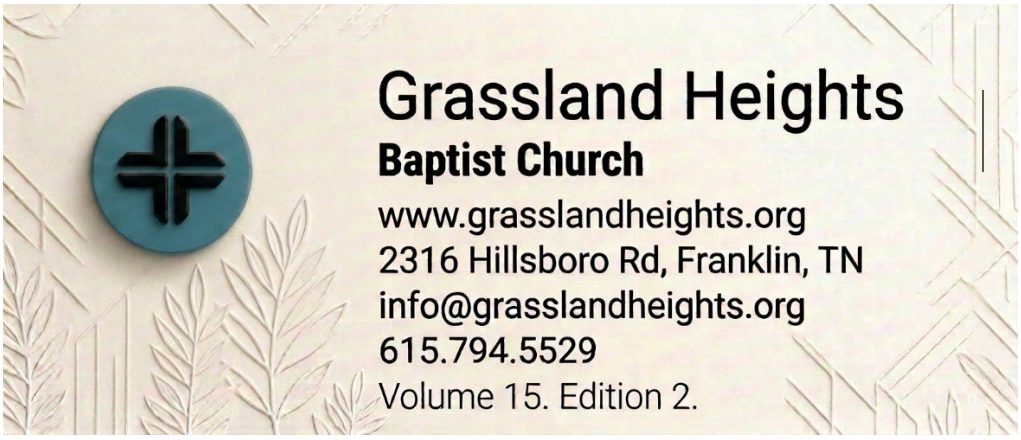


Message From Pastor Charles Specht

God is so good to us!

I'm so thankful to the Lord, aren't you?

It is an absolute blessing to be called by God to be your new pastor. I do not take this calling lightly. This is such a privilege, and I look forward to serving alongside each of you for -- Lord willing -- many years to come.

This coming Sunday we'll be celebrating Communion and we may even have a baptism to witness. Praise God for that! I'll be preaching from 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as we see what it means to Celebrate Jesus and also to Examine Ourselves before we partake.
So, be preparing your minds and hearts for Sunday morning.

Also, I've been praying about which books of the Bible I should preach through on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. I've decided on the Gospel of John and the Book of James. As you may know, I preach expositional sermons, which means we go through the Bible verse by verse, word by word. We want to dive into God's Holy Word which is active and living and sharper than any two-edged sword. I ask that you pray God's Word will do a great work in us as we prepare to -- again, Lord willing -- be used by God to do a great work in our community.

I'm praying for church growth, both deep and wide.

I'm praying for spiritual growth for those of us already here, and that God grows us numerically by bringing people to our church who want to worship Him.

But something we need to focus on is getting **Better Before Bigger.**

When I say "Better" I mean that we want to strengthen, enhance, and support what we already have here and what we're doing in ministry. May God make us a people focused on excellence in both ministry and life. And, while we are working on "Better" we will pray (and work to that end) that God will make us "Bigger."

Better Before Bigger.
Lord, make us better servants of you. Lord, build this church as You see fit. Let's be praying for that, my friends. I'm praying for all of you.
See you in church!

Pastor Charles

Dates to Remember in Oct 2026

Oct. 4. Sunday Services with Communion. Oct. 4. Ladies Bible study at 5pm.

Oct. 7. Meal 5pm, Family Worship & Prayer Time. 6pm. Student-led worship. Oct. 11. Ladies Bible study at 5pm.

Oct. 14. No Wed Meal, Kids or Youth Activities (Fall Break) Oct. 18. Ladies Bible study at 5pm.

Oct. 21. Meal 5pm, Worship & Prayer Night, Kids and Students Bible Study/Games. Oct. 21. Church Council.

Oct. 25. Business Meeting.

Oct. 25. Ladies Bible study at 5pm.

Oct. 28. Fall Fest with GOS. 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Happy Birthday & Anniversaries



Birthdays for October:

Tricia Harris - Oct. 3

Donnie Dalton - Oct. 8

Hadley Hager - Oct. 16

Ann Thurman - Oct. 21

Ken Faust - Oct. 29

Anniversaries

Jim & Martha Moss - Oct. 20

Ken & Ann Faust - Oct. 29

Fellowship Dinners - Wednesdays @ 5pm in the Fellowship Hall



October 7 - Burgers, baked beans, chips and cookies.

October 14 - Fall Break No Meal.

October 21 - Pork loin and baked potatoes.

October 28 - Fall Fest. Camp fires, hot dogs, fixings, chips, S'mores and drinks. (Free)

$6 for adults (18+)

$4 for teens (13-17)

$3 for children (12 & under)

$25 max per family.

Please join us for great food and fellowship time every Wednesday! Reservations 615-794-5529.

Email: info@grasslandheights.org

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

The annual Operation Christmas Child prepacked box fundraiser runs from October 1st through October 30th. Each prepacked box costs $25.00 and directly impacts children globally while funding local church ministries.

Thanks to your orders last year, this ministry donated $2,000. to support GHBC youth attending summer camp.

Last year our church ordered 103 boxes, and the goal this year is to surpass that number. To participate, please make checks payable to **GHBC** and include "Christmas boxes" in the memo line.

Fall Fest with Grassland Day School



Join us for our annual **Fall Fest on Wednesday, October 28, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM** for an evening of community, food, and family fun! Kids will love jumping on the two inflatables, meeting a balloon artist, playing festive games, and collecting candy during Trunk-or-Treat.

We will also be firing up the campfires to grill delicious hot dogs and roast gooey s'mores, plus holding an exciting cake walk. Grab your family, invite your neighbors, and come celebrate the season with our church family and Grassland Day School!



Our **Room in the Inn (RITI)** ministry returns this season, **starting in November and ending in March 2027** to serve **7 local men** with meals, fellowship, Bible study, clothing, and safe overnight housing.

More details are coming soon, but we need a dedicated team of volunteers to make this possible. Sign-up sheets will be available soon in the Foyer for the following areas:

- **Overnight Hosts:** Two men to stay in the RITI Hallway basement, share dinner and breakfast.
- **Bus Drivers:** Drivers (under age 75) to operate the automatic church bus for evening pickup and morning drop-off at the downtown Nashville RITI campus.
- **Meal & Lunch Providers:** Volunteers to prepare and serve Thursday dinner and Friday breakfast for guests and hosts, as well as pack sack lunches.
- **Laundry & Clothes Closet Support:** Helpers to assist guests in the clothing closet on Thursday night, and volunteers to launder the linens over the weekend.

Worship Services

Sundays:

9:00am - Shield Bearer Prayer Ministry. 9:15am - Life Groups.

10:30am - Worship Service Wednesdays

6:00pm Prayer/Devo time (Wednesday nights in the Chapel)

Sunday services are available on our GHBC App and YouTube channel.

Go to grasslandheights.org and click the "STREAM LIVE & RECORDED SERVICES" button.

Check out our GHBC playlists filled with new and familiar songs about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.



Nominating Committee Needs You!

We are looking for men and women who are willing to serve on our Actions Teams and various roles that are important in the life of our church. If you would like to know more about those details, please contact Jennifer Chambers at 615-496-5593 or jenczmail@gmail.com

Life Groups - Oct. 2026

Explore the Bible: Continue the study of Romans. We will cover select passages from Romans chapters 6-9.

Bible Studies for Life: Learning *"How God Speaks"* and start a new study theme, *"The Beauty of Forgiveness."*

Men's Life Group: They are studying the Gospel of John on Thursdays at 2:00pm in the Chapel.

Women's Life Group: Jennifer Rothchild explores Psalms 23. 5pm Sundays in the choir room.

Student Life Group: They are alternating between their study of the book of Hebrews and the book of James on Sundays. On Wednesday, they are focusing on 1st Peter.

Kids Life Group: Children will begin a series on the theme *"Obedience to God"* focusing on Old Testament stories of the importance of obeying God. On Wednesdays, diving into the **Fruit of the Spirit** to see how God produces those traits in our hearts.

Shield-Bearer Prayer Ministry: Meets at 9:00am each Sunday to pray and ask the Lord to move through our bible study and worship. Please join us for this meaningful time of prayer and worship



First Wednesday Family Worship and Prayer

Our church family is invited to gather in the chapel for student-led worship and prayer at 6pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Join us on October 7th.

Do Not Forget



Business meeting (potluck lunch):

Oct25

Lord's Supper 1st Sunday of each month:

Oct4

Nov 1

Dec6

Fall School Break -Williamson County:

Oct12-16

Fall Fest:

Oct 28 - 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Events

Nov 18 Church Family Thanksgiving meal.

Nov 25 - No Meal

Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Holiday