

Grace Notes

DECEMBER 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church



Pastor Randy's Notes

ADVENT: SEASON OF SURPRISE

Life brings us surprises everyday- some good, some bad. Surprise is a key element of human life. This is even more true for those of us who follow Jesus. God has a way of surprising us with His goodness, His power, His plan, and His love. Imagine the surprise of those men and women throughout the history of the Bible who experienced God breaking into their lives in ways they could have never anticipated. People like Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Joshua. God's surprises changed their lives forever.

Then one starry night God surprised the whole world. God became flesh and dwelt among His people in human form. He came to earth in the form of a small baby known as Jesus Christ.

The birth of a savior was the first of many surprises God had in store for us through Jesus. His ministry was one surprise after another. Many of His surprises were welcomed. Some of Jesus' surprises were not well accepted. Others were flat out rejected. Whether Jesus' surprises were welcomed, not well accepted, or rejected, they all fit into God's plan for His people.

May God fill your life with his surprises this Advent season and every season.

Helen and I wish all of our Grace family a Merry Christmas and a wonderful and blessed 2019.

PRAYER: Lord, during this Advent season help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of the babe in the manger. May we open our minds and hearts to the surprises you have for us. I pray this in the name Your great surprise, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Inside This Issue:

Notes From The Board
Grace Family Finances

2

Calendar Birthdays
Anniversaries

3



*Merry
Christmas*

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

On November 17 we came together for our Budget and Election Meeting. At that time the following people were elected to office for 2019: Lay Minister of Administration Ken Danielson; Lay Minister of Outreach Carol Martin; Financial Secretary Judy Young; Nominating Committee Terri Becker, Sandy Danielson, Diana Hiatt, Beth Jones. The Board will be assuming the responsibilities for Christian Education and Church Life since there were no nominees for those positions at this time. The proposed budget for 2019 was adopted with one change that involved increasing line item 1482 Social Events to \$2500 to provide funds for allowing development of relationships through social activities.

As we look ahead to 2019 please keep in mind that we have scheduled the second congregational meeting facilitated by Pastor Rich Carroll to discuss God's future for Grace Baptist on Saturday January 12 at 10 am. Please continue to seek God's direction and to pray about those items that were raised during our first meeting. As you pray, if God lays something on your heart that you would like to add to our original list, please talk to Pastor Randy or any other member of the Board so that we can take that into consideration as we prepare for the January 12th meeting.

The Board is in discussion about possibly changing the format of our Newsletter. If you have suggestions that you think would enhance our Newsletter please share them with Pastor Randy or any other member of the Board.

Barbara Furman
Moderator


Grace Family Finances: October 2018

<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Mission Fund</u>	
Monthly Budget	\$ 10,126.25	Mission Giving Plan	\$ 1,009.62
Income Received	\$ 7,898.81	Specified gifts (non-Nash)	\$ 560.00
Expenses	\$ 7,997.28	Sarah Nash (to be matched)	\$ 235.00
Net Income for Month:	\$ (98.47)	Total Mission Giving	\$ 1,804.62
		<u>Other Funds (10/31/18)</u>	
General Fund Bal (10/31/18)	\$ 2,096.52	Atkinson Fund	\$ 90,704.42
Payroll (P/R) Tax Liabilities		Building Fund	\$ 12,033.90
& Accounts Payable	\$ 673.52	Endowment Fund	\$ 35,669.71
General Fund Less Liabilities	\$ 1,423.00		



DECEMBER 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>COMMUNION</i> 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	3	4	5	6	7 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	1 4:00 pm IVN Sisters' Bible Study 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
9 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	10	11 11:00 pm Deaconesses' Cookie Day	12	13 11:00 am Shelving Food @ MUMC 12:00 pm MUMC's Food Distribution Manned By Grace	14 3:00 pm MUMC's Food Distribution 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	15 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
16 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	17	18	19	20	21 1:30 pm Bridger's Free Food Market 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	22 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal
23/30 8:45 am Praise/Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28 7:30 pm IVN Church Bible Study	29 5:30 pm IVN Worship Rehearsal

December Birthdays

4 Dan Jones
 6 Carol Morton
 11 Maribel Kamsard
 21 Destiny Kamsard
 29 Pastor Randy Pearson



December Anniversary

30 Ed & Betsy Vulgan





Grace Baptist Church

200 SE 76th Ave.

Portland, OR 97215

Phone: 503-254-5111

Fax: 503-254-4688

Email: grace@graceportland.com

Web: www.graceportland.com

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

2 Advent Begins

8 Christmas Party

13 Stocking Shelves & Food Distribution @ MUMC

Manned By Grace

14 Food Distribution @ MUMC

21 Bridger's Harvest Share

24 Christmas Eve Service

25 Christmas

STAFF EMAILS

Pastor

Randy Pearson

pastorrandy@graceportland.com

Minster of Worship and Music

Judy Young

judy@graceportland.com

Secretary

Beth Jones

grace@graceportland.com

GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE BAPTIST

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