

## 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).

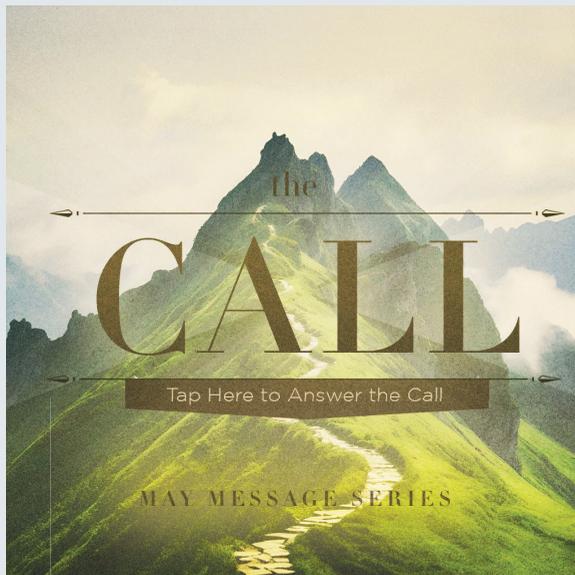
## FOR OUR GUESTS

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



care team  
**kids clothes DRIVE**  
May 1 - 31, 2025

Georgia Department of Human Services  
Georgia Agape

Needs for foster and adoptive families in Forsyth County:

<b>KIDS' CLOTHING</b>	<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>
Summer Clothing (new/gently used - all sizes)	Diapers & Wipes
Socks (all sizes)	Shampoo & Conditioner
Pajamas (all sizes)	Deodorant
Boys'/Men's Underwear (all sizes)	Toothpaste



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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



Join us for a baby shower honoring

A NEW **SILLY with GOOSE**

Andrea and Jacob Lawson

May 18th at 2-4pm  
Grace Chapel

RSVP to Sandra at 562.209.0637  
Registered at my.babylist.com  
Women's baby shower - come and go

WILL BE ON THE LOOSE!



Explore mountains of fun!

## VBS 2025

June 2nd - 6th  
9 a.m. - noon

**REGISTER NOW!**  
[gracechapelchurch.com/vbs](http://gracechapelchurch.com/vbs)

gc kids

QR codes for Kids and Volunteers registration



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join Us For Food & Fellowship

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
8:00-10:30 AM  
GC Youth Room

RSVP @ [gracechapelchurch.com/gcevents](http://gracechapelchurch.com/gcevents)



## ATTENTION!

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is overflowing with abandoned treasures!

If you're missing something, please check out the Lost & Found table in the hallway.

All unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of after **Sunday, May 25th.**

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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEDICAL

**Don Trimble:** Has had lower back problems for years but the pain has been severe lately. Please pray for Don's full healing and that his back pain just melts away as he undergoes treatment. And pray for wife Brenda as she serves as caregiver.

**Michael Prather:** Was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that has metastasized to his liver, bone, spine, and brain. Michael is known by many members at GC, and has worked with the His Way group. Please pray for comfort and healing.

**Lachlan Doris (great granddaughter of Betty Doris):** Four-year-old Lachlan was recently hospitalized for breathing problems due to low oxygen levels but is now back at home. Please pray for Lachlan's having normal oxygen levels, and for family as they minister to her.

**Bert & Joyce Blackwell:** Bert is at home under Joyce's care as his health continues to slowly decline. Please pray for comfort for Bert, and strength, comfort, and energy for Joyce. Sign up to take a meal or contribute to their meal fund at [mealtrain.com/yrz13k](http://mealtrain.com/yrz13k)

**Bobby McVey:** Thanks to all at Grace Chapel for your wonderful prayers and cards. They have helped Bobby get through and complete his lung cancer treatments. No more radiation or chemo! Please pray for increased energy and strength coming back and full health recovery.

**David Wheeler:** Results from a recent MRI show that cancer in the right kidney is growing slowly, but there is a new, aggressive type of cancer in his left kidney. The good news is that it has not metastasized. David will be following up with his doctor in June. David is not a candidate for kidney or prostate surgery. Please pray for strength, comfort, and peace for both David and wife Carolyn.

**Esther and Russ Johnson:** Esther recently changed doctors as part of her dealing with Parkinson's

disease. Please pray that the change in doctors and any treatment modifications will lead to much better daily health, strength, and control over any anxiety. Please pray for Russ as her caregiver.

**Cathy Arvidson (sister-in-law of Esther Johnson):** Has been recovering from recent back surgery to relieve severe pain. Cathy expresses thanks to God for seeing her through this, as well as to all those who have been praying for her. Please pray that her back surgery will fully relieve the pain, and that she has complete recovery.

**John Wood:** Had his eleventh chemo treatment for pancreatic cancer on Monday, May 12th. Please pray that he continues to heal and stay strong through this process. We pray that God continues to be glorified through the tremendous faith that John, Alicia, and their family have displayed throughout this journey.

**Laura Johnson:** We pray for Russ Johnson's sister and her ongoing battle with bladder cancer (over nine years). Had a good checkup with her doctor recently and the cancer has NOT grown. Please pray for strength, reduced nausea, and that the treatments will rid her body of cancer.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Louise Clites:** We mourn the passing of this dear saint this past Wednesday May 14th. Sister Louise was waiting for the Lord to call her home. May God rest her soul after 94 years in this earthly realm after touching thousands of souls in her US and Central America ministries. We pray for her sweet family.

Services will be held at Central Church of Christ in Johnson City, TN; more details to come.

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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?  
Send us your prayer requests at  
[gracechapelchurch.com/pray](http://gracechapelchurch.com/pray)



**PRE-SCHOOL:** God is going to give our preschoolers big things to do. God is going to give them little things to do. And whether it's a big thing or a little thing, we want our preschoolers to know that they have the Lord our God to help them. **God helps me do big things!**

**KEY QUESTION:** Who helps you do big things?

**BOTTOM LINE:** God helps me to do big things.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "I know that God helps me." (Psalm 54:4 NIrV)



**ELEMENTARY:** God took initiative on our behalf by seeing that our relationship was broken and needed to be fixed. So God sent Jesus to make it right. Because we are made in God's image, we are wired to be able to take initiative and get things done too.

**INITIATIVE:** Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others." (Philippians 2:4 NIrV)



All 6th through 12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Night tonight! Bring a friend and connect with others in a safe, fun environment.

**Dinner:** Riverside Pizza

**Speakers:** Rocky & Ben

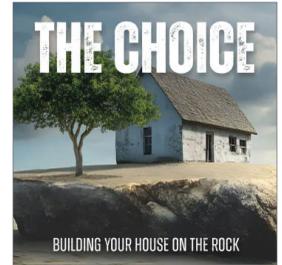
**YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE**

**TONIGHT:** Youth Night, 5–8 p.m.

5/25: Summer Kickoff YN

6/1: Play & Praise YN @ Fowler

6/8: Youth Night, 5–9 p.m.



*Tonight's message*

**SAVE THE DATE**

June 2–6: VBS

June 9–12: AIM KidsCamp

June 20–23: Camp GC

July 12–18: HS Mission Trip

Oct. 31–Nov. 2: Fall Retreat

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

**FOLLOW US!**

@gcyouthga



**REMININD UPDATES:** Text your code to 81010

GC Youth Parents: @gcymparents

MS Students: @gcymsms | HS Students:@gcyhms

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Love of God

Welcome

Ben Patterson

Forever Reign  
There's a Stirring  
He Is Wonderful

Communion

Bharat Raaya

Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain

Offering

Bharat Raaya

Kids Dismissal

Ben Patterson

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
O Church, Arise

Message: A Call to Participate  
*The Call: Part 3*

Rob Shaver

Be Thou My Vision

Next Steps

Ben Patterson

Shepherd's Prayer

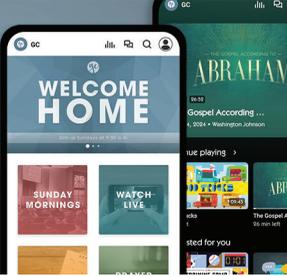
Jason Green

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## LAST WEEK (4/27/25)

Attendance 477

YTD Contributions \$462,118

# 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:

Louise Clites  
815 Atlanta Hwy, Apt. 305  
Cumming, GA 30040

# PRAYER REQUESTS

April 13, 2025



## 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

the nausea better the last few rounds, and w continues. Another PET scan is scheduled f Let us continue to pray for this special fami journey, and that God continues to be glori

**Laura Johnson:** We pray for Russ Johnson's her ongoing battle with bladder cancer (ove Laura has been having chemo infusion treat treatments always have tough side effects. W Laura: for strength, reduced nausea, and tha will rid her body of cancer. Give her peace,

**Vernon Shuffett II:** Recently, our Vernon S 99-year-old father (who lives with him) had is now in rehab. He is working to recover, b recovery is unlikely due to his age and overa pray for gaining better health as he labors th rehab scenario. Vernon's dad depends on G indomitable, optimistic spirit.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ron Horn:** Father of Kerrie Rhodes, passed 18th. Services were held on April 5th at Bu Christ. Please pray for peace and comfort fo and loved ones as they mourn the loss of a b grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Ron's obituary may be viewed at [crowellbro.com/obituaries/Ronald-Lyle-Horn?obId=397739](https://www.crowellbro.com/obituaries/Ronald-Lyle-Horn?obId=397739)