

Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

COVID GRACE NOTES JUNE 1, 2020

Lakewood Summer Camp July 5-10



Matthew 5:28 Consider the lilies. They do not toil nor spin, yet I say to you that Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself as lovely as the lilies.



Our Men's Ministry is moving forward with plans for Lakewood Summer Camp, July 5-10, at Heartland Presbyterian Camp near Parkville. Using resources from the Church Growth Fund, we have secured 12 slots, 6 boys and 6 girls, to be filled with students from Lakewood School where we served as YouthFriends since the beginning of this year.

Today, our Lakewood team begins delivering meals for Adventure Club at Gracemor Elementary which will put us in contact with students beyond Lakewood. The coronavirus pandemic has delayed our recruitment schedule, but we had our first two reservations last week. Please help us recruit students who have finished the fourth or fifth grade to fill our quota.

Heartland Camp will allow these children to be a kid in the most fun way possible this summer with horseback rides, swimming, archery, hiking, canoeing, zipline, rock wall and evening devotions around the campfire. Grace will continue weekly activities with these campers through July and August hoping they will be the nucleus of our Sunday School when it re-opens later in the year.

Send contact information of potential campers to Rick Webb at 816-223-7260 or to Pastor Cain. And thanks to all those who have begun this children's ministry at Lakewood School: Roger McKee, Dennis Farabee, Jack and Bonnie Hespelt, Gene Waters, Rick Webb and Jerry Cain.



HEALTH

Austin
Max B.
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Bonnie
Caroline
Cecil
Gary D.
Peggy D.
Gary
Gisela G.

Juliann H.

Gerald H.
Kathy H.
Shawna M.
Mike
Erlene O.
Opal
Frank P.
Al & Abbie Q.
Mike R.

Toni S.

Harold S.
Doug S.
Gerry S.
Kris S.
Larry S.
Mark S.
Steve
Fred V.
Brian W.

OTHER

ABW
NE Christian University, India
Day Care
Disasters in the USA
Family Promise
Grace Baptist Church/Pastor/S.S.
GBC Medical Staff Workers
Lakewood Summer Camp
Law Enforcement
Leaders of Nation and State

Refugees

Search Committee
Shootings – World Conflicts
Brandon & Kristen W. (Deployment)
Our Missionaries-Buttry-Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi-Sonna
Nancy A. Family (Bereavement)
Naw Eh Family (Bereavement)
Landon K. Family (Bereavement)
Ruth S. Family (Bereavement)
Annette W. Family (Bereavement)

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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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When Grace Reopens on June 14...

“Religion is the refuge we need from turmoil”

Will GBC be ready for change and ready to welcome new (masked) faces when she reopens for services on Sunday, June 14? Things will be different and the culture will be more open to the message of our Christian faith.

Cynthia M. Allen is a writer for the *Fort-Worth Star-Telegram* and one of her recent columns was reprinted in the *Kansas City Star* on May 13, page 11A. Her article is entitled “Religion is the refuge we need from turmoil” and I quote several of her notes here.

Of all the activities that help organize human life, the communal practice of religion is one of the most unifying. While the “virtual” service has been sustaining people for faith during these difficult times, plenty of people feel spiritually isolated without the fellowship, foundation and accountability that group worship provides.

There’s a reason to wonder, when churches reopen, whether many of the faithful decide not to return—at first for safety, but eventually because they’ve simply lost the habit. Add to that the almost universal suffering and despair created by the pandemic, and the circumstances seem right for a great falling away from faithfulness.

Yet the opposite appears to be true. A recent survey by the Pew Research Center found that one-fourth of U.S. Adults (24%) say their faith has become stronger because of the coronavirus pandemic. That data is consistent with a Gallup survey which found that 19% of Americans said their faith or spirituality has gotten better as a result of the crises.

In a separate survey conducted in March, Pew found that more than half of all U.S adults have prayed for an end to the spread of coronavirus, including “some who say they seldom or never pray and people who say they do not belong to any religion (15% and 24%, respectively).”

Perhaps that’s part of the reason why 11% of adults who seldom or never attend religious services have found their faith is increasing in the wake of COVID-19, why 7% of religiously unaffiliated Americans... now find themselves drawn to faith. If these are the times that try men’s souls, they may also be the times that restore them.

If these facts hold true, I look forward to a great chapter in GBC history when we reopen for services on June 14. Let’s begin praying and preparing that Grace Baptist Church can be “the refuge we need from turmoil”.

---Jerry Cain



😊 From Mary Webb: Thank you for the Grace Notes. You have no idea how much they mean to me. I always get a smile and a lift when I read them.

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