

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).

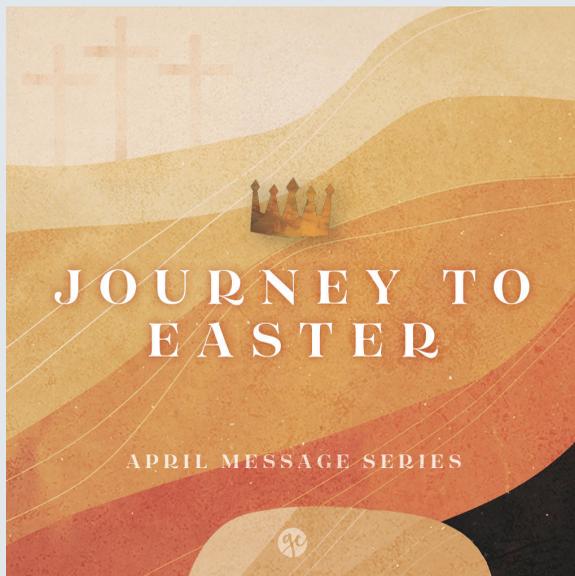
FOR OUR GUESTS

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

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



Easter
EGGS NEEDED

We're collecting filled, plastic eggs for our
EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

Please place in the collection bin
located in the kids hall.

Contact Kate Hazlewood with questions
kate@gracechapelchurch.com

go kids



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Partnership

Learn more about member expectations and next steps at our lunch for new members.

April 13th @ 11:45 a.m.
Youth Room



JOURNEY TO EASTER
FAMILY EXPERIENCE

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH • 6-8 P.M.

FAMILY PASTA DINNER • INTERACTIVE STATIONS •
MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP GATHERING

RSVP BY APRIL 12TH AT
GRACECHAPELCHURCH.COM/GCEVENTS



EASTER
WITH GRACE CHAPEL

APRIL 20, 2025

SUNRISE SERVICE • 7:00 a.m.
EASTER SERVICE • 9:30 a.m.
FAMILY EGG HUNT • 11:45 a.m.



gc prime timers

Birthday Bash!
food • fun • fellowship

Friday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
GC Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the GC Lobby Sundays through April 20th
Contact Judy Sampley for more info
Call or text (770) 597-5039



Bloom
WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 a.m.

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HELPING THE ELDERLY

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEDICAL

Asher (nephew of Rachael Turner): Six-year-old Asher has been hospitalized with bacterial meningitis and is recovering from the recent brain surgery that removed 70% of the infection. He cannot be released from the hospital until antibiotics clear up the remaining infection and the daily, periodic fevers and headaches have abated. Will have an MRI on Monday. Please pray for little Asher's full recovery, for the medical team, and the family.

Bert & Joyce Blackwell: Bert was hospitalized in late January and is now at home under Joyce's care, but his health continues to slowly decline. Please pray for comfort for Bert, and strength and energy for Joyce, especially as she keeps up with their sweet 8-year-old great granddaughter who lives with them.

Bobby McVey: Had a chemo treatment this past Friday, and a follow-up CT scan is scheduled for April 18th. Please pray for a clean scan and that no further chemo treatments will be needed.

David Wheeler: Had an MRI on April 4th to evaluate his kidney cancer; David is also dealing with prostate and skin cancer. Will be following up with his doctor in June. Please pray for strength and peace. Carolyn is doing fine.

Esther and Russ Johnson: Esther continues to deal with effects of Parkinson's disease, which she's had for ten years. Minor tremors, no energy, abdominal pain, and side effects of medication are part of her daily life. Recently, Esther's anxiety level has increased dramatically. Husband, Russ, is Esther's primary caregiver. Please pray for Russ and Esther, and that our Heavenly Father will give this sweet couple a Holy Spirit-level of peace and strength. Also pray for their son, who lives with them and has been helping out.

John Wood: It was all good news from the recent PET scan analysis for John and his pancreatic cancer treatments. The tumors have shrunk

significantly, and the tumor activities are way down. John will have his third treatment in this round of chemo next Monday. He has been able to handle the nausea better the last few rounds, and we pray that continues. Another PET scan is scheduled for early June. Let us continue to pray for this special family and their journey, and that God continues to be glorified.

Laura Johnson: We pray for Russ Johnson's sister and her ongoing battle with bladder cancer (over nine years). Laura has been having chemo infusion treatments. These treatments always have tough side effects. We pray for Laura: for strength, reduced nausea, and that the treatments will rid her body of cancer. Give her peace, Lord.

Vernon Shuffett II: Recently, our Vernon Shuffett III's 99-year-old father (who lives with him) had a stroke and is now in rehab. He is working to recover, but complete recovery is unlikely due to his age and overall health. Please pray for gaining better health as he labors through a tough rehab scenario. Vernon's dad depends on God and has an indomitable, optimistic spirit.

IN MEMORIAM

Ron Horn: Father of Kerrie Rhodes, passed away on March 18th. Services were held on April 5th at Buford Church of Christ. Please pray for peace and comfort for Ron's family and loved ones as they mourn the loss of a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Ron's obituary may be viewed at crowellbrothers.com/obituaries/Ronald-Lyle-Horn?obId=39773948.

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



PRESCHOOL: This month, we're talking with preschoolers about days that are happy because Jesus is alive. Easter is the happiest of happy days, and every day can be a happy day because Jesus is alive. What an awesome privilege we have to share the good news with preschoolers that **Jesus is alive!**

KEY QUESTION: Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is alive!

MEMORY VERSE: "I am alive forever and ever!" (Revelation 1:18 NIV)



ELEMENTARY: Sometimes, we may not understand why something happens the way it does. Yet, in spite of the things that go wrong or the things we don't understand, we can have hope that God knows what's best and is working for our good. Because of that, we can trust God no matter what as we explore why the story of Jesus is good news for everyone.

HOPE: Believing that something good can come out of something bad.

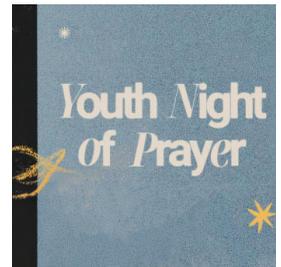
MEMORY VERSE: "In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world." (John 16:33b NIV)



Don't miss this week's Youth Night, where we'll gather together for special night of prayer. Spend time connecting with your Small Groups and praying together.

Dinner: Soft taco/nacho bar

Don't forget to sign up for Spring XP, April 25–27!
Register at gracechapelchurch.com/gcyouth.



YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

TONIGHT: Youth Night of Prayer
4/20: Youth Night of Worship

4/27: No Youth Night (Spring XP)
5/4: Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Forever

Welcome

Jim Beasley

Let Us Worship
I Stand Amazed
Christ Above Me

Communion

Steven Ramsey

May I Call You Father?

Offering

Steven Ramsey

Kids Dismissal

Jim Beasley

Cornerstone
You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Message: What Now, God?
Journey to Easter: Part 2

Rob Shaver

Testimony

Andrew Butler

Prayer Response

Next Steps

Jim Beasley

Shepherd's Prayer

Dale Kilpatrick

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LAST WEEK (4/6/25)

Attendance 406

YTD Contributions \$326,554

SAINTS AT HOME: LOUISE CLITES



Louise with friends at GC

Our beloved sister, Louise Clites, has lived a life devoted to the Lord since choosing Jesus and being baptized at age eleven. At ninety-four, declining health has kept her from attending Grace Chapel in person, but she remains faithful, worshipping online. Her absence is deeply felt in our fellowship.

In 2022, Louise moved to Cumming, Georgia, to be closer to three of her four children. Her connection to Claude and Cindy Terry, long-time friends from Central Church of Christ in Johnson City, Tennessee, brought her to Grace Chapel.

Raised with her sister in a Christian home in New Jersey, Louise grew up with music as a significant part of her life, studying classical violin. Ever curious, she valued learning and knowledge.

Louise was married to two Christian men, both now deceased. Her first husband, Dr. Bob Griffin, passed away in 1991 after forty years of marriage and four children: Betsy, Palmer, Kitty and Jenny. In 1993 Louise married Roger Clites, a former college friend. They lived

in east Tennessee and worshiped at Central Church of Christ in Johnson City until Roger's passing in 2022.

HISTORY AND SERVICE

Bob was a medical doctor when their family moved to Fort Deposit, Alabama, in 1960. The small, deep south town had only 1,500 residents, about eighty percent of whom were black, and Griffin was the only doctor. The family lived there until 1978, raising their children and attending a 100-member church of Christ.

Son, Palmer, testifies as to how God was always first in their family, and recalls how each night at bedtime the family would have prayer and a devotional. As they prayed, they would all get on their knees around their parents' bed.

In the midst of the 1960s Civil Rights movement and the unrest it brought, especially in Alabama, Bob and Louise remained steadfast in their commitment to Fort Deposit. The little town needed a doctor, and they were going to be there for their community.



Louise with children Jenny (seated), Betsy, Kitty, and Palmer

MEDICAL SERVICE

Louise earned her degree in medical technology from the University of Chattanooga and served as her husband's medical assistant, doing lab work, X-rays, and helping him as needed. Her medical training would impact her for the rest of her life.

In 1978, Bob decided he didn't want Louise to have to work every day, so he was commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Air Force and became a flight surgeon. For the next ten years they moved around to several duty stations. Dr. Griffin retired in 1988 and passed away in 1991.

FAMILY COMMITMENT

Louise's marriage to Roger in 1993 marked the beginning of a new chapter in her life in Johnson City. She began participating in medical mission trips to Central America, starting in Belize and later traveling to the Spanish-speaking countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Recognizing the need to communicate effectively, Louise immersed herself in Spanish language training by living with a family in Guatemala for six weeks. This experience enabled her to serve as a translator on future mission trips.

From ages sixty to eighty, Louise embarked on what felt like a second career, participating in over forty medical mission trips and often taking on leadership roles. These trips, typically lasting one to two weeks, allowed her to serve alongside volunteer medical specialists to whom she grew close over her years of mission work.

Once on location, Louise would perform all of the necessary pre-op work to prepare patients for surgery. She served as an on-site med-tech, translator, and trainer, helping local

medical staff to learn about the latest medical technology and lab processes.

Central Church of Christ supported Louise in her efforts by helping her sponsor an annual event at Central where churches of Christ members from around the country could come for mission training.

Louise embodies resilience, dedication, and a servant's heart. Each day, she has devoted her life to the Lord, His church, and serving others. Together with her first husband, Bob, she faithfully brought up their children guided by the teachings and wisdom of the Lord, modeling Christian values through their unwavering example.

When son Palmer was asked, "How would you and your sisters describe your mother?" Palmer immediately said, "Mom is a lady of faith and service to others. All her life, she has lived out her faith, not just in words, but with loving actions."

Wherever she was and whatever the circumstances, Louise was a leader and bloomed where she was planted. She has excelled in living a life of faithful dedication to our Heavenly Father, her family, and others.

At ninety-four, Louise, though not in good health, is gracefully completing her race and preparing to claim her reward. While we wish she could remain with us longer, she is ready to be with God. Her life is a testament to faith and strength—an extraordinary example. Surely, there is a mansion just over the hilltop for this dear saint!

For Cards:

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