

Hold onto Hope

Hebrews 6:18-20

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Life drifts toward hopelessness.

Hope grows from trusting God.

Make Jesus your anchor of hope.

52 WEEKS OF GOLD

*Psalm 40:1-3 (Week 48)*

*I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear and will trust in the LORD.*



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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:  
NOT MEETING ON NOV. 28

**Re:generation** (recovery ministry)  
Facebook.com/groups/gfcgeneration  
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](http://gfcnow.com/groups).

**Join a Team.** Serving on a team helps you impact others in our church and beyond.  
Visit [gfcnow.com/serve](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://gfcnow.com/deckthehalls)

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS 2021

Honor a deceased loved one by making an "in memory of" contribution to the GFC Benevolence Fund. In return for your donation, a card with your loved one's name will be placed on a Christmas tree in the lobby, along with a commemorative ornament. We are receiving Christmas Memorial donations online OR by mail/ offering boxes this year; link below for online, or envelopes are available onsite in the connect corner. Memorials are due by Sunday, December 19.

- Make your contribution online at [gfcnow.com/memorials](http://gfcnow.com/memorials)

### 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](http://gfcnow.com/thrillofhope)