

Goodness Gracious Notes

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ELDERS SERVING:

Lou Blagg, Mike Pachak

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Mon. Nov. 3rd-6:00 pm All Church Prayer

Tues. – 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Sat. – 9:00 am Men's Bible Study



Grace Christian Church

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- 11/8 Phil Maroney
- 11/10 Cindy Blagg
- 11/28 Nancy Lee Pachak

Financial report for August, 2025	
Income-----	\$8,870.00
Expenses-----	\$6,754.28
See a Board member for questions.	

Fall back



Wouldn't it be nice if we could turn back to the time when people had morals, values, loyalty, appreciation, and respect.

We can thank God for what we've got and pray for others who have not!

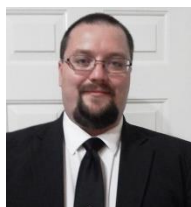
Colossians 4:2 says--

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in _____ circumstances; for this is the will of God in _____ for you."



Church mouse saw someone finding visitors a new home. (That's batty).
Some wonderful people have been making sure the church pantry is fully stocked.
Thank you servants of God.
Hebrews 6:10 NIV
"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."
Thank you, Church mouse--keep watching.



From Pastor Andy's Pen

Matthew 13:30

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn. '(niv)

Sometimes it feels like the righteous followers of God are on the losing side. The wicked seem to get it all. They get the money, the power, the easier lives. But Christians need to remember that we are not playing the short game. We are not working for success in this life, but instead, we are living for the victory that we will win for eternity. When we are taken to be with God forever, while the wicked face eternal punishment.

Just like today, the people that Jesus was speaking to felt like the wicked were winning. The Romans had taken over Israel, and much of the rest of the known world. Those Jews who collaborated with them, the tax collectors, the religious leaders, and the Pharisees. They got richer and richer, while the average Jew barely scraped by. They needed encouragement just as much as we do today.

We are not living for this life. We are not to store up our treasures here on earth, but instead, store up our treasure in heaven. The weeds seem to grow higher than us. They try to choke us out. But in the end, we will be gathered in by the Father, gathered into heaven for eternity, while those who seek the approval of the world, and revel in their wickedness, will be burned up. We must remember, that we have the eternal victory in Jesus, our savior.

Give thanks

Sunday Nov 2 – Eye for an Eye – Romans 12:17-21

Sunday Nov 9- Mike is preaching - The Wheat and the weeds - Matt 13:24-30

Sunday Nov 16 – Thanksgiving of the Lepers – Luke 17:11-14

Sunday Nov 23 – Thanksgiving of Mary - Luke 1:46-50

Sunday Nov 30 – Hope – Genesis 3:14-15

Psalm 69:30 “I will praise the name of God with a song; I will _____ him with thanksgiving.

Grace Outreach



MISSION SOUTH AFRICA

October 2025

Maggie, Robert and Shirley

Dear loved ones in Christ,

Pastor Maggie is doing so well and sends her love to you all. Maggie will be the guest speaker at Schogiem, a retreat center for Christians. A place very close to her heart. Pastor Maggie has been actively involved many years at Schogiem in sharing God's word, counseling and teaching abused and HIV AIDS infected people. Shirley will accompany her and is looking forward to a long standing relationship with them.

A close friend, and distant relative visited Robert a week ago. He has been an electrical contractor for the past 30 years. He was very depressed as his business is on the verge of shutting down. He even called his clients to do a follow up if any repairs are needed and received no feedback. Shirley and I felt led by the Holy Spirit to bless him with some cash. He broke down in tears and had nonstop praises. He said at times he does not even have enough money to buy bread. All Glory to God. His wife no longer works due to a spine injury. Sharing and caring is important and we continue praying for his business and family.

The young man, Lindo who has a desire to be a Pastor is in his final year at school. He continues studying the Word of God and Robert has been mentoring him. His prom night is in October and his request was for us to assist with the purchase of a suit. We contributed some cash towards his special day.

We have a long standing friend, Richard who was in the world and gave his heart to Jesus. We are so grateful that he follow us as he says we are messengers from God. Just when he is in great need we visit him. He is so much closer to God as we disciple him and take him out with us at times. He is now a member of our church, Amazing Grace.

Thank God for provision from you all, we paid the second installment for the drums and hope to get them soon. We are much involved in ensuring the instruments, microphones, and needs of the Praise and Worship department are taken care of. Our motto is EXCELLENCE. On Saturday, we visit Tent City to donate food parcels, and clothing to many in need. The race group are mainly white people. They are so kind and always happy to see us.

It is so sad to hear now the elderly people endure so much abuse from their children. Many call for prayer in proxy for their children. We pray and locate homes where they stay to do follow up.

The gentleman who had the skin disease gave his heart to Jesus. He has passed on to be with the Lord. We are grateful that he came to know Jesus and had a chance to go to church. Always speak about Jesus everywhere you go, you will change lives for many.

Shirley continues with missions at her workplace and she assists many financially. Her best friend, Caroline Majola lost her mom. It is a tradition in the African culture when someone dies you have to assist with cash. Shirley donated money towards the funeral arrangements.

We live by faith, daily at times there are no cars in the yard. We never doubt as we know who Our Redeemer is. Shirley smiles and walks around the yard praying. The next day or two in the week people bring in their motor vehicles for repairs. Robert always wants to be busy and ready to assist whoever is in need. He has been visiting the hospital and praying for many who are sick.

Shirley will be preaching on **rejection**. There are so many stories in the Bible about rejection. Jesus was rejected, Joseph was rejected by his own brothers. We must not be addicted to pain. We always think about Pastor Don's message on carrying the Cross of Jesus. Robert will soon share a word on **There is a race that I must run, there are victories to be won**.

We are blessed, honored, and continue joyfully with the missions in South Africa. Our plan is to visit a small town soon, Umzinto closer to Durban. Robert is in the process of making arrangements to visit the church in the area and locate areas where we can just share God's word and feed the needy.

On Sunday October 5th we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Alpha Assembly. Praise God, a heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Clyde and Shirley Jones who are founders of Alpha Assembly. The drums are fully paid up, thank you all of making it possible.

Thank you for all the support we receive. God bless you all, we love you.

Regards,

Pastor Maggie, Robert and Shirley

Elder's Corner

Shared by a servant of the Lord:

PRAYER PARTNERS WITH GOD

The Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

ROMANS 8:26

Have you ever faced a situation that was so overwhelming or so confusing you didn't even know how to pray about it? Have you ever been so overcome with grief or burdened by heartache you couldn't put your emotions into words—much less pray about them?

What a comfort these words should be: “The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us . . . in accordance with God's will” (Romans 8:26–27 NIV).

Think of it: even when we don't know how to pray, the Spirit knows our needs, and He brings the deepest cries of our hearts before the throne of God. In ways we will never understand this side of eternity, God the Holy Spirit pleads for us before God the Father.

Turn to God in every situation—even when you don't feel like it. The Spirit is interceding for you, in accordance with God's will.

HOPE FOR TODAY

Have you ever gone through a trial and felt an unexplainable peace that you were certain meant that someone was praying? How amazing to think that someone may just be the Holy Spirit Himself!

Hebrews 12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a _____ that cannot be shaken . . .



Pumpkin Pudding Pie

Ingredients

- 1 (3 ounce) box
[Pumpkin Flavored Jello Instant Pudding](#)
- 1/2 cup
[Sour Cream](#)
- 1 cup
[Milk](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon
[Vanilla](#)
- 1 cup
[Cool Whip](#)
- 1 [Graham Cracker Crust](#)

Directions

1. Pour contents of pudding mix into a medium-sized mixing bowl.
2. Add sour cream, milk, and vanilla. Whisk together until smooth.
3. Next, stir in 1 cup Cool Whip.
4. Pour into graham cracker crust and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until ready to serve.
5. Garnish with Whipped Topping and a sprinkle of brown sugar or cinnamon.

Psalm 9:1 I will give _____ to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your _____ deeds.