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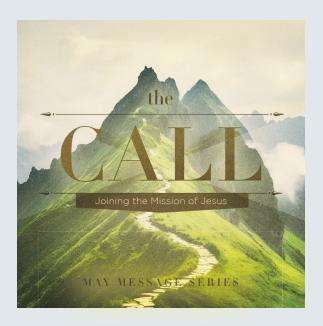
Stop by the Guest Connection Desk today after our worship assembly. We'd love to meet you!

# **WELCOME!**

We're so glad that you chose to join us today in our time of worship and praise! At Grace Chapel, we strive to be a community on mission together. Our hope for you today is that you have a personal encounter with the love of God and an experience with people who care.

## **OUR MISSION**

To be disciples who make disciples who make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2).



# **FOR OUR GUESTS**

New around here? We're so glad to see you today! Stop by our Guest Connection Desk in the lobby to pick up a gift from us. Questions or need assistance? Feel free to ask a member of our Host Team (anyone wearing an orange lanyard).

Got kids? During our worship service, preschool and elementary school children are invited to join our GC Kids large group environments, Graceland and Oasis. Little ones under three years old are welcome in our fully-staffed nursery. Stick around after worship service for our adult Bible classes and kids small groups, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

We'd love to connect with you! Scan here or text "NEW" to 833-272-1249.

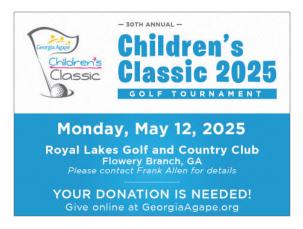


# **UPCOMING EVENTS**













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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

#### **MEDICAL**

Michael Prather: Was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has metastasized to his liver, bone, spine, and brain. Michael is known by many members at GC, and has worked with the His Way group. Please pray for comfort and healing.

Lachlan Doris (great granddaughter of Betty Doris): Four-year-old Lachlan was recently hospitalized for breathing problems due to low oxygen levels but is now back at home. She was a preemie when born, which may explain part of the oxygen issue. Will be seeing a pulmonologist for treatment alternatives. Please pray for Lachlan's full recovery, and for her parents and family.

Bert & Joyce Blackwell: Bert is at home under Joyce's care as his health continues to slowly decline. Please pray for comfort for Bert, and strength, comfort, and energy for Joyce, especially as she keeps up with their sweet 8-year-old great granddaughter who lives with them.

Sign up to take a meal or contribute to their meal fund at mealtrain.com/yrzl3k

**Bobby McVey:** Has hopefully had his last chemo treatment for lung cancer. He had a meeting on Friday to review the results of his latest CT scan. Will report that next week. Praise be to our Heavenly Father. Please pray for full recovery.

David Wheeler: Results from a recent MRI show that cancer in the right kidney is growing slowly, but there is a new, aggressive type of cancer in his left kidney. The good news is that it has not metastasized. David will be following up with his doctor in June. David is not a candidate for kidney or prostate surgery. Please pray for strength, comfort, and peace for both David and wife Carolyn. They are a true loving inspiration.

Esther and Russ Johnson: Esther recently changed doctors as part of her dealing with Parkinson's disease. Please pray that the change in doctors and any treatment modifications will lead to much better daily health, strength, and

control over any anxiety. Please pray for Russ as her caregiver.

Cathy Arvidson (sister-in-law of Esther Johnson): Dealing with severe back pain due to spinal stenosis. Please pray that her back surgery will relieve the pain, and that she has complete recovery.

John Wood: We are praying that John's medical treatments for pancreatic cancer are effective and that God will lead him to the very best solutions for complete healing. We pray that God continues to be glorified through the tremendous faith that John, Alicia, and their family have displayed throughout this journey.

Laura Johnson: We pray for Russ Johnson's sister and her ongoing battle with bladder cancer (over nine years). Laura is having chemo infusion treatments that have had tough side effects. We pray for Laura: for strength, reduced nausea, and that the treatments will rid her body of cancer. Give her peace, Lord.

Louise Clites: Is in failing health as she continues to reside in her assisted living apartment in Cumming. At age 94, having lived a life of love for our Heavenly Father and his son, her children ask us to pray for some "good days" for Louise as she waits on the Lord to call her home.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Vernon Shuffett II, 99-year-old father of our Vernon Shuffett III, passed away peacefully in his home on April 29, 2025.

Please see the back of this insert for a eulogy honoring Vernon.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? Send us your prayer requests at gracechapelchurch.com/pray



# REMEMBERING A SAINT: VERNON SHUFFETT III

FEBRUARY 22, 1926 TO APRIL 29, 2025

Brother Vernon Shuffett II, ninety-nine-yearold father to our Vernon Shuffett III, passed away at home in his sleep on Tuesday, April 29th. Since there will be no funeral, with only a private memorial meal shared by family and close friends, we wanted to remember this dear saint who has finished his race.

#### **EULOGY**

#### BY VERNON SHUFFETT III, FOR HIS FATHER

Dad was born and raised in Greensburg, Kentucky. He became a Christian at an early age; his father was an elder in the church there.

He graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in Journalism, shortly afterward he got an accounting degree from Northwestern University.

He married my mom, Dorothy Sue Smith, on Christmas Eve of 1949. They had two kids, me and my older sister, Laura (Davies). (My mother passed in 2018; they were married sixty-eight years.)

Shortly after marrying they moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and dad worked for McDonald-Douglas as an accountant. In 1956, they moved to Southern Illinois (Centralia) where dad was partner in a CPA firm. He retired after twenty-

one years at age fifty and moved to Florence, Alabama to start a new career in Christian education.

In his fifties, he went back to school and got a degree in Bible from International Bible College (now Heritage Christian University in Florence, Alabama) and finally, a masters in Greek and Hebrew from Harding Graduate School in Memphis.

After getting his Bible degree, Dad remained at Heritage University as Vice President for Finance, and as a teacher of Greek language. He served at that Christian school for thirty years.

Dad and mom went on many mission trips: Russia, Africa, Scotland, and the Caribbean, among other places. All his life in Illinois and Alabama he preached in small Churches of Christ from time to time.

His was a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ and a leader in the Kingdom. He was always loving, happy, and so optimistic...even in recent sickness. His love for God and others and optimism inspired everyone around him.

He was a brilliant man of God.





**PRESCHOOL:** God is going to give our preschoolers big things to do. God is going to give them little things to do. And whether it's a big thing or a little thing, we want our preschoolers to know that they have the Lord our God to help them. **God helps me do big things!** 

KEY QUESTION: Who helps you do big things? BOTTOM LINE: God helps me to do big things.

MEMORY VERSE: "I know that God helps me." (Psalm 54:4 NIrV)



**ELEMENTARY:** God took initiative on our behalf by seeing that our relationship was broken and needed to be fixed. So God sent Jesus to make it right. Because we are made in God's image, we are wired to be able to take initiative and get things done too.

**INITIATIVE**: Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

MEMORY VERSE: "None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others." (Philippians 2:4 NIrV)



Join us tonight as we celebrate our GC Youth graduating seniors! Following the message we'll hear testimonies from our seniors and check in with small groups. Don't miss it!

Speaker: Washington Johnson Dinner: Chicken Fajitas

#### YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

**TONIGHT:** Senior Celebration YN 5/18: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

5/25: Summer Kickoff YN



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

June 2–6: VBS June 9–12: AIM KidsCamp June 20–23: Camp GC July 12–18: HS Mission Trip Oct. 31–Nov. 2: Fall Retreat

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











# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Welcome Jim Beasley

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

In Christ Alone

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Communion Jason Green

More Like You

Offering Jason Green

Kids Dismissal Jim Beasley

Lord, Be There

Revelation Song

Rob Shaver Message: Rely on God

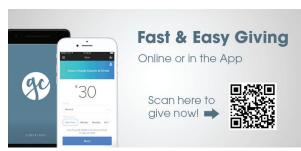
The Call: Part 1

Servant Song

**Next Steps** Jim Beasley

Shepherd's Prayer Jason Green











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LAST WEEK (4/27/25)

Attendance 484 YTD Contributions \$416,994