

## NEW TO GC?

Stop by the Guest Connection Desk today after our worship assembly. We'd love to meet you!

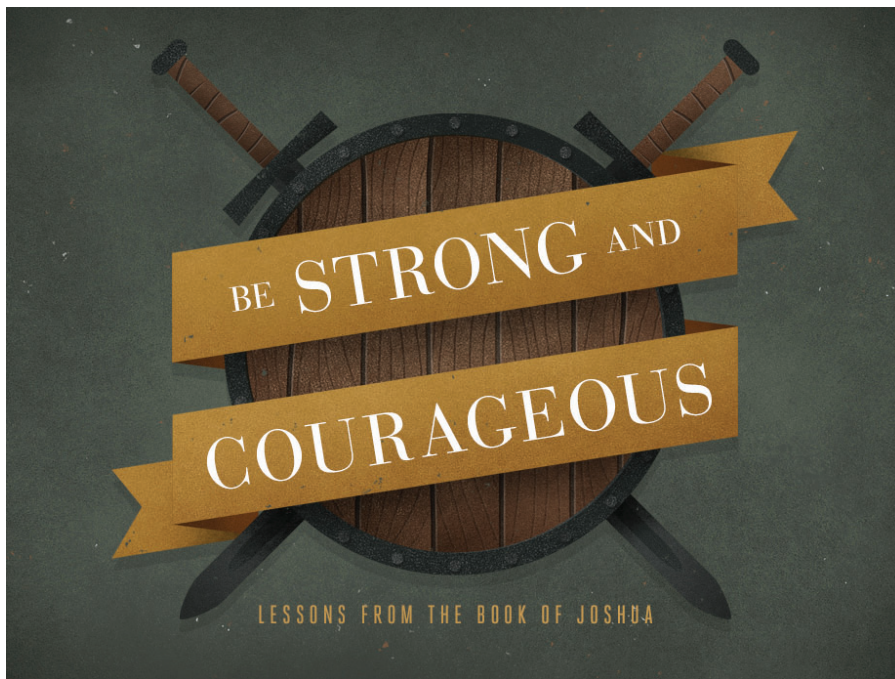
## WELCOME!

Good morning, church,

Throughout the month of July, I would like to share some thoughts about what an interim period for ministry is and how we can make the most of this time. Today let's turn our attention to the book of Acts, to the time between Jesus' ascension and the Holy Spirit coming on Pentecost. Jesus had "left" them and the Holy Spirit had not yet come. Here are the significant things that happened in their interim time and how those things translate to us today:

1. **They were committed to prayer (Acts 1:14).** Now is the time to cry out to God. Now is the time to "cast all of your anxiety on God because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Now is the time to join "together constantly in prayer."
2. **They filled ministry vacancies (Acts 1:23-26).** The Apostles had no way to replace Jesus (who had ascended), but Jesus was not the only one who had left the group. We see two things here: First, we see Peter step up to lead the gang, and then we see Matthias step in to replace Judas. These are times of opportunity; these are times to get new people stepping in, and for people who have been around to step up.
3. **They were all together in one place (Acts 2:1).** A bit of this is circumstantial, as they were all together to celebrate Pentecost. There is a time for scattering and a time to be gathered together. Now is a time to be together. It is a time for renewal. It is a time to renew our unity and our love for one another and collectively renew our dedication to God and His mission in this world.

Grace and Peace,  
Rob Shaver



## UPCOMING



For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Events calendar online or in the GC app.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Welcome

Kids Song - I've Got the Joy  
Kids Song - This Little Light of Mine

Carter Jones

## Intro to Worship

Don't Be Afraid  
Awesome God/He Is Faithful

Shepherd Wyatt

## Communion

Covenant of Love

Ben Patterson

## Offering

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?  
Cornerstone

Ben Patterson

Message: **Generational Discipleship**  
*Be Strong and Courageous: Part 1 of 5*

Rob Shaver

Pass It On

## Next Steps

Carter Jones

Shepherd's Prayer

Vance Kessler

## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

"An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his (own) sin. The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good... he commits himself to an sinful course and does not reject what is wrong." (Psalm 36:1-4)

Father, teach the mockers and the plotters of evil against what is right and decent the consequences of their arrogance. May we seek courage rather than conformity in standing up, not just for what is right, but also for our faith in the existence of Your divine presence. Amen.

### HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

[gracechapelchurch.com/pray](http://gracechapelchurch.com/pray)



**READY, SET, MOVE!** We've been talking A LOT about how Jesus wants to be our friend forever. It's THAT important! Jesus is a gift for everyone, everywhere, and we want preschoolers to tell people everywhere

that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. When we're friends with Jesus, He helps us love others in the same way He loves us, and that's worth going here, there, and everywhere so that everyone can be with Jesus...forever.

**REMEMBER THIS:** "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us." (Ephesians 5:2, NIV)



**READY, SET, MOVE!** Since the beginning, God has always been deeply involved in the world. We see God's handiwork in creation, and we see His love through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond

to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand. We put that faith into action as we follow Jesus and show His love to the world.

**REMEMBER THIS:** "God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." (Ephesians 2:8, NIV)

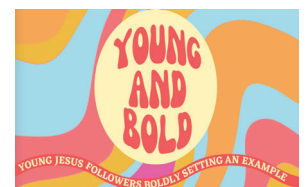


## YOUTH NIGHT

Sundays, 5-9 p.m., GC Youth Room

For anyone in 6th-12th grades to explore how to follow Jesus and to connect with others in a safe, fun environment.

There will be NO Youth Night tonight. Enjoy the holiday weekend, and join us again on July 16th!



Summer YN Series

## UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

**TONIGHT:** NO Youth Night (Holiday weekend)

7/9: NO Youth Night (HS Mission Trip)

7/16: Youth Night, 5-9 p.m.

7/23: Youth Night, 5-9 p.m.

For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Youth calendar online or in the GC app.



## STAY CONNECTED

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**High School Students:** @gcymhs

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## SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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## LAST WEEK (6/25/23)

Attendance 482

YTD Contributions \$600,474