

NEW TO GC?

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).

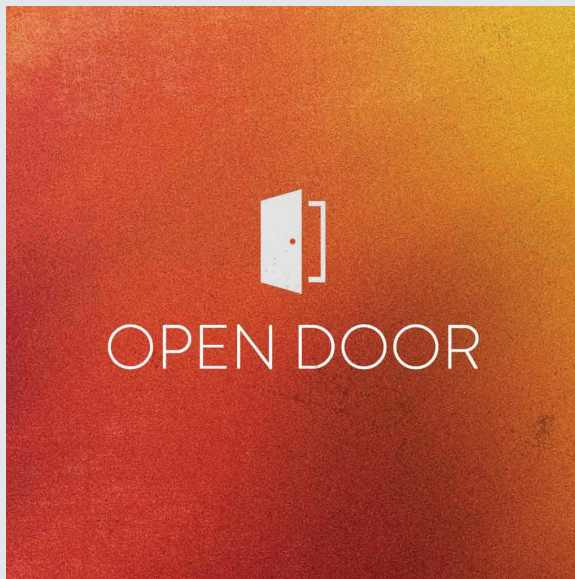
FOR OUR GUESTS

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.



January Message Series

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 **Partnership**

Learn more about member expectations and next steps at our lunch for new members.

TODAY @ 11:45 a.m.
Youth Room

 church as family
POTLUCK

Wednesday, January 14th
at 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP online by
Sunday, January 11th



 prime timers

Fellowship Bus Tour

March 23-26, 2026
\$529 per person, double-occupancy
Final payment due January 16
All adults are invited to attend!
Contact Neldon Watson for more info, (762) 217-3722

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**PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Friday, January 23rd, 9:30 a.m.
in the GC Youth Room

Please RSVP in the lobby
by Sunday, January 18th

 **HOPELinc**
RECOVERY ECOSYSTEM

DELIVERY HELP NEEDED!

HOPELinc needs a volunteer deliver bread to their thrift store (weekly on Tuesdays, one month per quarter).

Pick Up Time: Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Pick Up Location: Publix, 4900 Atlanta Hwy.
Delivery Location: The Shop, 429 Canton Hwy.

Please contact Dale Kilpatrick if you're able to help!



2025 Prayer & Fasting Survey



gracechapelchurch.com/prayerandfasting

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

PRAYER REQUESTS • JANUARY 11, 2026

MEDICAL

Esther Johnson: Esther continues to face Parkinson's and related health challenges. We're thankful her recent heart catheterization showed no concerns, ruling out her heart as the cause of fatigue and shortness of breath. Last week, she began an oral medication her doctor hopes will restore strength and improve breathing. Please pray for renewed stamina, better quality of life, and easy breathing—and for Russ as he cares for her.

Tommy Bradford: Tommy is improving as he recovers from RSV, a respiratory infection affecting both lungs. We thank God that the antibiotics are working and the congestion is clearing. Each day brings progress. Please continue to pray for complete healing and full recovery.

Tyler Davidson: Prayers were answered! On December 23, Tyler went in for what was expected to be a heart ablation to treat a suspected rare congenital condition. But when doctors began the procedure, they found his heart was perfectly healthy—no issues at all! Even after an hour of testing, they couldn't induce any irregular rhythm. Tyler is now back at work as a firefighter. We praise God for this incredible outcome!

John Wood: John continues treatments for pancreatic cancer in a three-month clinical trial in New York City. John has had a few instances of fainting (syncope); however, that is being managed with a protocol, and John continues to feel better each week. A recent scan revealed that the main tumor in his pancreas was 20% smaller, the spots in his liver are also smaller,

and no new masses have appeared. John's oncologist is encouraged by his progress in the trial. Please continue to pray for the success of John's treatment, relief from pain, and complete healing. We also ask for strength, peace, and comfort for John, Alicia, and their entire family.

Please note the special insert in this week's GC News: "My Prayer for 2026" by Alicia Wood. Published at our request and with Alicia's permission.

Grace Brown: Grace continues to receive immunotherapy treatments for lung cancer, taking daily oral medication and periodic infusions. Thanks be to God that the treatments are having the desired effect of significantly reducing the lung tumors! The lesions in the brain and hip are shrinking with some no longer visible. The side effects of treatments, however, are taking a toll which requires managing the infusions. We pray for healing and for being able to successfully manage the side effects of rashes and fatigue. Please continue to pray for complete healing, strength, and peace for Grace and her family.

Susan Boling: Susan continues recovering well from hip replacement surgery, though she still faces physical challenges. A new wrinkle appeared this week when Susan had a severe cat bite which hit 3 veins in her hand. As a result, her doctor added another antibiotic to her current treatment regimen to protect against infection. Please continue to pray for Susan's complete healing and restoration of mobility, strength, and overall health.

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Calli (Bo Edwards' sister): Calli is at home and doing better after spending several weeks in a mental health facility in Charlotte, NC a couple of months ago. Please pray for continued healing, renewed motivation, and peace in her home with her husband and their special needs son.

OUR SICK AND SAINTS AT HOME

Please remember in your prayers the following GC members who have ongoing health issues and are generally unable to attend worship services:

Bert and Joyce Blackwell: Pray for Bert's declining health and for Joyce as his caregiver. Joyce says that they continue to hang in there. Melissa Boyle is helping to coordinate meals; you may sign up to take a meal at mealtrain.com/trains/yrzl3k. **Feel free to send Joyce a text of encouragement (no calls, please); she so appreciates it.**

David and Carolyn Wheeler: David says this week, "We are walking by faith. We are doing as good as we can, keeping our doctor's appointments, and looking at more MRI tests. Thanks to everyone who is praying for us!"

David cannot be around large crowds due to his weak immune system. He is battling cancer in both kidneys as well as prostate cancer. Thankfully, neither has spread, and we pray that this remains the case since surgery is not an option for either condition. Pain management is currently under control. David credits Carolyn for keeping him alive—she is a wonderful caregiver. They continue to maintain wonderful, inspiring positive attitudes. **David and Carolyn welcome calls or visits.**

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

MY PRAYER FOR 2026



Written by Alicia Wood; shared with permission

Please see below the private thoughts and prayer of our dear sister whose husband, John, is battling pancreatic cancer. Such faith takes our breath away. These thoughts were intended for a few friends, not for the public, but permission to share was prayerfully requested and granted. If reading this could inspire and help one other person in the midst of life's storms, Alicia was willing to allow it to be shared.

As I look back on the past year—truly the hardest year I could ever have imagined—I am reminded of an important truth: we are not promised ease. We are not promised delight, happiness, order, tolerance, indulgence, decency, constancy, caution, or stability. It is not wrong to long for these things. But when they slip beyond our reach, it can feel as though our faith has failed us—or worse, that God has turned away.

That is a lie the enemy loves to whisper.

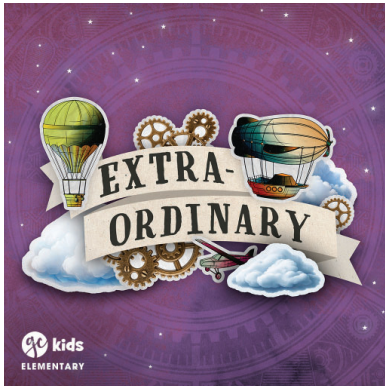
Satan is subtle and persistent, always trying to convince us that we are alone, forgotten, or abandoned. But we are not. Not for a single moment. God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with us—always, without exception.

What God does promise is far greater than comfort. He promises love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control through the gift of the Holy Spirit. These fruits do not depend on circumstances. They grow even in suffering—especially in suffering—when we surrender ourselves fully to Him.

There will be days when using these gifts feels painful, even impossible. On those days, allow others to love you. Let them serve you. Receive support with humility and gratitude, trusting that God will one day give you the strength to return that kindness.

And when the weight feels so heavy that you can hardly breathe, pause and picture God drawing you close, wrapping you in His arms, and whispering, “I’ve got you. We’ll do this together.” Sometimes He sends a person to bring comfort. Other times, He simply gives us the quiet assurance of His presence—and that is enough.

My prayer for 2026 is for health, happiness, and abundant blessings. But if those prayers are answered differently than I hope, I will still lean on God. I will still choose faith. And I will still make memories—trusting that He is working, even when I cannot see it.



THIS MONTH'S SERIES: Inventors take ordinary objects and transform them into extraordinary innovations with some creativity and a lot of tinkering. But Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. On the outside, Jesus may have seemed ordinary, but his life, actions, and love regularly defied expectations. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **Jesus is one of a kind, Jesus is humble, Jesus trusted God, and Jesus calls us to follow.**

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

This week, kids learn how **Jesus was baptized** to obey God's extra-ordinary plan.

BIG IDEA: Jesus is humble.

BIBLE: Matthew 3:13–17

MEMORY VERSE: "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9 NIV).



Youth Night: Sundays, 5–8 p.m., GC Youth Room

Let's get vintage! Wear your best '80s fit and come hang with us tonight! We hope you can be with us this week as we begin a new Youth Night message series, *Stranger Things: Exploring Strange but True Stories from the Bible*.

Dinner: Chicken Nuggets

YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

TONIGHT: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

1/18: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

1/25: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

2/1: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.



Current YN Message Series

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Feb. 13–15: Winterfest

April 17–18: Spring XP

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

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GC Youth Parents: gc youthparents
MS Students: gc youthms | **HS Students:** gc youthhs

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A New Anointing (This Is the Day)

Welcome

Rocky Wyatt

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise
Here in This Place
All the Heavens

Communion

Tim Davis

Come to the Table

Offering

Tim Davis

Kids Dismissal

Rocky Wyatt

There's a Fountain Free
Everything We Need

Message: Invited

Rob Shaver

Open Door: Part 2

I Want to Be Where You Are

Next Steps


Rocky Wyatt

Shepherd's Prayer

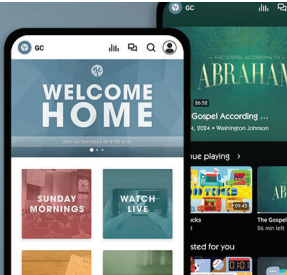
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LAST WEEK (1/4/26)

Attendance 476

YTD Contributions \$14,133

2025 Contributions \$1,265,924