

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

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PRAY LIKE JESUS

FEBRUARY-MARCH MESSAGE SERIES

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 **Relationship**

Guests are invited to meet members of our staff, shepherds, and other key leaders over lunch and conversation.

TODAY @ 11:45 a.m.
Youth Room

Community Partner
FOOD DRIVE

 **Meals by Grace**
mealsbygrace.org

Drop off in the lobby March 9-23

- Cereal - regular size (12 oz. & up)
- Shelf-stable milk (1 qt. any brand)
- Canned meat (5 oz.)
- Snack bars (any variety)
- Fruit or applesauce cups (any variety)

WILD AT HEART
MEN'S RETREAT

A WEEKEND OF RENEWAL HOSTED BY
MEN of GRACE

MARCH 13-16, 2025



REGISTER AT [GRACECHAPELCHURCH.COM/GCEVENTS](https://gracechapelchurch.com/gcevents)

Join us for Baby Shower honoring

JESS & ANDREW CONCHA

BABY!

On March 22nd at 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Grace Chapel Church of Christ Lobby

Please RSVP if you are coming by March 15th with the link below or text Kayla Dicus | 630-336-5355

RSVP: conchababyparty.eventbrite.com

Registry: my.babylist.com/baby-jessica-concha

You're invited to an evening of

OLD TIME
Gospel SINGING
and Ice Cream Social

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd, 6 - 8 PM
Grace Chapel Auditorium

Sign up in the lobby March 9th - 16th

hosted by  prime timers



Wills vs. Trusts

Which is More Trustworthy?

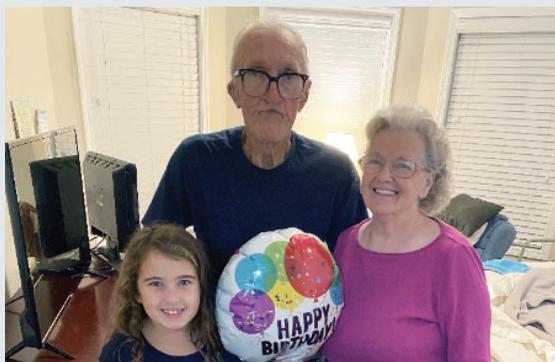
Estate Planning Workshop
presented by attorney Greg Lisby

Saturday, April 12th, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

To register, visit
gracechapelchurch.com/gcevents

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

SAINTS AT HOME: BERT AND JOYCE BLACKWELL



also takes care of their eight-year-old great-granddaughter, Rilynn, who has lived with them since the age of two.

ANGELS

Joyce believes in angels, and sings the praises of her “angels” from Grace Chapel, along with others, who minister to their family as she functions in her caregiving role. She knows that God has sent them to her, and that God has their back, no matter what happens. She has seen God demonstrate his care and power so many times as he watches over them!

FAMILY COMMITMENT

This year, Bert and Joyce will celebrate sixty-six years of marriage. They have three sons: Kim, Charlie, and Bobby. They are also blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren. Charlie and his wife, Dawn, worship with us at Grace Chapel.

For over sixty years, Joyce and Bert have been faithful members of the Lord’s church. They have worshipped at Grace Chapel Church of Christ in Cumming, Georgia since it was planted twenty-five years ago. Their love and lifelong dedication to serving the Lord and others is an inspiration to us all.

Bert and Joyce are now in their eighties, and have not been able to worship with us in person at Grace Chapel for over a year due to Bert’s failing health. We sorely miss them. However, that doesn’t mean that the Blackwells are not with us in spirit.

To visit with them, and see Bert’s sweet smile, the gleam in his eyes, and to feel his big old hands reach out and touch you, you wouldn’t know that hospice is now monitoring his health situation and comes by weekly to check on him.

CAREGIVERS

We lift up all caregivers, especially sister Joyce. Not only does Joyce take care of Bert, she



HISTORY AND FAITH JOURNEY

Bert and Joyce grew up near one another in the Center Hill community, just west of downtown Atlanta. They attended the same school, but Bert was three years older than Joyce. Both of them were exposed to religious values during childhood, but were not regular churchgoers due to their family situations.

At age twelve, Joyce began praying that God would send her a man who would be a godly husband. Well... he did! Joyce was fifteen and Bert was eighteen when they wed in 1959.

The Blackwells were determined to find a church where they could raise up their children in the Lord. Kim and Charlie had already been born, but Bert and Joyce still hadn't been able to find a church home with values they saw in scripture. That all changed when they visited a little church of Christ in Alpharetta, and both said, "This is it!"

Joyce and Bert studied and were baptized into Christ, and began pouring themselves into their new church family. Joyce began teaching the first grade children's Bible class on Sunday mornings, and continued teaching first graders when they moved to Sandy Springs Church of Christ. That church later became North Atlanta Church of Christ, and subsequently planted Grace Chapel. Joyce also worked as a school bus driver for over twenty-five years.

Bert's vocation was in construction, and he specialized in finishing out residential and commercial building interiors. This came in very handy twenty-five years ago, when the Grace Chapel church plant moved from their schoolhouse meeting place to an unfinished warehouse. Bert took the lead in building out that space, with the help of a number of others. He told their preacher, Kurt Picker, not to worry; he wasn't going to have his brothers

and sisters worshipping in a cavernous metal building, but rather a finished out space that they could be proud of...a suitable place to worship God and to invite non-Christians.

Throughout their lives, their faith in God and his son, Jesus, has been a constant source of strength, no matter what obstacles they have faced. Their works of service as volunteers and teachers are a true inspiration. For example, Joyce's teaching ministry touched the lives of thousands of first grade children over a period of forty-six years. She was planting seeds of faith that continue to grow even now and beyond.

Bert and Joyce's life story is still being written, and is a life story worthy of celebration and repeating to others. It is a story of love and devotion to God and a love for others. True selflessness.

Though they dearly miss gathering with us each Sunday, Joyce and Bert know they are held in our prayers. We are grateful for their lifetime of service and the legacy of faith they are still writing for us with their lives. May we continue to uplift and encourage this beloved couple in the days ahead. *They are not alone!*

BERT AND JOYCE BLACKWELL

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(Please see online church directory for phone #)



PRESCHOOL: This month is all about Jesus and how **Jesus can do anything!**

KEY QUESTION: Who can do anything?

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus can do anything.

MEMORY VERSE: “And the power of the Lord was with Jesus.” (Luke 5:17 NIV)

ELEMENTARY: When we work together, we reflect Jesus to others.

COOPERATION: Working together to do more than you can do alone.

MEMORY VERSE: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIV)

This week we’ll continue our new GC Youth series called *Amen: Learning to Pray Like Jesus*. Hope to see you Sunday night!

Dinner: Riverside Pizza

Speaker:

YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

TONIGHT: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

3/16: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

3/23: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

3/30: No Youth Night (FoCo Spring Break)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

MEDICAL

John Wood: Please continue to pray for John as he undergoes chemo treatments for pancreatic cancer. Our prayer is for regained strength and reduced nausea, and complete healing!

Bobby McVey: Treatments for lung cancer and bone metastasis are going well, and Bobby is feeling better. Please pray that these treatments are effective, and for full health recovery.

Bert Blackwell: Was hospitalized in late January, and is now at home under weekly hospice care. Please pray for comfort for Bert and family.

**If you would like to help with meals for the family (three adults, one child), or contribute to their Meal Train fund, please see the Meal Train sign up at mealtrain.com/trains/yrz13k.

OTHER REQUESTS

Brandy Hicks: Struggling to find a job since she and her family moved to the Cumming area over

a year ago. Please pray for peace and comfort for their family, and that Brandy can find a great job. They are frequent visitors at GC.

IN MEMORIAM

Adana Kristine Buttrum: Sister of Alicia Wood (John), passed away February 23rd in Little Rock, AR. We pray for Alicia, John and family as they mourn this loss. May the Lord provide peace and a comforting hand. Adana’s obituary may be read at moorecaborfuneralhome.com/obituary/adana-buttrum.

SAINTS AT HOME

Included in this week’s bulletin is an insert containing the first in a series of articles we will be publishing called *Saints at Home*. These will be periodic articles will highlight GC members who are unable to physically attend services and events. We want to tell their inspiring life stories as we are able to interview each one.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let Us Adore

Welcome

Ben Patterson

No Other Gods

Salvation Belongs to Our God

We Are the Body of Christ

Communion

Nick Ford

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Offering

Nick Ford

Kids Dismissal

Ben Patterson

Mighty to Save

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Message: Mission

Rob Shaver

Pray Like Jesus: Part 5

Silent Prayer and Song (Build Your Kingdom Here)

Next Steps

Ben Patterson

Shepherd's Prayer

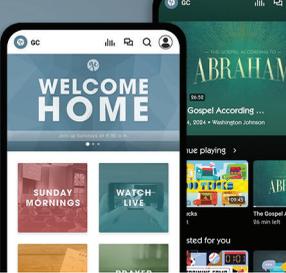
Jason Green

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LAST WEEK (3/2/25)

Attendance	500
YTD Contributions	\$205,607