

From the Pastor's Office

Dear Friends,

Our first Sunday with you, May 16 was an event-filled experience. Pulling into the parking lot, the rain fell. And fell, and fell. And upon entering the building, Roger informed me - **the power is out, no electricity!**

With May 16 as my first official day on the church field, I had options on how to respond. I chose this one: *In everything give thanks and rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice*. Yes, I got those ideas from the Bible! And what a blessed day I had because I had pre-decided *this is the Lord's day and I will rejoice and be glad in it!*

The singing, music, and spirit were really upbeat. We could have all chosen another path, but instead, we chose God's path to joy. And as Sandi prayed - the lights came on! Of course, God answers prayer!

I am so thankful for Jerry, and the committee who presented me to you to take on this awesome task. You have trusted God to lead. And I pray I can be what God intends for me to be in these next few months.

I look forward to what God will do with us in our days together. If Sunday is any indication, our faith in God to move forward regardless of the challenges will yield a wonderful harvest for God's Kingdom. I pray you will come to each service with a hunger for God's Word and that you will leave each service with - **Thanks, I needed that!**

My role is defined as follows; I am here to assist you, the church to bring you and your next pastor together. I am seeking God's will alone. I have no agenda other than to be of whatever help I can be for you to make a reasoned, thoughtful and blessed choice. Pray that we will see God's will clearly in the days to come. And that we will by faith, walk in His ways.

I know not how long Julie and I will be with you serving as your interim pastor. Or what the future holds. But this I know - God holds the future and has someone being readied for this assignment.

Looking forward to meeting you all!

Pastor Phil



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Grace Notes

**Welcome *Worship *Praise*

Grace Baptist Church

An American Baptist Church

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Office Hours

Monday/Tuesday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday/Thursday

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday

9:30AM - 11:30 AM

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Video Worship

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*These commandments
that I give you today are
to be on your hearts.*

Deuteronomy 6:6

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The Sound of Silence...

By Mary Webb

Art Garfunkel said during a live performance: "This is a song about the inability of people to communicate with each other". The song begins "Hello darkness, my old friend, I've come to talk with you again." Loneliness and darkness are what many have experienced in these past months. The way towards a better society passes through effective communication.



The Bible has a lot to say about how we communicate with others. We are commanded to do everything for the glory of God, even in the way that we communicate with others.

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

So how have we stayed in touch/communicated with our church family, our neighbors, our co-workers when we are working at home, our family? Even though the restrictions are started to be lifted, we still need that effective communication. We encourage you to reach out and say HELLO to someone or multiple people this week.

I recently saw this on my computer and thought it is such a good reminder for all of us about what little things can bring such joy and pleasure to a person.



"Do you know that a simple "hello" can be a sweet one? I recently received this from my friend, in a mail she sent to me." "...it has made me smile every time I say hello since then... So send this message to the people you care about and say "Hello" to them"

The word HELLO means:

H – How are you?

E = Everything all right?

L = Like to hear from you

L = Love to see you soon!

O = Obviously, I miss you...

So, HELLO!

Let's be good disciples and break *The Sound of Silence* with many "Hello's". If you hear from someone, let us know for Narthex News next week.

God Bless You!

	Current	Missions	Cap. Imp.	Total
Budget	2409.10	269.23	192.31	2870.64
5/16/2021	1144.00	143.00	114.40	1401.40

Attendance	Worship	Sunday School	Video
5/16/2021	46	1	17

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NARTHEX NEWS

Greeters this Sunday, May 23rd: Ina May Fakhoury



Father and son on the left were baptized on May 16 at Grace Baptist Church by pastors Dean Scott of the New Kingdom of Faith and Restoration Church (center) and Paul Johnson of the Church of Gladstone. Congratulations to these new Christ-followers and thanks to Lillian, Rick, Maxwell and Roger for making it happen.

Our Condolences

Christian condolences from Grace Baptist Church are shared with Rose Wilson whose brother died of coronavirus last month in Liberty.

REQUESTS

Roommate

Our neighbor and church member, Rose Wilson, would like a roommate who is not too rowdy to share her two bedroom, two bath apartment next to the church. About \$450 per month. Please call Rose at 816-255-2157.

Bethel Center

Bethel is in need of healthy snacks. We will be collecting for the remainder of May for Bethel's summer program. *Healthy snacks include individually packaged pretzels, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, raisins, etc.*

Don't forget!

Sizzle Into Summer

Memorial Day BBQ

Wednesday, May 26th, 5:30 PM

Jean Tysdal is leading the hospitality committee in promoting an outside event at the church. The menu will include hamburgers, salads, and dessert. This will be the first Wednesday evening event since before the pandemic. Mark your calendars to be there!



The Lord Calls Us to Love One Another

You must all have the same attitude and the same feelings; love one another as brothers, and be kind and humble with one another. Do not pay back evil with evil or cursing with cursing; instead, pay back with a blessing, because a blessing is what God promised to give you when he called you. As the scripture says,

"Whoever wants to enjoy life and wishes to see good times, must keep from speaking evil and stop telling lies.

He must turn away from evil and do good; he must strive for peace with all his heart.

For the Lord watches over the righteous and listens to their prayers; but he opposes those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:8-12

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Prayer Requests

Health: Jeff Ashworth, Beth Sigley, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Gisela Gruschka, Reece Hall, Bonnie Hespelt, Dave Hoitenga, Jim, Ima Jean, Larry Merriman, Elaine Mills, Sharon Patterson, Colleen Pine, Scott Pulido, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Stephanie, Ruth Turnage, Jean Tysdal, Don Wenger, 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, Peggy and Tanya, Garmai Wilson

Bereavement: Judson University Students, Harold Smith Family, Rose Wilson