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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Grace Notes

*Welcome *Worship *Praise

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Monday/Tuesday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM;
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10:00 AM - 3:00 PM;
Sunday
9:30AM - 11:30 AM

Love should always make us tell the truth. Then we will grow in every way and be more like Christ, the head. (Ephesians 4:15 CEV)

Dr. Henry Cloud, a Christian psychologist gives us wise words for living well: 'Speaking the truth in love may be uncomfortable for us, but it is one of God's primary means of solving problems, bringing people closer in relationships, and growing us up. Confrontation was designed to be our friend, not our adversary. In an ideal world, all the people in your primary relationships would invite you to give them feedback and helpful correction, as would you.

The reality is sadly very different. Since the Fall, we have had problems accepting the truth about ourselves: "The man said, 'The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it' " (Gen. 3:12). Things have not changed a great deal since Adam first blamed Eve. Many people avoid confrontation at all costs. It can make them feel unloved, bad, defeated, ashamed, or offended. Sometimes they feel persecuted by feedback, as if they were the victim and the other person were the perpetrator when, in reality, their behavior victimizes others. So they make it hard for those in their lives to tell them the truth in any context: marriage, dating, family, work or friendships.

The irony is obvious: People who resist feedback negate the very thing that might give them hope, improve their lives, or even save their relationships.' [The Art of Confrontation: Delivering the Truth with Grace and Love \(boundaries.me\)](http://boundaries.me)

Every relationship we have will be made better when truth is lovingly shared. It's not easy, but it's worth the effort. If you have a relationship that is not where it should or could be, pray that your feedback will be seen, not as an attack, but as a help. God can make a way when we do life His way

Thank You to Rita Greer for the donation of a **First Aid Kit** and related items. The First Aid Kit is located in the office and just to the left of the copier on top of the open shelves.

Please remember to Thank Mara, Bernard, and Mark for their continued work providing us with weekly videography on our webpage.

Lakewood Elementary has mailed information to be Friends of Lakewood to those who participated last year. If you are interested in mentoring a child in this program please call Rick Webb at 816-223-7260 This is another opportunity for us to support our community.

If you have ideas for us to support our community, please let us know. You can talk with any of the deacons or drop a note in the offering plate, email office@grace4u.net or call Mary Webb at 816-392-2916

Greeters this Sunday August 22: Jody McLaughlin Sunday Sept. 5: Bill & Marty Turnage

- We had a visitor at church Sunday. Her name was Viola. She is a friend of Marvella and Carolyn. I hope some of you were able to greet her and give her a warm Grace welcome.
- Daycare has at least 2 open teacher positions they are looking to fill. Please direct any inquiries to Michelle at 816-453-4437
- Roger's garden continues to produce bounties of tomatoes and peppers—Thank him for sharing
- Continue to keep your ears open for candidates for the office position—20 hours per week

National Back to Church Sunday is all about helping us bridge the gap in our church by providing one Sunday a year where all our members are encouraged to invite friends, family, and coworkers to church. Don't forget your neighbors, and your servers when you are eating out. Your postman. Your checker at the grocery store. Your barista or the person at the drive through window. Your teller at the bank. Anyone and everyone you encounter is looking for HOPE! Won't you please invite them to hear the Good New of Jesus Christ?

8/24/2021
Budget
Actual
Current
2409.10
1974.56
Missions
269.23
240.8
Cap. Imp.
192.31
192.64
Total
2870.64
1408.00
Attendance
Worship
49
Sunday School
0
Video

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Prayer Requests

Health: Brenda & Joy, Theresa Gentry, Debbie Crain, Ben Gentry, 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