

Grace Notes

From: Rev. Jim Gorski

June 2026

Faithful in Hard Places

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So
neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth – 1 Cor. 3:6-7*

Serving Christ in foreign missions is never easy. Leaving family and friends to venture forth into the unfamiliar can be very challenging. Culture shock has gotten the best of many missionaries who enter the mission field for the first time. Not able to adjust to their new environment they return home.

Yet culture shock is not the only reason missionaries get discouraged and leave the field. Sometimes they leave because their missionary labors appear to produce no fruit among the people to whom they minister the gospel. So, they will either return home or transfer to another mission field.

On the other hand, there are missionaries who will continue to minister in hard places, even when their efforts to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ results in no conversions for many years. One such missionary was Adoniram Judson.

Adoniram Judson graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, as valedictorian in 1807. Three years later, he graduated in the first class of Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. He and his wife then journeyed from America to Burma, arriving in 1813. Soon after their arrival they were joined by two other missionaries. However, after six years of ministry to the Burmese not one soul had put their faith in Christ. Burma proved a difficult place for the Judsons to minister and it was tempting to believe they had mistaken their call. But Adoniram would not give up that easily. He believed God had called him to Burma, therefore, he chose to stay.

On June 6, 1819, Judson received a letter giving him great encouragement and validating his decision to remain in Burma. The letter was from Moung Nau, a Burmese man who had expressed great interest in the gospel but up to this point had not acted on it. His letter read:

I, Moung Nau, the constant recipient of your excellent favor, approach your feet. Whereas my Lord's three [i.e., three missionaries] come to the country of Burma – not for the purpose of trade, but to preach the religion of Jesus Christ, the Son of the eternal God – I, having heard and understood, am, with a joyful mind, filled with love.

I believe that the divine Son, Jesus Christ, suffered death, in the place of men, to atone for their sins. Like a heavy-laden man, I feel my sins are very many. The punishment of my sins I deserve to suffer. Since it is so, do you, sirs, consider that I, taking refuge in the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ, and receiving baptism, in order to become his disciple, shall dwell one with yourselves, a band of brothers, in the happiness of heaven, and therefore grant me the ordinance of baptism. It is the grace of Jesus Christ that you, sirs, have come by ship from one country and continent to another and that we have met

together. I pray the Lord's three that a suitable day may be appointed, and that I may receive the ordinance of baptism.

Moreover, as it is only since I have met with you, sirs, that I have known about the eternal God, I venture to pray that you will still unfold to me the religion of God, that my old disposition may be destroyed, and my new disposition improved.

Three weeks after receiving this letter, Adoniram Judson baptized Mounng Nau. With his baptism the six-year barrier of unbelief was broken in Burma and Adoniram Judson's resolve to serve Christ in a hard place was vindicated. Rather than give up, as other missionaries had done in similar circumstances, Judson took to heart the words of the apostle Paul, who wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain," and God blessed his gospel labors, in His time.

Today there are more than two million believers in Myanmar [formerly Burma], and 40 percent of the Karen people to whom Adoniram Judson directed his ministry are now Christians, ever thankful he did not judge six years of ministry without a convert as proof God wanted him to leave Burma, but as a sign he needed to dig in even harder and persist in his call.

As Judson wrote on the inner cover of a book he used in his translation of the Bible into Burmese:

*In joy or pain,
Our course be onward still;
We sow on Burma's barren plain;
We reap on Zion's hill.*

JULY CELEBRATION

**Hamburger & Hotdogs on the grill Sunday July 5th
following morning worship.**

Invite family and friends.

**A sign up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to
bring a side dish or dessert.**



Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way."

(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



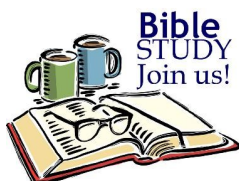
Blessed
is the NATION
whose
GOD
is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12

Please pray for the following physical concerns and spiritual needs of each, individual.

The Lord's Supper

will be
observed on June 7 at the
morning worship service.
Everyone is
encouraged to be in prayer and
repentance in preparation to partake
in this holy sacrament

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you."*
Jeremiah 29: 12



**Please Join us every Wednesday
Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book
"Survey of the New Testament"
By
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



Ladies
ministry

Dear Sisters in Christ,
We have now celebrated our 100th anniversary of Grace Pres. many wonderful memories and many Prayer requests and a lot of answered prayers. The women of Grace meet on the second Tuesday Of the month for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. We would love to have you join us. We are studying the book of Hebrews. We have learned a lot and have had many prayers lifted up to God In our time together. Please come join us on the second Tuesday, everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.

Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

WIC Circle Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, at 10:00am
Session Meeting: Sunday, June 14 at 12pm
Prayer for our Nation: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant

*"As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another."
Proverbs 27: 17*

Just a reminder!...

Men of the Covenant will be in recess for the summer months, but will resume meeting in the month of September.

Happy Father's Day



The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday June 14, at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.



Summer Time!



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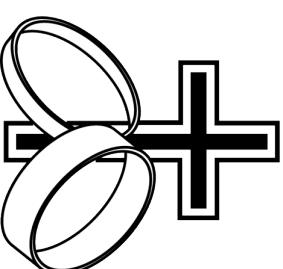
Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments

Psaln 112: 1



As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psaln 103:13



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Communion	8	9 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	10 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	11	12	13
14 Session Meeting	15	16	17 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	18	19	20
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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DAY

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Time to Update the Directory!

So that we can stay in touch with one another, and help out when a need arises, we will be updating the Church Directory

The current directory (dated July 2023) is in the Foyer with a bright green cover.

Please review your information and contact the church office with any updates (add or remove cell numbers, email addresses, etc.). *If all of your information is correct, please place a "check" mark by your name.* We appreciate your help in keeping us up to date.




Congratulation to
Emma Kay
Sander

Daughter of
Jennye & Mark Sievers
Granddaughter of
Randy & Diana Borill
Graduation from
Denham Springs High