

# Grace Notes

Special Edition

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Cain Retirement Parade 4/3/2021

## Grace Baptist Church

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Church

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Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Video Worship  
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**"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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## "We Thank God Every Time We Remember You" Philippians 1:3

We are grateful for all our memories at Grace Baptist Church but last weekend was a special collection of delightful thoughts and feelings. Thank you for the drive-by parade to our home in Kearney last Saturday which was a complete surprise to me. I know from experience that it is 16 miles from our home to GBC and the same distance to return. Thus all those paraders logged a lot of miles and time to share your good wishes.



Linda arranged the flowers we received on Saturday and Sunday into friendship bouquets which are now scattered throughout our home--and Gracie liked them too! The wonderful art piece of stained-glass window tiles collected, mounted and framed by Jody, Jean and Roger will be the permanent image of Grace long after the flowers and other gifts have been expended. "Precious memories, how they linger..."

We sat up late on Sunday night opening cards and reading your notes of affirmation. Thank you for your kindness and for your generosity expressed in cash and gift cards. We will be good stewards of these resources as if they came directly from God. You have been His channel of blessing.

We are now making the adjustment from the pulpit to the pew and hope to be worshipping with you soon. Our congregation is coming out of the pandemic with a sense of strength and direction. We look forward to working with and supporting our new pastor as soon as possible. Thanks again for the gift of your friendship and our ministry time together.



*Jerry and Linda Cain*

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total	Attendance	Worship	Sunday School	Video
Budget	2,409.10	269.23	192.31	2,870.64	3/28/2021	73	4	20
3/28/2021	4805.20	586.00	468.80	5860.00				

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**NARTHEX NEWS**

**Greeters this Sunday, April 11: Marylou Reiter and Tara Barnett**

**Beth Sigley:**

Please continue to keep Beth and her family in your prayers. She served as our office secretary and office manager for 38 years.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - Stephen Barbee**

Stephen has over 20-years experiences of serving the homeless, the disadvantage and the reentry population as a case worker, outreach worker, mentor, and group facilitator.

He currently serves at Connections to Success in KCMO and KCK as Community Outreach Coordinator; Metro Lutheran Ministry in KCMO - Program Coordinator; Co-Founder/Co-Director of KC Outreach Inc; Service provider for the re-entry community; Mentor at Leavenworth United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas. He serves as a Lead Shelter Manager at City Union Mission, KCMO; Chaplain at Lawndale Christian Health Center Chicago, Illinois which serves over 60,000 patients a year; Men's Division Director at Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, Illinois which is one of the oldest and largest missions in the country, serving over 700 men daily.

He has preached and taught the Word of God in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

He attended Moody's Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois with Biblical Studies, and Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois with a, Bachelor of Science in Communication.

His life story and message is one of, **Dreams, Destruction, Disgrace and Deliverance!**

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Grace Baptist's own - Dennis Farabee**

**Dennis will also be preaching at Missouri City on April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

*"I'm preaching on sin (text 1John 2: 1). I'm against it, but what is it? I grew up with the rural Southern Baptist definition of drinkin', cussin', dancin', and ladies dippin' snuff. But the trouble with rules based religion is we condemn what we don't care to do ourselves and excuse what we like. So, I think sin is not so much what we do as what we are (total depravity) and what we are is less. Less than we should be, less than we could be, less than God intended us to be. Let's remember to pray for Dennis this Sunday.*

**Assisted Listening System**

'Can you hear me now?' The church has a proposal to provide a broadcast of church audio from the mixing board, to those who choose to use either an FM pocket receiver or their own mobile device over WIFI. If you are interested in helping to obtain this system for the congregation, you can contribute to the fund to purchase the system from Progressive Electronics Incorporated. PEI provided the components for our sound system. Thank you for your interest.

**Child Dedication Sunday**

We hope you can join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> for Child Dedication Sunday. This event will correspond with Mother's Day on the church calendar. If you have a child or grandchild, five years of age or younger, that you would like to participate in this service, please contact Tara at the church office for specific information.

**Summer Camp**

It is not too early to plan for summer camp at Heartland Christian Camp near Parkville. We have slots reserved. Contact Tara in the church office for details to share with your family. Cost will be \$50 per child with the bulk of the expense covered by outside sources. Space is limited.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Health:** Jeff Ashworth, Beth Sigley, Max Burk, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Gisela Gruschka, Reece Hall, Bonnie Hespelt, Jim, Gary Jones, Ima Jean, Kathy, Larry Merriman, Elaine Mills, Sharon Patterson, Scott Pulido, Linda, Kenny and Lisa Smith, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Stephanie, Ruth Turnage, Jean Tysdal, Don Wenger, Vangie's Sister, Wanda

**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, Howard Jackson, Law Enforcement, Leaders of Nation and State, Medical Staff Workers/First Responders, Jack - Pat's brother, Abby Quiroz, Refugees, Ruth Naw, Search Committee, Shootings - World Conflicts, Harold Smith Family, Terry, Our Missionaries Buttry-Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi-Sonna, Those Traveling, Garmai Wilson

**Bereavement:** Our Christian sympathy is extended to Rosalee Wilson whose brother, James Muff, passed away on March 31. Services are this Wednesday at White Chapel here in Gladstone. You may send notes to Rosalee at her address as listed in the directory.

**The Rev. Dr. Harold L. Smith**

As many of you may have heard, Reverend Smith passed away peacefully at home on April 5, 2021. *Condolences may be sent to Josephine at 5580 S. Kickapoo Ave, Springfield, MO 65804.* Harold's obituary is below.

Harold was born on October 18, 1925 (95) to Lloyd and Opal Lewis Smith in Jonesboro, Ill. At a young age, he learned the value of hard and competent work on the beautiful family farm in nearby Alto Pass.

Harold met Josephine (Jo) Read at the Calvary Baptist Church in Alton, Ill., while attending Shurtleff College, and they were married in this church on August 12, 1951. To this union were born two children, Celeste and Barry. Harold and Jo appreciated the privilege of spending 69 years in a blessed relationship.

After serving as a U.S. Navy corpsman at Bethesda Naval Hospital (Walter Reed) during World War II, Harold entered college as a pre-law student, but toward the end of his freshman year he answered God's call into the ministry, going on to complete bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University before earning the Master of Divinity from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary in Chicago.

For 48 years, he pastored American Baptist Churches in Illinois and Missouri, serving First Baptist Church in Johnston City, Ill.; Godfrey Baptist Church in Godfrey, Ill.; **Grace Baptist Church** in Kansas City; and Bethel Baptist Church in Columbia. A former regional president of the American Baptist Convention, he remained passionate throughout his life about studying church growth issues.

After retiring three times as a minister, he and Jo moved to Springfield in 2003 to be near family. Here, he spent time gardening, following his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities, and serving at University Heights Baptist Church, where he helped teach the Pioneer Sunday School Class and occasionally preached. In 2019, after he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, hope was the topic of his last sermon.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Celeste Johnsen; and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Jo; his son, Barry, and daughter-in-law, Susan; his former son-in-law, David Johnsen; and four grandchildren: Molly, Walker, and Henry Smith, and Nina Davis. He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren, Avery and Hunter Lambright and Kereli Celeste Davis.

*Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 9, at Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home, 1947 E. Seminole St., and online condolences may be made at [gormanscharpf.com](http://gormanscharpf.com).*

Memorial contributions may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607