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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



Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

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“Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down!” – Isaiah 64:1

Praying that God will intervene in our lives is a good thing. But I fear we are unaware of what we are praying for.

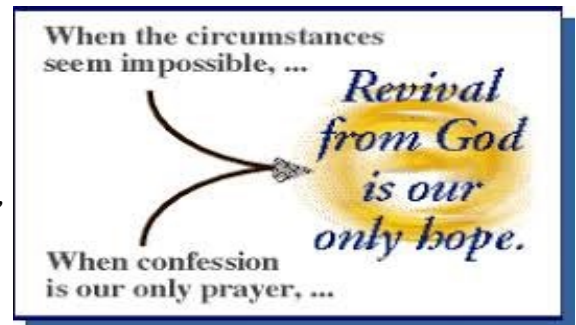
Generally, when we pray for God's intervention, it is so that our life will be easier, less stressful, fewer problems, for healing, etc. Or we pray that things could be like they were in the good old days, when we did church the way it is supposed to be done. Let's go back to how I was brought up and everything will be OK.

Well, the fact is that true prayer for God to come down and rend the heavens means a **wholesale change in everything!** We view our past differently when God comes down, and we can see more clearly our present is designed to get us prepared for our future.

God gave one writer a vision of what it would look like for

God to rend the heavens and come down. He says:

Nearly a decade ago, I prayed, “Lord, bring revival to the churches,” but I was not ready for the response that followed. After I prayed, it was almost as if God was saying,



You don't want revival — it will ruin your schedule, your dignity, your image, and your reputation as a person who is “well balanced.” Men will weep throughout the congregation. Women will wail because of the travail of their own souls. Young adults will cry like children at the magnitude of their sin. With the strength of My presence, the worship team will cease playing. Time will seem to stand still. You won't be able to preach because of the emotions flooding your own soul. You'll struggle to find words but only find tears. Even the most dignified and reserved among you will be broken and humbled as little children. The proud and self-righteous will not be able to stand in My presence. The doubter and unbeliever will either run for fear or fall on their knees and worship Me — there can be no middle ground. The church will never be the same again. (<https://stream.org/do-you-really-want-god-to-rend-the-heavens/>)

By all means, pray for revival. Just be aware that big changes will come. I'm OK with God showing up. Because His presence is far better than anything I have in mind.



[Covid-19 Updates](#)



Pastor Phil and Jerry Cain were exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid-19. Both have been tested and do Not have Covid-19. PRAISE GOD! Ben was sick with Covid-19 last week. We do not have a firm answer on his return to Worship Sunday but will make that decision based on the safety of all who attend GBC. We will continue to follow local guidelines for Covid-19 based on Section 1-82 of the order by Mayor Lucas, Masks will be Required for everyone at Grace Baptist Church effective immediately. We will also be social distancing again. Please be mindful of the markers on the pews and remain 6 feet apart and alternating pews. As always, if you have questions, your Diaconate is available.

Greeters this Sunday August 15: Bill & Marty Turnage Sunday August 22: Jody McLaughlin

HELP WANTED!

- Sunday Bible Study teachers are NEEDED! One full time teacher & one alternating month teacher.
- Volunteers for children age birth to Kindergarten during Worship Service. Requires 2 weeks within a rotation of all volunteers. **Thank you to Marylou Reiter, Carolyn Cook, Jessica Rogers, Judy Summers, and Lilian Gage for stepping up to help.**
- Do you know someone who has experience in church administration who may be interested in working 20 hours a week? Contact Bill Turnage if you do.
- Have you or someone you know NOT been able to get vaccinated for Covid-19 and need help getting to a center to be vaccinated? Contact Carolyn Cook and we will make arrangements.
- Do you or someone you know need help getting to church on Sunday? Please contact Carolyn Cook and we will make arrangements for a ride. If you are someone who would be willing to help pick up our members who need a ride, please contact Carolyn Cook.

August Birthdays 7 Rosalee Wilson

12 Janet Elaine Mills 14 Rick Webb

18 Lillian Gage 23 John Ashworth

29 Gene Waters 30 Mara O'Dell

Anniversaries

23 Brad & Judy Summers



8/4/2021
Budget
Actual
Current
2409.10
2528.06
Missions
269.23
308.30
Cap. Imp.
192.31
246.64
Total
2870.64
4705.00

Attendance
Worship
55
Sunday School
0
Video
10



USHERS— Do you know that there is a need for Ushers? GBC has not been using ushers since the pandemic but there is still a need. Gene Waters has been filling this need for some time. Usher duties include checking pew supplies (offering envelopes, registration cards, pencils), they help seat and greet guests and answer questions for them, they also help our members who may need a helping hand. Additionally, they help reset the sanctuary for the next service. There are other duties for this role that are not utilized at this time but we want members to be active and participative in our Worship Service.



*Were here to
Serve*

If you are able to fill this need, please email office@grace4u.net

Psalms Bible Study To Resume 8/18/2021

Prayer Requests

Health: Day Care Child, Jerry Cain & Phil Simcosky, Theresa Gentry, Debbie Crain, Ina May Fakhoury, Virginia Hale, Jeff Ashworth, Marcia Bush, Caroline, Peggy Dunn, Reece Hall, Nathan Hespelt, Dave Hoitenga, Jim, Ima Jean, Dave Jones, Karen, Larry Merriman, Monte, Mike Nelson, Sharon Patterson, David Pine, Scott Pulido, Doug Stallard, Gerry Stallard, Larry Stallard, Mark Stallard, Steve, Taylor, Jackie Thorn, Timber, Gary, Jim, Colston, Vaccinations for COVID-19, Don Wenger

Other: ABW, Tara Barnett, Bev, Burma, Campers, Chinese friend of Dennis Farabee, NE Christian University/India, Disasters in the USA, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/Interim Pastor, Sunday School, Day Care, Diaconate, Hespelt family, Law Enforcement, Lenders of Nation and State, Medical Staff Workers/First Responders, Refugees, Ruth Naw, Search Committee, Shootings—World Conflicts, Our Missionaries, Those Traveling