

Unlocking a Grateful Life

Psalm 107

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God saves His people from...

Desert

Dungeon

Disease

Storm

God is...

Provider

Rescuer

Healer

Protector

Gratitude grows from a heart absorbed with the love of God.

Our focus of attention tends to go to...

What's bad

What's missing

What could go wrong

Psalm invites us to focus our attention on...

The faithful love of God

52 WEEKS OF GOLD

1 Corinthians 10:13 (Week 47)

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you've joined us today! If you're new to GFC **text "NewHere" to 94000**. We have a special gift for you! Follow the prompts, and your gift will be ready for you at the New Here table immediately after the service, or mailed to you if you're joining us online.

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.

Grace Kids (infants-5th grade)

When: Sundays during 9:15am & 11am services

Grace Young Adults (18-early 30s)

Instagram.com/grace_young_adults

College (18-22):

When: Monthly on FIRST Thursday, 6:30pm

Where: Upstairs Auditorium

Young Professionals (23-early 30s):

When: Monthly on SECOND Thursday, 6:30pm

Where: Upstairs Auditorium

Access Special Needs Ministry

What: Access is GFC's ministry to individuals with special needs and their families.

When: Sundays during 9:15am & 11am services

Where: GFC, Room 402

Grace Students (6th-12th grade)

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

6th-8th grade

When: During 11am service

Where: Upstairs Auditorium

SUNDAY NIGHTS:

When: Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: 6th-8th grade, Student Center

9th-12th grade, Upstairs Auditorium

Re:generation (recovery ministry)

Facebook.com/groups/gfc regeneration

When: Every Monday, 6:30pm

Where: GFC, Student Center

CONNECT

Learn more about GFC. At **Introducing Grace**, you can meet a ministry leader and find out more about this church in less than 10 minutes.

When: Every Sunday after each service

Where: Introducing Grace room directly across from the New Here desk.

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.

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 sign up.

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, place your offering in a secure offering box if attending onsite, or drop off at the church office during our normal business hours.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: GIFT OF HOPE

Together we can share HOPE with our community this Christmas. You can make a real difference this Christmas by providing hand picked gifts for a local child in need, or volunteer to pack food boxes for families in our community. Each child has put together a wish-list so that you can pick out the perfect gifts and needed clothing items for them. You can also volunteer to pack food boxes with our partner Good Samaritan Ministries.

• Sign Up: gfcnow.com/giftofhope

SERVING OPPORTUNITY: BECOME AN ACCESS BUDDY!

Access is GFC's ministry to individuals with special needs and their families.

Access continues to grow, and we currently have a high demand for additional volunteers. You can serve in our adult Access group, be a buddy with an elementary student, or a one-on-one volunteer for kids who participate in Access sensory areas during Sunday services. We strive to welcome all children, adults and families to GFC with open arms and provide a place where they belong, and your willingness to serve will accomplish that!

• If you're interested, email Kelly Holland at kholland@gfcnow.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: DECK THE HALLS OF GFC!

It's the time of year to deck the halls of GFC! We'd love to have you sign up to help decorate for Christmas. We'll be placing wreaths, trees, poinsettias, and other festive decorations throughout the building. Serving times are in the evening with 2 different dates to choose from.

When: Wednesday, December 1

• Sign Up: gfcnow.com/deckthehalls

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: SHEPHERD'S LUNCH

Join us in helping those who are homeless or hungry by providing food. Good Samaritan is asking that each volunteer assemble 10 bags with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a bag of chips, apple, granola bar, and a bottle of water (all items must be included in one bag). No servers needed. Bags can be dropped off at The Melting Pot located in the basement of Munsey United Methodist Church on Monday, November 22, between 10:15-10:30am. Someone will meet you outside to collect the bags so you don't have to leave your car.

• Sign Up: gfcnow.com/shepherdsmeal

SENIOR ADULTS EVENT: *THRILL OF HOPE*

Thrill of Hope is a Christmas-themed event for senior adults. This December, experience the story of Christmas like never before. Award winning storytellers Tony Marr and Steven James invite you on a journey to discover how one holy night changed the entire course of human history. Limited seating, so register early. Desserts and beverages will be provided. This is a free event!

When: Thursday, December 9, 6-8:15pm

Where: GFC, Student Center

• Sign up: gfcnow.com/thrillofhope