

Grace Notes

OCTOBER 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church



Pastor Randy's Notes

Hebrews 11 has a long list of God's faithful who serve as "a great cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1)- Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses' parents, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, and Samuel. A new name needs to be added to that list- Seth Young.

With Seth's passing, there has been a lot of reflection on his life from many of us. Seth was as faithful as they come. He trusted God for everything. There were times that he admitted to me he didn't understand what God was doing, but his trust in God's grace, mercy, and provision never wavered.

Faith is easy to have when things are going well, and we can easily see God's blessings. Not so much when things are difficult. Faith becomes elusive as we get anxious and fearful. The thing about Seth is he trusted God in good times and bad.

I remember a story Seth told about the early days of starting Enoch Manufacturing. He had just started and finances were tight. There was a bill that was due, and he knew he couldn't pay it. I forget if it was rent, utilities, or something related to Enoch, but the money just wasn't there. Seth spent a lot of time talking to God about the shortfall, and trusted God would provide. Sure enough, the exact amount showed up in the mail from some source Seth didn't even know existed. That is living by faith.

Right now, our church is facing uncertain times- low numbers, sagging income, lack of clarity from God as to what the future holds. Now is not the time to become fearful and anxious. Now is not the time to try and fix things ourselves.

Now is the time to follow the example of all of those listed in Hebrews 11, and yes, to follow the example of Seth Young, and live by faith. Now is the time to trust God, pray, seek his wisdom, and wait for him to give us clarity in terms of what he wants us to do next.

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**OCTOBER
COMMUNION
SERVERS:**
Sally Coulsey
Gerald Coulsey



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

In September a letter went out to each household in the Grace Baptist community in preparation for the congregational meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 6, at 10:00 am. This meeting will be facilitated by Pastor Rich Carroll, and its purpose is to allow us to come together as a church family and share those things that God has laid on our hearts about the future of our church. This meeting is of vital importance to our ministry and mission, and I strongly encourage all of us to be there to participate by sharing and hearing what is shared by others.

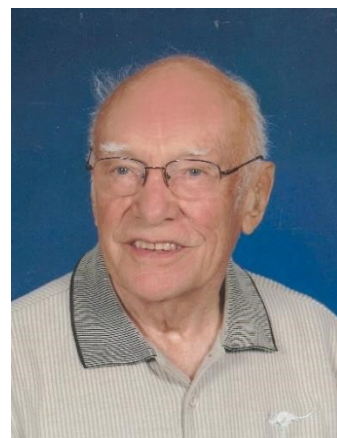
Barbara Furman, Moderator

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Wow, this is indeed a challenging time! As most of you know, my dad, Seth Young, died on September 5. I am so happy that he no longer has his body to cause him pain or restriction. I believe he is celebrating and living with all the other saints in heaven with God. I miss my dad, and will in the future. When I think of him I often get emotional. His life is an example to me.

A recent Bible “verse of the day” became more applicable more than ever. *Psalm 59:16 (NIV)* which says, “*But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.*” Because of God’s promises and workings in my own life, I understand the writer now. I look forward to seeing Dad, Mom and others, because God’s love is what proves to me His promises are true! Praise God!

Paul Young, Lay Minister of Spiritual Life



NOTES FROM YOUR MUSIC/WORSHIP LEADER & LAY MINISTER OF CHURCH LIFE, JUDY YOUNG



Thanks to all who have been willing to “go with the flow” in our experimenting with switching-up our Sunday morning schedule. It seems that starting our worship service so quickly after Sunday School is not an option that works very well. SO, starting on Sunday, September 30, we will have our fellowship/coffee time from 10:20 until 10:40 and begin our celebration service at 10:45. Let’s give this a try through the month of October and see how it goes.

Dan Jones has been so faithful to operate our sound system each Sunday morning for a long time. It’s time to get some additional folks trained in doing this so we can have a rotation of people. I would like to schedule a training session for this purpose within the next couple of months. If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound board, please speak to me about your availability for training.

OCTOBER 2018

Fellowship Fund offering is received
the first Sunday of the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:00 am Deaconesses' Meeting	3	4 7:00 pm Walleye Club Meeting	5 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	6 10:00 am Meeting About Church's Future 4:00 pm IVN Sisters' Bible Study 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
7 <i>COMMUNION</i> 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Breakfast Potluck w/ Sarah Nash 10:45 am Worship	8	9	10	11	12 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	13 2:00 pm Seth Young's Memorial Service 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
14 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	15	16 1:00 pm Board Meeting	17	18 11:00 am Stocking and Shelving Food @ MUMC 12:00 pm MUMC's Food Distribution Manned By Grace	19 1:30 pm Bridger's Harvest Share 3:00 pm MUMC's Food Distribution 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	20 9:00 am MUMC's Food Distribution 11:30 am Girlfriends' Birthday Breakfast @ McCrae's Country Cafe 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
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28 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	29	30	31	"In Happy Moments, Praise God. In Difficult Moments, Seek God. In Quiet Moments, Trust God. In Every Moment, Thank God." -Latoya Monique		

October Birthdays

9 Cheryl Mockford
10 Molly Tompkins
27 Larry Martin



October Anniversary

5 Thai & Maribel Kamsard



GRACE-FULL

By now you will have received the letter from your Board of Ministries about the upcoming congregational information and discussion meeting on Saturday, October 6. In conjunction with a prayer/worship service on September 30, we will begin a process of talking to the Lord and each other about the future of Grace Baptist Church. I urge everyone who attends at Grace to participate in this meeting. We all need to hear from everyone and everyone will be heard. Please come.

Sharon Owen, Lay Minister of Finance

GRACE FAMILY FINANCES

AUGUST 2018

General Operating Fund

Monthly Budget	\$ 10,126.25
Income Received	\$ 7,509.78
Expenses	<u>\$ 8,210.96</u>
Net Received for Month	\$ (701.18)

Mission Fund

Mission Giving Plan	\$ 1,255.65
Specified gifts/offering	\$ 160.00
Sarah Nash Match	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total Mission Payments	\$ 1,565.65

General Fund Balance and Liabilities

General Fund Balance 08/31/18	\$ 3,551.51
Payroll Tax Liabilities & Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 1,307.70</u>
GF Less P/R Liabilities	\$ 2,243.81

Other Funds (08/31/18)

Atkinson Fund	\$ 136,500.96
Building Fund Balance	\$ 12,033.90

MUMC'S OPEN HEARTS PANTRY

There is a need for clean, empty dozen-size egg cartons. Please bring your clean dozen size only cartons to the barrel in the entryway when you have them. Eggs are bought in flats and repackaged in dozen-size egg cartons at the pantry.

The pantry still has needs for canned items, especially canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jams and jelly.

Next shelving (11:00 am) and distribution of food (12:00-2:00 pm) manned by the Grace Team will be on Thursday, October 18. MUMC will have the pantry opened on Friday, October 19 (3:00-6:00 pm) and Saturday, October 20 (9:00 am - noon).

Shannon Hastings, Liaison for Open Hearts Pantry



OUTREACH

Sarah Nash is currently at 80% funding. She is now planning her commission and hopes to be in Bolivia in early 2019.

Sarah will be sharing with us on Sunday, October 7, during the service. We will have a potluck breakfast with Sarah during the Sunday School hour before the service. Please bring a dish to share.

Mark your Calendar: December 1, 2018, Community Advent Carol Sing.

-Carol Martin, Lay Minister of Outreach



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

**You are the salt of the Earth
Matthew 5:13**

Grace Baptist will continue taking the World Mission Offering during the month of October. This offering goes to direct support of our International Ministries Missionaries. The theme this year is *"You are the Salt of the Earth"*. We are urged to go into the whole world and enhance the good that Christ is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving grace of God. The world fellowship offering allows us to come alongside 120 global servants and 240 global Christian partners. Together we work on abolishing global slavery, health and wellness, and economic and community development.

Meet Dr. Tim and Kathy Rice. The Rice's moved to Vanga in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in 2015 to work in a rural village hospital on a short term mission. Kathy served as the head of the nursing school, educating 250 future nurses and midwives. They are currently learning French so they can serve long term in contributing to the training of nursing and medical students for Christ-centered, whole person care, and utilizing limited resources available to increase community health in rural villages. Their desire is to facilitate worldwide partnerships, enabling health professionals to participate in mutual exchange of expertise at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital and elsewhere in the world. Tim is also on the faculty of School of Medicine at Saint Louis University.





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*All we do inside these
walls prepares us to do
God's work outside.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

2 Deaconesses' Meeting

6 Meeting About Church's Future

**7 Potluck Breakfast With Sarah Nash
(NO Sunday School)**

13 Seth Young's Memorial Service

**18 Stocking Shelves & Food Distribution @ MUMC
Manned By Grace**

19 Bridger's Harvest Share

19 & 20 Food Distribution at MUMC

**20 Girlfriends' Birthday Breakfast @ McCrae's Country Café,
401 Powell Blvd., Gresham, OR**

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GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE BAPTIST

Making disciples of Christ, in a relational environment,
to share in God's mission to the world.