

Grace Notes

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Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church



Pastor Randy's Notes

The world is a busy place. If you are like me, it seems things are so fast and furious you never have a moment to sit and relax. The hectic pace keeps us all wound up and on the go.

Worse than that, all of the noise and hubbub doesn't seem to allow us time we need to spend in conversation with God. Reportedly, this sign hangs in a church in Corsica, France. Translation:

**Il est possible qu'en entrant
dans cette église
vous entendiez**

l'appel de Dieu

**Par contre, il est peu probable
qu'il vous contacte par téléphone**



**MERCI
D'ETEINDRE
VOS TELEPHONES**

Si vous parlez à Dieu, entrez
choisissez un endroit calme et parlez-lui
si vous voulez le voir, envoyez-lui un TEXTO en conduisant...

By entering this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is less probable that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to see him, send him a text while driving.

All humor aside, cell phones have contributed to the hectic pace of our lives. How often have you heard a cell phone go off in a meeting? In a restaurant? In church?

I want to share with you a "Cell Phone Prayer" which will help you spend more quality time with God, if you do what you pray.

Dear Father,

I am silencing *my* cell phone to silence the messages the busy world wants to send me. I am doing this in order to create listening, praying and meditating space in my mind and heart for you. Please help me overcome my fear of missing out on something. Fill me with the wisdom that everything else in my life can wait for a few moments while I spend quality time with You. I place all calls, messages, texts, emails and updates in your keeping for the next hour. Amen.

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**APRIL
COMMUNION
SERVERS:**

**Steve and
Diana Hiatt**

SUMMARY OF MARCH 11 BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Attendance: Terri Becker, Carol Martin, Sharon Owen, Pastor Randy Pearson, Paul Young;.

Absent: Ken Danielson, Barbara Furman

Pastor –

One Cop Program - Pastor Randy has still not heard back from the program, but he will contact them to see where things are.

Neighbor to Neighbor ministry – Paul Young, Helen Pearson and Pastor Randy Pearson attended a breakfast orientation on Saturday, March 9. They were impressed with several aspects: opportunity for starting small, encouraging community members to participate in helping their neighbors and the governmental and non-profit resources that may be available. Pastor Randy and Paul will present the idea to the joint men's fellowship breakfast on Saturday March 16 and expect to move forward with the men as the starting point.

Meeting with Iglesia Visión Nueva – Grace Baptist Church Board members met with Iglesia Visión Nueva leadership Saturday morning, March 2. The focus of the meeting was to decide if we would go forward with joint activities while exploring the possibility of a merger of the two churches. With a general direction agreed upon, plans include: Iglesia Visión Nueva joining in for the spaghetti dinner on April 6 [postponed until May 4]; monthly joint worship the first Sunday of the month, starting May 5; and another joint leadership meeting April 27. Pastor Randy proposed we consider using an independent interpreter/translator for our joint services, and the rest of The Board was in general agreement.

Administration –

Choir room remodel – The walls and ceiling have been prepped and painting is left to do.

Main floor window repair – One contractor (World of Glass) is preparing a proposal and Administration will seek at least one more bid. They will also seek input from the consultant, Bruce Burgess from First Baptist Portland who will be offering updating and décor ideas.

Work Day – Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 am

Outreach –

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 20. Potential participants will brainstorm and discuss a 2020 adult mission trip. Likely destinations are Haiti or Puerto Rico.

Outreach is tentatively planning a "Music on the Grass" event with outside musical groups invited. The board discussed the need to coordinate with Iglesia Visión Nueva who has stated a plan to host a large neighborhood event this summer.

New Business

Pastor's holidays - None of the Pastor's agreements with the church name the holidays to be observed. The Board voted to adopt New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and two Floating Holidays.

March 17 update to congregation

Carol Martin agreed to lead the discussion

The three topics will be:

Moving forward working with IVN

Neighbor to Neighbor program

Window repair plans

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8 at 6:30 pm

Sharon Owen, Recorder

Announcements

Women's Breakfast Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am at King Omelet.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Potluck Sunday, March 17 following morning. There will be fellowship and a Board update.

Work Day Saturday, March 30, 9:00 am-noon. There are a variety of projects, both inside and outside. Come for the donuts and coffee, stay to spruce up the church.

Spaghetti Dinner has been postponed to Saturday, May 4, 4:00 pm. Tom Seavers is sharing his talents by cooking the meal and we don't have to bring anything other than ourselves. Come for the food and fellowship. Iglesia Visión Nueva will be joining us.

2019 America for Christ Offering "Healing Communities" Galatians 6:9-10 (MSG) states "Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the lord."

During March and April Grace Baptist Church will be receiving the America for Christ Offering. Our goal is \$1500.

God's design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of God's children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love for their community. Your gifts to the America for Christ Offering impact thousands—through ministries with marginalized children, disaster response, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, immigration and refugee resettlement, public witness and advocacy, resources that equip Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more. Together we make a difference. Please give.

Mission Trip 2020 The Outreach Committee is exploring the possibility of sponsoring an adult mission trip in the winter or early spring of 2020. Possible locations are Haiti and Puerto Rico. Please come to an informational meeting Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. It is possible Grace will have funding available to offset some of the individual cost of this trip.

Grace Family Finances: February 2019

<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Mission Fund</u>	
Monthly Budget	\$ 9,334.00	Mission Giving Plan	\$ 1,113.20
Income Received	\$ 7,020.93	Specified gifts (non-Nash)	\$ 141.00
Expenses	\$ 8,380.06	Sarah Nash (to be matched)	\$ 227.00
Net Income for Month:	\$ (1,359.33)	Total Mission Giving	\$ 1,481.20
Net Expense Supplement	\$ 842.92		
		<u>Other Funds (11/30/18)</u>	
General Fund Bal (02/28/19)	\$ 2,010.48	Atkinson Fund	\$ 66,421.79
Payroll (P/R) Tax Liabilities	\$ 1,010.48	Building Fund	\$ 12,033.90
General Fund Less Liabilities	\$ 1,000.00	Endowment Fund (12/31/18)	\$ 30,329.90

Grace-Full

As a church we are continuing to pray, talk and move forward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to the generosity of Jean Atkinson and Seth Young, Grace has funds to move forward with whatever we are guided to do. The Lord is listening to our prayers because we are listening to Him.

FELLOWSHIP FUND NOTE: We traditionally collect for the Fellowship Fund only on the first Sunday of the month. After all this time, it occurred to some wise persons that contributions to the Fellowship Fund are welcome at any time. The Fellowship Fund is our "benevolence" fund that helps out those in need of temporary financial assistance; they may or may not be part of our congregation. Our steward of those funds and is Betsy Vulgan. To give to this fund, please mark your check or envelope "Fellowship" and it will go to the Fellowship Fund for use where it is needed.

Sharon Owen, Lay Minister of Finance



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH

14-16 Open Hearts Food Pantry

15 Bridger Free Food Market

16 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

16 Women's Breakfast @ King Omelet

17 Potluck, Fellowship, and Update

30 Work Day at Grace Baptist Church

APRIL

2 Deaconesses' Meeting

13 Men's Breakfast

18-20 Open Hearts Food Pantry

19 Bridger Free Food Market

20 Women's Breakfast

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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.**

MARCH 2019

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Bible Study	2 9:00 am Joint Grace Baptist Church/Iglesia Visión Nueva Leadership Breakfast 4:00 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Worship Rehearsal
3 COMMUNION 8:45 am Worship Team Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:20 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship	4 10:00 am Prayer Time	5 11:00 am Deaconesses' Meeting	6 10:00 am Prayer Time	7 10:30 am Prayer Time 7:00 pm Walleye Club Meeting	8 7:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Bible Study	9 8:00 am Neighbor to Neighbor Event 5:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Worship Rehearsal
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You can also find Birthdays and
Anniversaries listed in the back
of your Church Directory.

March Birthdays

24 Tom Seavers
29 April Johnson
30 Paul Young



March Anniversaries

22 Steve & Diana Hiatt

