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Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

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Worship
10:15 a.m.

Video Worship
grace4u.net/media/videos

*"Now faith is confidence
in what we hope for and
assurance about what
we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1*

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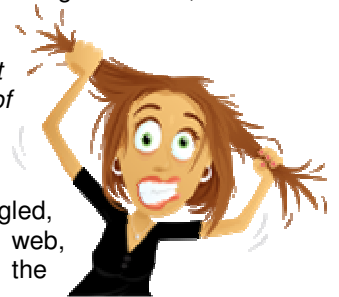
What Do We Have Without Faith?

Tara L Barnett 4/2021

When life gives you lemons... make lemonade?!?! Who has time to make lemonade?! What if the lemonade is too strong or too weak? I can't find my pitcher... or the lid!! Ugh... Wait a minute, Kool-Aid Lemonade has too much sugar, maybe I should use real lemons... and have to squeeze all of those lemons?!?! My hands are going to hurt. Hmmm... make Kool-Aid and deal with the high probability that I'm going to be a diabetic or squeeze the lemons and take Naproxen to ease the pain of my hands... Too much Naproxen isn't good either, but how much is too much??

2 Timothy 1:7 ...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Self-discipline... What does it take to have discipline? Well, it takes discipline to have... discipline... Oh what tangled, confusing, scary webs we weave. Luckily, I weaved my own web, so I can unweave it, right? It won't be easy, but God gave me the power, and He has faith in me.



Isaiah 40:31 ...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Have you heard what one of the hardest things, if not the hardest thing, to accomplish is? It's quitting nicotine. For those of us who thought we were cool and could do anything we wanted as kids/teens, we weren't wrong... but we didn't think about the repercussions of our actions. Yeah our parents and teachers told us, but we were too cool for school and definitely too cool to listen to our parents.

Nicotine is a chemical, which we chose to put in our bodies. We chose to change our chemistry, our God given chemistry. Why did I do that? It doesn't really matter why, what matters is I did it and now I have to quit before it kills me. What does it take to quit? I'll tell you what it takes, because I did it... "cold turkey", after 17 years of smoking a pack or more a day.

It takes self-discipline. It takes daily affirmations; constant (multiple times a day) reminders of why I need to quit. I have to want to do it. When I quit, I did so because I had, still have, a family who needs me. I don't want to leave them at such an early age. They should not have to suffer because of my lack of self-discipline, my lack of faith; faith that it will be okay; faith that one way or another, I will quit. Whether it is with my "super human strength" or with Chantix, I will quit; because there is no shame in getting help for such a huge undertaking of self discipline and self caring for the better of myself, and more importantly, my family.



1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Whatever you're going through in your life, have faith that God will bring you through, and have faith that you are strong enough to endure all of it.

Meh, I'll just have water, I don't need lemons...

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2,409.10	269.23	192.31	2,870.64
4/18/2021	1050.42	128.10	102.48	1280.78

Attendance	Worship	Sunday School	Video
4/18/2021	38	0	30

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NARTHEX NEWS

Greeters this Sunday, April 25: Donna Pyle

Guest Speakers:

Sunday, April 25th - Reverend Daphne Braswell

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." This has been evident in the life of Reverend Daphne Braswell, a native of Kansas City, Kansas. She is the older of two children born to the loving parents of James and Thelma Braswell. At an early age, she began building a strong Christian foundation in the word of God. Rev. Braswell graduated in 1988 from Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City, Kansas. She received her Bachelors in Business Management from Pittsburg State University in 1992. In 1999, she completed her degree requirements for a Masters of Human Resources Management at Keller Graduate School of Management in Kansas City, Missouri. Rev. Braswell was an active member at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, where the Rev. C.L. Bachus serves as Pastor. She served as President of the Senior Usher Board for over 15 years and was an adult Sunday School teacher for 6 years. She is currently a member of First Baptist Church in Overland Park, Kansas, where she serves as Associate Pastor.

Rev. Braswell currently works at Cerner Corporation as an Associate Relations Partner. She received her Masters of Divinity degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in 2014 and was awarded the C.R. McBride and Katherine Willard Eddy Award for Excellence in Ministry. She also serves on the Board of Directors as the General Secretary at Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, Kansas. On May 31, 2015, Rev. Braswell was ordained to Christian Ministry by the American Baptist Churches, USA. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Rev. Braswell currently resides in Shawnee, Kansas. Her many hobbies include shopping, reading, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Summer Camp

Again this year Grace Baptist Church will sponsor children to Heartland Camp and we want your children and grandchildren to participate in a week of fun, family and faith. Due to a nice grant from the Harry Arnote Foundation, campers from our church will only pay \$50.00 per week. Contact Tara in the church office for more information 816-452-0212.

Great Rivers Region College Scholarships

College scholarships through the Great Rivers Region are available for our Grace students who will be studying in higher education this fall. Deadline for applications is May 1. Tara or Jerry will help interested people who would like to apply for these grants that range from \$500 to \$700. 816-452-0212.

Child Dedications

We are scheduling Child Dedications on Sunday, May 9, which is Mother's Day. If your family has a child five years of age or younger and would like to participate in this important ceremony, please contact the church office for more information. 816-452-0212.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Glenda Bryant will be married in our sanctuary on Saturday afternoon, May 1, in a small and private wedding ceremony. Cards of greetings and congratulations may be sent to her home address as printed in the directory.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Health: Jeff Ashworth, Beth Sigley, Linda Biancavilla, Max Burk, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Gisela Gruschka, Reece Hall, Bonnie Hespelt, Dave Hoitenga, Jim, Ima Jean, Larry Merriman, Elaine Mills, Al Moon, Sharon Patterson, Scott Pulido, Linda, Kenny and Lisa Smith, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Stephanie, Theresa's Grandpa, Ruth Turnage, Jean Tysdal, Vangie's Sister

Other: ABW, Burma, Chinese friend of Dennis Farabe, NE Christian University/India, Disasters in the USA, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/Pastor/Sunday School/Day Care/Diaconate, Law Enforcement, Leaders of Nation and State, Medical Staff Workers/First Responders, Abby Quiroz, Refugees, Ruth Naw, Search Committee, Shootings - World Conflicts, Our Missionaries Buttry-Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi-Sonna, Those Traveling, Garmai Wilson

Bereavement: Harold Smith Family