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Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

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"I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

I am grateful for the upbringing I had in my home. My parents were hard working and frugal. We were taught that to start a job is to finish a job. Don't quit until you have completed the task.

It is often hard to stay by the stuff when you would rather throw in the towel. There are times when, yes, it is time to call it a day and stop pushing on that which will not change or be different.

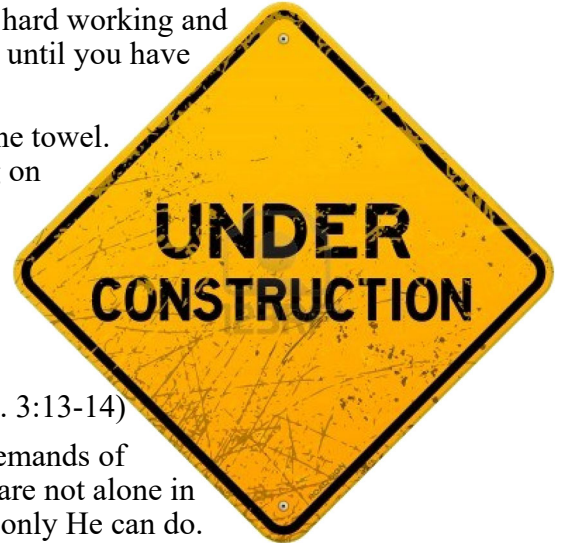
But I think we are far too willing to throw in the towel too soon before we have exhausted all the effort needed to complete a task or reach a goal.

Later in Philippians Paul makes this declaration: "...forget what is behind and press forward to the goal of knowing Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13-14)

A worthy goal, a God-given vision, a completion of a servant task demands of us to stay faithful and pursue the outcome. But understand this: you are not alone in your pursuit. God is there working on your behalf to do in you what only He can do. God will carry you to the goal line as you stay committed to doing His will, no matter the cost.

A worthy goal is worth the effort. Don't give in or give up too quickly. God has not given up on you, so don't stop short of what God has in store! Lean on His strength as He carries you toward completion.

Pastor Phil



BURMA



On the Sunday closest to July 13, Christians in Burma and Christians from Burma who have settled around the world, celebrate Judson Sunday in honor of the missionary who brought the story of Jesus to their land. He and his wife, Ann, arrived in Rangoon on July 13, 1813, and thus the day is remembered and revered.

Our friend, Dr. Angelene Naw, will present an international lecture on "Judson's Legacy" this Friday, July 9, at 9:30 pm Central Time.
Zoom Meeting ID: 810-9274-3440. Passcode: MB2021.

In solidarity with our Karen congregation, **this Sunday, July 11**, we will acknowledge "Judson Sunday" at Grace, because of our relationship with the first missionary from the United States and our Karen Grace Baptist Church.. We will review the book that Dr. Angelene Naw is writing on *The History of the Karens in Burma* focusing on the long-term results of mission efforts, especially those of Adoniram Judson.

~Retired Pastor Jerry Cain

Greeters this Sunday July 11th: Bill and Marty Turnage

In an effort to save time, money, and ink, if you receive Grace Notes via regular mail, and have an email, and can receive the newsletter electronically, please email or call Tara at the office. Thank you in advance.

Independence Day Picnic

"Chef Jean Tysdal displays the American flag cake prepared by Lillian Gage and devoured at the Independence Day dinner last Wednesday. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for their good work and to Garmai and Mary for a good program on our Challenge School in Nyetkia, Liberia."

Photo by Gene Waters.

Cake courtesy
of Lillian Gage



Report from American Baptist Churches-USA

Ina May Fakhoury and Jerry Cain represented our congregation at the virtual Biennial Missions Summit of American Baptist Churches on June 24-26. Though neither of our delegates are very sharp on technology, they did get in on the business meeting, some of the conferences and some of the worship sessions. A pastor from our Great Rivers Region, Rev. James Wolfe from First Baptist, Pontiac, Illinois, was elected president of our denomination. Mission reports are strong but church growth is weak. Your two delegates agree that a convention on-line is not nearly as meaningful as a face-to-face convention.



Grace Family, You are invited to Ethlyn M'cCleave's 101st Birthday Celebration July 18th at Cascone's on North Oak at 5PM. Individually you can order off the menu with everyone doing separate checks. Please no gifts, but cards and donations to the *American Foundation for the Blind* in her honor are welcome. Make the check payable to Grace Baptist Church with the purpose in the MEMO and the church will send one check to the Foundation in Ethlyn's honor.

Reservations are required no late than July 14th. Call Marylou Reiter or Jean Tysdal with your RSVP.

Please pray for these four children sponsored by Grace Baptist Church as they will be attending Heartland Camp beginning on Sunday. **Brooklynn Arnold, Elizabeth Clutter, Gabriel Todd, Riley Todd.** We pray for their safety and that they will be open to God's voice throughout the week. Thanks to all who made this week possible for them.

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Jack and Bonnie Hespelt are rejoicing because they will pick up their son in Tulsa on Wednesday morning and bring him to Independence, MO, on the path toward Missouri residency and care in a local VA facility. This has been the prayer for 3 years and it is finally becoming a reality. We rejoice with them.

## Prayer Requests

**Health:** Jeff Ashworth, Bonnie, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Ben Gentry, Reece Hall, Bonnie Hespelt, Dave Hoitenga, Jim, Ima Jean, Pat Kirk, Larry Merriman, Mike Nelson, Sharon Patterson, Scott Pulido, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Troy, Don Wenger, Marcia Bush, Wanda, Jerry Head, Betty McCanna, Monte, David Pine, Nancy Henry

**Other:** ABW, Burma, Chinese friend of Dennis Farabee, 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, Refugees, Ruth Naw, Search Committee, Shootings - World Conflicts, Our Missionaries Buttry-Longkumer-McCurdy-Ngwemi-Sonna, Those Traveling

**Bereavement:** Beth Sigley, Bev (Robert Blair's Sister), Jerry LeBar (Bill's brother in law), Ruth Turnage

7/4/2021

Budget

Actual

Current

2409.10

1312.00

Missions

269.23

160.00

Cap. Imp.

192.31

128.00

Total

2870.64

1600.00

Attendance

Worship

60

Sunday School

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Video

12