

In the Pulpit this Sunday is Dr. Shane "Is there Grace in our Words?" James 3:2-12

"We're Open!" is always a sign we look for when going from place to place. It gives us comfort when we see it on the door of our favorite place to eat. It gives us help when we see it on the door of our doctor, medical clinic or pharmacy. It gives us relief when we see it on the door of our repair business. It gives us energy when we see it on the door of our favorite place to shop.

What signs do people look for to see if "We're Open!" at Grace Baptist Church? It's quite simple and profoundly effective:

- Are there cars visible in front of the building? Nothing says, "We're Open!" like the presence of others who are already there. Change your habits and begin parking in the front lot to show others that "We're Open!"
- Are the lights on? Nothing says, "We're Open!" like walking into a space where hallways, rooms, hospitality areas and sanctuaries are lighted and without dim or dark shadows.
- Are there people who greet those who enter? Nothing says, "We're Open!" like a friendly "Hello," a handshake and a warm welcome. Change your habits to begin standing, walking, and moving to meet and greet those who enter the building.
- Are there people who invite others to participate? Nothing says, "We're Open!" like someone who invites others to participate in worship, fellowship, and ministry opportunities. Become one who asks, "Would you like to...?"
- Are there people who thank others for being here? Nothing says, "We're Open!" like someone who thanks people for having been here and welcomes them to return. Be one who makes others feel that they are welcome to come again.

Take these actions beginning this week and you will make a difference in people's lives!

Grace 4 U!

Dr. Shane

Ladies, please note that a Girls Nite Out has been added for September 27th. Chonda Pierce will be at Sheffield Family Life Center performing "Life is Funny". The tickets are \$20 for General Admission or \$55 for VIP. Please let Mary Webb or Karen Ziegler know if you can attend.



The Day Care took \$79.00 representing gifts from the children to Church of the Good Shepherd. Several children walked with the adults to the church last week to deliver their gift.

Great Special Music last Sunday. It was enjoyed by everyone! The Neighborhood Band sang again before the Business Meeting!



Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the lunch which was served before the Business Meeting



Sunday Greeters— September 15th Rita Greer September 22nd Marylou Reiter

Narthex News

September Birthdays 22nd Jody McLaughlin 29th Caroline Cook



Prayer Requests/Please PRAY for the people on this list.

Health: Celia W surgery (Health), Jonathan, friend of Rita's son, in hospital , Shirley, Marvalee's sister and Cathy, Marvalee's sister-in-law, Stephen, Rita's son, (Health), John Mc (Health), Sharon, Lori's friend, (Health), Harold D, (Health), Maxwell R, joined the Military, Friends of Jean, Mike and Ashley's baby has a hole in the heart and Down Syndrome, (Health), Pat K, (Health), Rosalee W, (Health), Bonnie and Jack H (Health), their son Nathan, (Health), Mike M (Health), Brooke, friend of Carolyn, pregnancy, Stallard family, Eloise (Health)

Bereavement: Family of Kathy H

Other Concerns: Summer fires, 2024 Elections, Our Schools, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/ Sunday School/Day Care, Diaconate, Law Enforcement and First Responders, Leaders of Nation and State, World Conflicts, Our Global Servants, Refugees, Ukraine, Safety for those traveling.

MLM—Pantry items requested—Canned corn

American Baptist Women's Ministries

Secret Sisters Program

ABWM will be sponsoring the Secret Sister Program again this year. Each woman that signs up will be given a name of another woman to support throughout the year. Send cards of support during the year, birthday cards, gifts (inexpensive), and pray for your sister all year long. Each participant will complete a short information sheet. Sign up Sunday, September 15 or pick up in church office.

Sign up has been extended to Sunday, September 22, 2024.

Contact Lori Hill if you have any questions.

American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Breakfast September 14, 2024 9:30am

All women are invited to join us as we share upcoming events, reveal secret sisters, vote on budget and sign up for 2024 -2025 secret sisters



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Who went up early to worship God in Shiloh?Hannah What was the prayer? For a child, a son Who was the priest that spoke to this person? Eli 9/8/24

Budget \$2,639.58 Actual \$919.22

Missions Budget \$321.90 Actual \$112.10

Capital Improvement Budget \$257.52 Actual \$89.68

Total Budget \$3,219.00 Actual \$1,121.00

ATTENDANCE 9/8/24 53

This weeks questions– Which U.S. state is the coolest in the summer?

Which vitamin do you get from sunshine?



September 11th attacks, commonly known as 9/11 were four coordinated terrorist suicide attacks carried out by Al-Qaeda against the United States in 2001. On that morning, 19 terrorist hijacked four commercial airliners scheduled to travel from the East Coast to California. The hijackers crashed the first two planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and aimed the next two flights toward targets in or near Washington, D.C. in an attack on the nation's capital. The third team succeeded in striking the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense in Arlington County, Virginia, while the fourth plane crashed in rural Pennsylvania during a passenger revolt. The September 11th attacked killed 2,996 people, and injuring 25,000 making it the deadliest terrorist attack in history.

In response to the attacks, the United Stated waged the multi-decade global war on terror to eliminate hostile groups deemed terrorist organizations, as well as the foreign governments purported to support them. Please pray for America.



Mondays—Grace Notes news, articles and calendar updates due Wednesday mornings—9:30am Prayer Circle Please read the Scripture text in advance of Sunday Worship SEPTEMBER CALENDAR September 14th—9:30am ABWM Annual Meeting and Breakfast September 18th—6pm Hospitality Dinner, Pot Luck September 23rd—11am grave site for Kathy H, Maple Hill Cemetery September 25th— 11am Caring Committee