faithfulness’ poses these profound questions: “How has the faithfulness of other followers of Christ inspired you? How has your faithfulness inspired others? What steps can you take to develop a way of life that will lead to greater faithfulness?”

- Bill Turnage



If you would like to order the **community fruit/vegetable boxes**, please contact Carolyn 679-3778 or Jean 810-5519 by Thursday evening. We order Friday at 8:00 a.m. and pick up and deliver Monday morning. The cost is \$20. Thanks! Thanks to these men who delivered food boxes this Monday morning: Rick Webb, John Ashworth, Bill Turnage, Gary Patton, Jerry Cain, Dennis Farabee. And thanks to Carolyn and Jean for making all the arrangements.

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