

Surprised by Joy
Philippians 1:1-11

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I. The Surprising Source

Joy is a Person, not a circumstance. (v. 1-2)

II. A Powerful Perspective

we are connected because of Christ. (v. 3-5)

God will never give up on us. (v. 6)

III. A Passionate Prayer

For God to shape us where it matters most. (v. 9-11)



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WELCOME TO GRACE!

Thanks for joining the live stream today! We plan to stay engaged with you as we continue to seek God and explore new opportunities to reach our community together during this unique time.

If you're new to GFC, we have a special gift for you. Please **text "NewHere" to 94000**, follow the prompts, and a gift will be mailed to you this week!

COME

You've found a place where everybody's welcome, nobody's perfect, and anything can happen! Below are other opportunities to participate in the life of GFC.

Join a Group. A group can help you develop relationships that lead to growth. Visit gfcnow.com/groups.

Join a Team. Serving on a team helps you impact others in our church and beyond. Visit gfcnow.com/serve.

CONNECT

Connect with GFC ministries.

Grace Kids (infant-4th grade)
[Facebook.com/groups/gfckids](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gfckids)
Grace Kids online services Sundays at 8am.
gfcnow.com/kidslive

Access (special needs ministry)
[Facebook.com/groups/gfcaccess](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gfcaccess)

Vertical (5-6th grade)
Grace Kids online services Sundays at 8am.
gfcnow.com/verticallive

Re:generation (recovery ministry) [Facebook.com/groups/gfcregeneration](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gfcregeneration)
Mondays, 6:30pm, GFC Student Center *visit gfcnow.com/regen for Covid-19 adjustments

Student Ministry
High School (9-12th grade)
[Facebook.com/groups/gfcstudents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gfcstudents)
[Instagram.com/gfcstudents](https://www.instagram.com/gfcstudents)

Middle School (7-8th grade)
[Facebook.com/groups/gfcstudents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gfcstudents)
[Instagram.com/gfcstudents](https://www.instagram.com/gfcstudents)

Grace Young Adults
[Instagram.com/grace_young_adults](https://www.instagram.com/grace_young_adults)

ENGAGE

Explore how to become part of what God is doing through GFC and dive deeper into the unique qualities of this church in Next Steps. Visit gfcnow.com/steps to learn about future dates.

Invest in the ways we are joining God in "building a community and reaching a community" by generously sharing your resources. Give online at gfcnow.com/give, mail your check to 2314 South Greenwood Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

HELP FOR HEROES

Come alongside our healthcare heroes through providing breakroom baskets, prayer, and encouragement!

- Sign Up: gfcnow.com/hero or text "hero" to 94000

SERMON DISCUSSION OPEN GROUP

Are you looking to connect with others at GFC but aren't involved in a small group? You're invited to attend our weekly Sermon Discussion Open Group. We'll watch a video of the previous weekend's worship service, then discuss the message together in breakout groups. Due to a max capacity of 50, RSVPs are required. Childcare is not available at this time.

When: Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:15pm Where: GFC Student Center

- Sign Up: gfcnow.com/groups

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE GROUP

Ready to reignite, strengthen, or rebuild your marriage? Re|engage is a safe place for couples to reconnect. This group will meet online via Zoom on August 11 for the preview night and will continue into the fall. Deadline to sign up is August 10. Cost is \$20 per couple for curriculum, which can be purchased after attending a preview night.

When: Preview Night - Tuesday, August 11, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Online (a link will be emailed once you sign up)

- Sign Up: gfcnow.com/reengage

SENIOR ADULTS ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study for senior adults, *Established In Grace*, is on Paul's letter to the Colossians. Paul's heart for the Colossians was for them to be established in the gospel of grace so they would not be deceived by all the different religious teachings and human philosophies swirling around Colossae. In our study, we, too, will learn from Paul and be established more deeply in grace. Zoom link and study notes will be emailed to participants weekly. When: Wednesdays, 10am, beginning August 19.

- Sign Up: gfcnow.com/groups

SERVING OPPORTUNITY: GFC FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Are you a people person who enjoys meeting and helping others? If so, we'd love to talk with you! We are looking for volunteers to cover the GFC front office on Fridays starting September 4, 9am-1pm, on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. Welcome guests, answer phone calls, and assist with small office tasks.

Training is provided on our telephone system and other front office procedures.

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