

Grace Notes

*Welcome

*Worship

*Praise



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Worship
10:15 a.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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Friends and Members of Grace Baptist Church:

We have survived one of the strangest years in our congregational history and as we look back, we can see God is still in control.

- When the pandemic hit in March, we dismissed services for twelve weeks and learned how to put worship on the website—a practice still happening today.
- We restarted face-to-face services in June and have learned to worship wearing masks and sitting six feet apart.
- Our children’s Sunday School is running strong each week with children dismissed during the sermon for their learning time.
- New people are joining us for worship and new people are joining the church.
- And though our financial income is down, our expenses are also down and we continue to operate in the black.

Last October the congregation focused on our four mission offerings and raised enough money to exceed our mission goals for the first time in several years. Now it is time to put that energy toward our financials in 2021.

Over the first two weeks of January, we ask you to think through your pledge to the ministries of Grace Baptist Church. You will be given a chance to respond during our commitment time on Sunday, January 10. Our financial leadership will then be able to plan more accurately for the 2021 budget year. At this point we are simply extending the 2020 budget into 2021.

If you cannot be present on January 10, please record your commitment on the card you will receive in the mail and mail it back to the church office.

Please pray about your tithes and offerings for 2021 and give willingly, cheerfully and generously as we face a future no one knows but God alone. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Roger McKee, Financial Secretary.

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,409.10	269.23	192.31	2,870.64
12/27/20	1,919.62	234.10	187.28	2,456.00

Attendance	Worship	Sunday School	Video
12/27/20	44	3	45

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NARTHEX NEWS

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

Grace Baptist, thank you for the sweet gift and all the support your shown Lakewood families and myself (and staff) during what's turning out to be two of the craxiest first few years a principal could imagine. From the hundreds of masks that are putting a positive spin on a hard situation to adopting our families for Christmas – we are blessed by your partnership. Merry Christmas!

*Mrs. Helwig
Principal, Lakewood School*

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021, is the last date for inclusion in the Honor and Memory Book for Beth. A basket will be on the table by the east front door for notes, pictures or cards thanking Beth for her years of service to the congregation. If you wish to email or mail a note or card to the church, that is okay.

Thanks for your response, Marty

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Prayer Requests:

Health: Ai M., Amber Jo, Amish Family, Beth S., Austin, Max B., Vicky C., Bonnie, Caroline, Toni, Peggy D., Gisela G, Reece H, Bonnie H, Kathy H, Howard, Dallas, Jim, Stephanie K, Mike, Monte, Mu Thu, Terry and Jennifer, Godwin O, Larry M, Frank P, Pege P, Al and Debbie Q, Toni S, Harold S, Linda, Kenny and Lisa S, Doug S, Gerry S, Kris S, Larry S, Mark S, Tarin S, Steve, Ruth T, Garmai W, Ginny W.

Other: ABW, NE Christian University, India, Disasters in the USA, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/Pastor/SS/Day Care/Diaconate, Tommy H., Dwight & JoAnn K., Law Enforcement, Leaders of Nation and State, Medical Staff Workers/First Responders, Opal, Refugees, Search Committee, Shootings – World Conflicts, Brandon & Kristen W. (deployed), Missionaries – Buttry, McCurdy, Longkumer, Ngwemi, Sonna, Those Traveling,

Bereavement: Webb Family, Call Family, Stallard Family

Joys and Concerns From the Children's Sunday School: Long, Connor and Grayson. Emerson Mansingh's birthday was Dec. 29.

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