



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

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Worship
10:15 a.m.

Video Worship
grace4u.net/media/videos

**"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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A couple of things are running through my mind today so I will share them with you. I begin with a grateful note about snow. Snow was a joy when we were younger and I muse with C. S. Lewis why children and dogs love snow and adult complain about it. I enjoy the damper that snow puts on non-essential activities. And I enjoy shoveling it as a change of pace from walking or biking. I see a covering of snow as a work of art and a thing of natural beauty. Capital punishment should be reserved for those who tromp through a pristine field of snow leaving their footprints to mess up the immaculate canvas that God has so evenly and equally painted.

Like David in Psalm 51:7, I want to be clean and pure and white as the snow. Yet I know that the snow only covers up the trash and weeds that have collected beside the road and across the field. I dread this time of year, the last part of winter, when the snow melts and we can see the garbage that has been tossed beside the roads. Please send us snow. Lord, to cover the trash, or send us a Savior who will clean us to the core and create in us a clean heart, O God, while renewing a right spirit within us.

And I am grateful for volunteers who do their work behind the scenes to make worship happen each week and never ask for recognition. (It is dangerous to list names because I will inadvertently leave someone out, but here goes.) Roger shoveled the church snow of last week, took the top off the baptistry and filled it with warm water for Sunday. Since we have no hymnals or Bibles, Sandi put together the worship package for us to follow on Sunday. Mark, Bernard and Mara faithfully edited the videos and uploaded them to the webpage. Sandra kept the church office together, organized the Annual Report and kept Grace Notes circulating. Rick made the sound work and recognized our neighbor, Paul Delgado. Marylou and Linda decorated the sanctuary for Lent and even created new pew markers for covid-designated seating. Mary taught Sunday School for our children while adding new touches to the website. Jessica and Ben sang a sweet number about "Salt and Light." Additionally, I know that many of you prayed for worship on Sunday and many of you gave financially to pay the utilities and other expenses. You made your phone calls, emails and texting to serve the people you are committed to serve through institutional and volunteer work.

Thanks to all who pull their share of the load. "Well done good and faithful servant."

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Messages from Mark

From Sunday, February 21:

- What is the common theme of Mark 8:31-33, Mark 9:30-32, and Mark 10:32-34?
 - How are these passages similar?
 - How are these passages different?
- In the prelude to the Mark 8 forecast of His death and resurrection, what was the quiz that Jesus gave his followers in Mark 8:27-30? How would you answer the second question in that quiz?
- In the postlude after the Mark 8 forecast of his death and resurrection, what seven things did Jesus tell his followers about their loyalty to Him (Mark 8:34-38)? List three of these behaviors which are a challenge for you.

For Sunday, February 28: Mark 9:36-37, Mark 9:42-48, 10:13-16. Jesus and the children.

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total	Attendance	Worship	Sunday School	Video
Budget	2,409.10	269.23	192.31	2,870.64	2/21/2021	45	3	13
2/21/2021	2,678.02	327.68	262.15	5,421.27				

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NARTHEX NEWS

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

There will be changes in the sanctuary during the first week of March!! Come to see all that is new!!

The *Secret Place* devotional booklets for March, April and May have arrived in the church office. Please pick up your copy on Sunday or call the church office to have one mailed to you. This is a good source for Lenten devotions as we work our way toward the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

From Linda Smith in Texas: We were without electricity for two days. No hotels available. We stayed with friends. Lisa is doing really well. Thanks for the prayers, they are working. 82 degrees here tomorrow.

From Edward and Barbara Lusk in Texas: We were without electricity three days and three nights. We dressed in layers ... went to the library to charge our phones and tablets. We had full tanks of gas in both cars. Our cook stove is propane. We enjoy watching the service every week. Keeps us going. Thank you for that.

"I have two lists of names in my prayers, those for whose conversion I pray, and those for whose conversion I give thanks. The little trickle of transferences from List A to List B is a great comfort. "

C.S. Lewis.

Greeters this Sunday, February 28: Ina May Fakhoury

If you want to be contacted when covid vaccine is available to you, please go to this link and fill out the form: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/210138520201032> Learn what phase you are eligible for at this link: <https://www.clayhealth.com/301/COVID-19-Vaccine>

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Health: Beth S., Max B., Bonnie, Caroline, Peggy D., Gisela G, Reece H, Bonnie H., Matthew H., Jim, Monte and Pam, Larry M., Sharon P., Harold S., Linda, Kenny and Lisa S., Doug S, Gerry S., Larry S, Mark S., Steve, Tu T., Ruth T., Wanda, Don W., Garmai W., Ginny W.

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

Bereavement: Bonnie Broughton, Donnici Family

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