

Grace Notes

JULY 2019

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church



Pastor Randy's Notes

Last week I attended a seminar, along with Paul Young and Barbra Furman, the title and content of which I would have never imagined in my wildest dreams- "Active Shooter Seminar Amidst Violent Extremism at/on Faith Communities". Twenty years ago who would have ever thought faith leaders in America would be gathering to hear about what to do if an active shooter appeared at their house of worship? Not me, but there I sat!

Those in attendance were asked by the presenter to, "Raise your hand if you feel less safe now than when you were a kid." From what I could see about 90% of the 400-500 people in attendance raised their hands.

Following the show of hands, the presenter told us something very interesting. He said statistics say we are more safe today than we were 40-50 years ago. Murders are down, violent crime is down, as well as many other categories of crime.

So why the unsafe feeling? Back 40-50 years ago if something "bad" happened you might read about it in a short article in the newspaper, or hear a short report about it on the evening news. However, today, with almost instant access to information around the globe, every single story is "in your face". Some violent events have even been captured in real time!

Even though violent crime is down, what still exists is plastered all over everywhere for us to see and hear. And what happens? Our minds dwell on it. Thus we have the feeling more bad is happening today than in years past. As a result we feel less secure.

This reminds me of what Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

We need not let our minds dwell on the negative things the world has to offer. We can always shut off the news, shut down our computer, or change the radio station.

We can look for the good in this world, and let our minds dwell on that. If you have a difficult time seeing the good, ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to open your spiritual eyes to allow you to see all the amazing things God is doing in this world.

Yes, we live in a sometimes violent world, but we do not need to live in fear. (By the way, you have a greater chance of being hit by an asteroid than being a victim of an active shooter.) We can, and should, let our minds dwell on the more noble things of God which bring hope and peace.

I can think of no better way to end this article than with the words of Paul out of Romans 15:13:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen and amen!

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**JULY
COMMUNION
SERVERS:**

**Larry and Carol
Martin**

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

THINGS TO KNOW

BOARD OF MINISTRIES meeting on Monday, July 8 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR NEXT COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE WITH IGLESIA VISIÓN NUEVA will be Sunday, July 14 at 10:45. Come join us for an exciting time of worship.

WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 13 at 11:30 am at Chu's Eatery.

MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 20 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY, JULY 21 WORSHIP SERVICE will have a guest preacher – Terri Becker. Come and support Terri as she brings God's Word.

LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY will be Thursday, July 25 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue or study of the book of Amos.

NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR will now take place the fourth Saturday of each month. We will be going back over to Bonnie's house on July 27. We will meet at the church at 8:45 am to go over our game plan and pray. We will arrive at Bonnie's about 9:00 am and work till about noon.


MONTAVILLA STREET FAIR ON SUNDAY, JULY 28 will again be a time for Grace Baptist Church to get to know the people of Montavilla. We will have a booth where we will pass out water and information about our church's ministries. Sign-up sheets for hour long shifts to man the booth will be on the table in the entryway.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WORSHIP AND BBQ will be on Sunday, August 25. This year Iglesia Visión Nueva will be providing a lot of support for this event. Mark it on your calendar.

REPLACEMENT OF ALL THE CHURCH'S WINDOWS will begin in late August, early September. Watch for the long-awaited transformation to take place.

PLANS FOR OUR 2020 MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO are continuing. If you are interested in going, see Carol Martin. Time is getting close for plane reservations to be made. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 am Prayer Time	2	3 10:00 am Prayer Time	4 	5 7:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Bible Study	6 4:00 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Worship Rehearsal
7 COMMUNION 9:30 am Worship Team Practice 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship Celebration	8 10:00 am Prayer Time 6:30 pm Board Meeting	9 11:00 am Deaconesses' Meeting	10	11 10:00 am Prayer Time 7:00 pm Walleye Club Meeting	12 7:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Bible Study	13 11:30 am Women's Birthday Lunch at Chu's Eatery 4:00 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Worship Rehearsal
14 9:30 am Worship Team Practice 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 am Combined Worship Celebration with Iglesia Visión Nueva	15 10:00 am Prayer Time	16	17 10:00 am Prayer Time	18 10:00 am Prayer Time 11:00 am Shelving Food @ MUMC 12:00 pm Open Hearts Food Distribution Manned By Grace Baptist Church	19 10:30 am Bridger's Free Food Market 3:00 pm Open Hearts Food Distribution 7:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Bible Study	20 9:00 am Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:00 am Open Hearts Food Distribution 5:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Worship Rehearsal
21 9:30 am Worship Team Practice 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship Celebration- Terri Becker preaching	22 10:00 am Prayer Time	23	24 10:00 am Prayer Time	25 10:30 am Bible Study and Lunch	26 7:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Bible Study	27 8:45 am Neighbor 2 5:30 pm Iglesia Visión Nueva Worship Rehearsal
28 9:30 am Worship Team Practice 10:00 am Montavilla Street Fair 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 am Worship Celebration	29 10:00 am Prayer Time	30	31 10:00 am Prayer Time			

July Birthdays

5 Ed Vulgan
7 Toni Masters
27 Mary Lynn Carothers
29 Bea Watson



July Anniversary

20 Pastor Randy & Helen Pearson





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JULY

4 Happy Fourth!

8 Board Meeting

9 Deaconesses' Meeting

14 Combined Worship Service With Iglesia Visión Nueva

18-20 Open Hearts Food Pantry

(July 18 manned by Grace)

19 Bridger Free Food Market

20 Men's Breakfast

20 Girlfriends' Breakfast

25 Bible Study and Lunch

27 Neighbor 2 Neighbor

28 Montavilla Street Fair

GOD'S VISION FOR GRACE BAPTIST

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