

Grace Notes

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Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church



OUTREACH

One Great Hour of Sharing

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...” (Eph. 3:20 NIV)

The theme for the 2019 One Great Hour of Sharing offering is “More than we can imagine.” That theme, based on Ephesians 3:20, reminds us we are not alone in our imagining a better world for all God’s children, for it is God’s imagination that fuels and empowers ours! God imagines a world where no one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone, for we are the church together! Even if things will never quite be the same after a disaster, God can work through all events to bring new life, new hope, and even more resilience.

For you see, our imagination of what might be is founded and grounded in what God envisions and hopes for, and we can help- through our gifts of treasure, talent, prayer, and presence. We can make this world ever more the way God would wish it, ever more the way God would imagine it!

We will be taking the OGHS offering the next 8 weeks. Our goal for 2019 is \$1500. Give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, so your imagination might indeed be ever more joined with God’s!

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Grace has set a tentative date of Feb 10, 2020 for a 10 day mission trip to Puerto Rico. We will be working on projects sponsored by One Great Hour of Sharing. The cost of the trip including airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and supplies is estimated at \$1500 per individual. Some financial assistance may be available. If you are interested in more information please contact Carol Martin carol.sly.martin@comcast.net.

Coming Events

Montavilla Street Fair- Sunday, July 28

Community Worship, Barbeque, and Fair on the Lawn- Sunday, August 25

SPIRITUAL LIFE

I am looking forward to serving you in the ministry of Spiritual Life. I will be sharing my passions and desires the Lord has placed in my heart for Grace in the months to come.

One of my passions was kicked up a notch when I attended a conference on disabilities entitled, “Isolation to Invitation to Inclusion”. Today, disabilities has a much broader definition than in the past. It is important to realize there are many types of disabilities. A disability is considered anything that has a tremendous impact on the way a person is able to function in their everyday activities. The less obvious, or “silent” disabilities for example, are autism, and mental health issues

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**JUNE
COMMUNION
SERVERS:**

**Ed and Betsy
Vulgan**

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

SUMMARY OF MAY 13 BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING

Attendance: Terri Becker, Ken Danielson, Barbara Furman, Carol Martin, Sharon Owen, Pastor Randy Pearson, Paul Young

Barb opened in prayer. April 8, 2019 minutes and the April 2019 financial report were approved.

Reports

Pastor –

One Cop – The officer assigned to Grace e-mailed to say he is overwhelmed at this time and can't participate. The director of the program will find us another officer.

Neighbor to Neighbor – Grace has a care receiver who will be helped monthly.

Moderator –

Joint Worship Service on May 5 –

Tweaks needed for the sound system.

The interpreter was difficult to understand.

The acoustical drums were too loud.

It was worshipful and the Holy Spirit was present.

Bilingual interpretation – AB Foundation funds up to at least \$800 will be used for interpretation and to pay Rosio \$50.00 for her interpretation on May 5

Congregational update on June 9 – Topics will include:

A debrief on the joint services

Windows replacement

Community BBQ in August

Montavilla Street Fair participation

Puerto Rico mission trip

Joint leadership meeting with IVN – Monday evening June 17 at 7:00 pm

Administration –

Windows bids –

Contract is with Window World for \$64,911.

Brand: AMI “e-glass” with a lifetime guaranty.

Vinyl inside and out will be almond colored

The board voted to use the \$11,270.64 in undesignated Atkinson funds for the windows, in addition to what had previously been designated for this purpose. They also determined not to seek Building Fund monies for the windows.

Building insurance renewal – The Church Mutual policy period is up for renewal and Ken is seeking another proposal from Guide One insurance company.

Two churches have been showing interest in renting from Grace. The board agreed that Grace can't make such a decision until we have worked with IVN to determine our mutual future.

Church Life –

Summer schedule – Worship Service will continue at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School will be suspended beginning June 2 and resume September 8.

The spaghetti dinner is tentatively re-scheduled for June 8, working around the IVN praise practice. Pastor Randy handed out a sheet detailing the expenditures to date for the updated sound system, which came to \$5,711.62. Items to be added to the final total include \$88 for a head microphone for the interpreter and the cost of hiring a sound tech to set the soundboard for the next joint service. The total will be close to the \$6,000 allocated from Atkinson Funds. IVN is expected to reimburse \$3000 of that amount.

BOARD SUMMARY (CONT.)**Finance –**

Youth Mission Fund – The Young Family was consulted and the decision is to retain this fund for only youth mission experiences.

A new non-restricted mission fund will be called “Mission Experience”. The Rasmussen funds and any previously contributed funds will be consolidated within this new fund.

Outreach –

Update on mission trip –

13 people have tentatively signed up for the Puerto Rico mission trip, tentatively scheduled for February 10, 2020.

Grace will provide assistance with the Puerto Rico trip, including scholarships and supplies. No definite amounts will be set until we hear from ABC about anticipated costs for travel, room/board, local transportation and supplies.

Montavilla Street Fair will be July 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Community BBQ – This has been tentatively set for Sunday August 25 but some key volunteers will not be available at that time. We will re-discuss the date with IVN at the June 17 joint leadership meeting.

Spiritual Life – Terri reported that she is talking with members of her Ministry and will get together with Paul for more direction.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Barbra closed the meeting with prayer.

Sharon Owen, Recorder

Grace Family Finances: April 2019

<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Mission Fund</u>	
Monthly Budget	\$ 9,284.00	Mission Giving Plan	\$ 1,149.47
Income Received	\$ 8,113.59	Specified gifts (non-Nash)	\$ 50.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 8,405.18</u>	Sarah Nash (to be matched)	\$ 175.00
Net Income for Month:	\$ (291.59)	America for Christ	<u>\$ 557.00</u>
Net Expense Supplement	\$ 291.59	Total Mission Giving	\$ 1,931.47
		<u>Other Funds (04/30/19)</u>	
General Fund Bal (03/31/19)	\$ 1,505.62	Atkinson Fund	\$ 62,835.64
Payroll (P/R) Tax Liabilities	<u>\$ 505.62</u>	Building Fund	\$ 12,033.90
General Fund Less Liabilities	\$ 1,000.00	Endowment Fund (3/31/19)	\$ 33,226.85

SPIRITUAL LIFE (CONT.)

such as PTSD and depression.

First Corinthians 12:12-27 speaks of the many parts of the body which are represented in the body of Christ. Verse 17 tells says “You are the body of Christ. EACH one of you is a part of it.” All believers have a place in the body.

Consider two important takeaways I had from the conference I attended: 1) All believers, including those with ANY disability, are a part of the body of Christ, which means they also have a function in the Church; and 2) By not integrating and including these believers in our body, we are not only robbing ourselves of the blessing we can bring each other, but we are robbing them of the opportunity to exercise and use the gift the Holy Spirit has given them to minister within the body.

I’ll unpack this at a later date, but ask for now you consider this. It is understood this is unknown territory to many and can be a bit scary because it also means looking within ourselves to discover why we may want to draw back from those with “differences.” I understand, because I’ve needed to do a lot of introspection myself. I am blessed to be a part of Grace, a loving, compassionate, and welcoming church.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MAY

23 Bible Study and Lunch

27 Memorial Day (office closed)

JUNE

**2 Combined Worship Service With Iglesia
Visión Nueva**

4 Deaconesses' Meeting

10 Board Meeting

**13-15 Open Hearts Food Pantry
(June 13 manned by Grace)**

14 Bridger Free Food Market

15 Neighbor 2 Neighbor

15 Girlfriends' Breakfast

**17 Joint Grace Baptist Church/Iglesia
Visión Nueva Leadership Meeting**

20 Bible Study and Lunch

GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE BAPTIST

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