GCC Ministries

Welcome Team

The Welcome Team ministry exists to glorify God by providing a welcoming environment for all who attend GCC. We want our guests to feel right at home from the moment they first arrive at our property. We also serve regular attenders, because everyone needs encouragement, as well as those who need additional assistance. We value leading the church in the critical role of cultivating a welcoming environment where our guests and members feel served and encouraged. Volunteers serve a minimum of once a month, but are welcome to serve more as their schedule allows.

Contact: welcometeam@gracechurchmarietta.org

Adult Classes and Studies

We are committed to equipping the saints by feasting on the truth of God's Word! We unashamedly preach and teach the Word of God in all seasons and for all stages of life. We strive for biblical clarity and practical application in all teaching ministries of GCC as we desire to see God's people be equipped for evangelizing, discipling, and works of service. We study God's Word to discern His will and to spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

We offer several different environments to grow in the knowledge of God through His Word – from Sunday morning Classes, to gender-specific Bible studies throughout the week. The church can only be healthy insomuch as each member is growing in their faith. So, we invite you to take part in our weekly Class and Study offerings!

God has gifted men and women in the church with the spiritual gift of teaching! Teaching can take many forms, from one-on-one discipling to leading a small group to teaching a large group of people of various ages! If you believe God has given you the gift of teaching, contact our Elder overseeing Equipping.

Contact: equipping@gracechurchmarietta.org

Children's Ministry

Grace Kids is an opportunity for children visiting or attending GCC to be discipled through scripture study and worship in age-appropriate ways. On Sundays we offer nursery and classes for birth through 6th grade during our first hour. During worship, birth through kindergarten may remain downstairs, while all other children join corporate worship until 1st through 4th graders transition to Kids Church for the rest of our gathering.

After 6 months at GCC, you are welcome to serve in Grace Kids. We take our children's safety seriously, and every adult serving in Grace Kids has a current background check and Ministry Safe training. Grace Kids takes June and July off for summer travel and teacher rest. However, nursery/preschool runs year round.

Contact: gracekids@gracechurchmarietta.org

Kids Club
Grace Kids offers deep discipleship and fun through the use of Kids Club every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm during the fall and spring. The goal of Kids Club is to train the next generation to know and love Jesus, with an emphasis on Scripture memory! Every week will have a Gospel-focused lesson and a memory verse to go along with it. In addition to the weekly verses, the kids will also be memorizing a passage of Scripture. We want our kids to hide God's Word in their hearts to help aid a lifetime of faithfulness! We offer multiple volunteer positions to engage the kids with the truth of God Word and the Love of Jesus.

Contact: kidsclub@gracechurchmarietta.org

Grace Kids Camp
Every June, we offer a 1 week day camp where we engage in foundational and in-depth Bible teaching, games, missions, crafts, worship, and small group times! Our camp is available to completed Kindergarten through completed 6th grade. This is an amazing opportunity to share the gospel with children from our church and local community and teach them to delve deeper into the Word of God and learn to apply it to their lives, while living out their purpose of sharing the love of Christ with others.

We offer volunteer positions of every kind: teachers, nursery for staff, kitchen team, photography, games, administration, drama, music, crafts, science, missions, sound/av and much more.

Contact: campdirector@gracechurchmarietta.org

Student Ministry

Student Ministries at GCC are for 7th-12th graders and are dedicated to helping our youth understand the gospel and its transforming power in a Christian's life. We focus on systematically teaching God's Word and utilizing the power of small groups towards disciple-making. The pressures on teens today to be conformed to this world are unprecedented. We aim to pass on the faith to the next generation. We do this through relational investment from Godly men and women, teaching the truth of God's Word, creating opportunities to serve and build community with one another, and of course by having fun!

Volunteers invest in small groups of students by developing relationships with them, helping them understand and apply the Bible, attending various youth events, and through prayer and encouragement.

Contact: studentministry@gracechurchmarietta.org

Young Adult Ministry

Are you looking for a welcoming community as you navigate adulthood and grow in your faith? Our Young Adult Ministry exists to help adults, ages 18 to approximately 35, build meaningful, Christ-centered relationships. We desire to encourage one another to grow in prayer, remain faithful to Christ, and support each other through the opportunities and challenges of this season of life.

We gather once a month after the Sunday worship gathering to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and get to know one another. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for a while, we'd love to have you join us! If you have questions, or are interested in connecting through a young adult Bible study, please contact us to learn more.

Contact: youngadult@gracechurchmarietta.org

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry exists to glorify God by providing opportunities for women to grow in their relationship with God and with one another. We believe we are better together in Christ and grow from the chance to hear and share stories of God's faithfulness in our lives. Our cross-generational fellowship provides large and small group discipleship and encouragement through Bible study and prayer groups, seasonal gatherings, retreats, and other activities.

We offer multiple opportunities to gather across generations so that we can learn from and support each other. Our Leadership Team helps organize events for women, and there are various opportunities to bring your gifts and interests to contribute. Please let us know what you enjoy, what gifts you have to share, and the ways you'd like to participate in women's ministry.

Contact: womensministry@gracechurchmarietta.org

Men's Ministry

We believe God created men with unique abilities and give them specific roles in the family, the church, and in society. We offer opportunities for men of all ages to glorify God and build each other up to maturity through education and discipleship, fellowship, and special events. We also create opportunities for men to serve in the church and community as we seek to influence others for the sake of Christ. A couple of the Bible study offerings are listed below.

Contact: mensministry@gracechurchmarietta.org

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)
GCC is the host church for a BSF Men's Evening Group which meets on Tuesday evenings at 7PM. BSF is a global organization that partners with local churches to provide in-depth Bible study for men, women and children and has been in existence for over 60 years, The study lasts for approximately 30 weeks, and coincides closely with the school calendar. To learn more about BSF, visit bsfinternational.org.

We currently have about 100 men that attend in person or virtually, including elders and church members of GCC.

Contact: bsf@gracechurchmarietta.org

Marriage Ministry

We believe that marriage is God's creation for His purpose to reveal the Gospel lived out in a marriage relationship. Our marriage ministry exists to strengthen not just hurting marriages, but all marriages. We do so by blending biblical teaching, authentic fellowship, and practical wisdom in couple-to-couple, small group and classroom environments, as well as through pastoral pre-marriage and marriage counseling. We make these opportunities available during Sunday mornings, occasional weeknight opportunities and infrequent large-group gatherings.

We welcome couples to plan events, lead small group discussions, and help build our repertory of teaching materials.

Contact: marriageministry@gracechurchmarietta.org

Worship Ministry

Music & Singing

We believe corporate worship of music and singing is important to and expected by Lord as He gathers and assembles His church each week. God gives us clear instruction (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19) on how and why we come together to lift our voices together in song. We want to be obedient to the Lord by singing together each week. In these scriptures, and others, we see that singing songs of worship help the Word of God take deep root in our lives. Whether it's singing the truths of who God is and who we are in Him, or using melodies put to scripture, we are memorizing and hiding His word in our hearts. Additionally, we build each other up when we worship through singing. We "address one another" in song for the purpose of encouraging, serving, and challenging each other. The Lord is glorified when His people gather to worship Him. Many voices, all raised in unity, are powerful to all who hear and the Lord works through his people when they do this.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! - Psalm 105:1-2

At GCC, there are many opportunities to serve and lead in our worship gatherings and ministry events. Our musical worship is led by teams of singers and musicians, but is also supported by other roles in audio, video, and production.

Audio/Visual

The A/V Ministry Team at GCC serves the body of Christ by helping to create an environment that is conducive to worshiping our Lord and Savior. We are responsible for all of the audio and visual presentations that occur during gatherings at Grace Community Church, including those that happen on the grounds, as well as through our livestream. While we welcome creative expertise, having a servant's heart is even more important.

The ministry is currently organized into three focus areas, which include presentation (the graphics that are displayed during the service), video production (video switching and the livestream production), and sound. Team members are welcome to focus on a single area or cross train in multiple areas. We ask team members to volunteer at least one Sunday per month, and commitments can range from 15 minutes to several hours depending upon your availability.

Contact: worshipministry@gracechurchmarietta.org

Global Missions

God makes it clear in His Word that He has called the church to reach the nations with the good news of his Son, Jesus. GCC takes this seriously and currently partners with over 15 missionaries and mission organizations around the world. We define missions as gospel-centered ministry that crosses barriers of distance, culture, and language in order to establish and strengthen the church outside the USA. We see ourselves as a Sending Church, and are focused on strengthening discipleship as preparation to go to the nations. We also offer opportunities to participate in missions from home through Advocacy Care Teams (ACTs) for each of our missionaries, adult Sunday school classes, short-term trips, and by providing hospitality for visiting missionaries.

The goal of missions at GCC is to see every people group on earth have access to:
1) Gospel proclamation, including the Bible in their own language
2) Discipleship
3) A church that adheres to scripture and is self-sustaining and self-replicating

ACT - Advocacy Care Teams
Small groups of church members who commit to encourage, pray, and deepen relationship with a particular missionary through regular communication and prayer.

"Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." Colossians 4:3-4

Missions Committee
Members serve in one or more areas of Administration (budget, policy), Education (classes, newsletter), Missionary Care (hospitality, ACTs, agency relationships), and Short-term Trips (planning, training). Meetings are held monthly.

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. Acts 13:2-3

Events and Hospitality
Volunteers help organize, set up, provide food and paper goods, and clean up for special events. Opportunities may include providing host homes, meals, and arranging transportation for visiting missionaries.

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Romans 12:13

Prayer
We commit to regularly pray for our missionaries, the areas where they are serving, and for God to raise up and help us to equip more people from our congregation who will go to spread the gospel to the nations.

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:2

Teaching
We have opportunities for more teachers, well-versed in the Biblical foundation of cross-cultural missions, who will teach in adult Sunday classes and youth and children's programs, as well as disciple those who are exploring entering the Missions field.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching,
with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:1

To obtain more information about GCC's missionaries, partners, and supported organizations, see contact below.

Contact: globalmissions@gracechurchmarietta.org

Hispanic Ministry & Soccer Ministry

We feel called to serve the large and growing number of Hispanic families in our community as we consider the language, cultural, and economic challenges that many face. We do this through English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Bible studies, Life Groups, corporate worship, short term mission trips to Ecuador, and through our Grace Kids Soccer League. We believe that the best way to serve our community is through acts of love, building relationships, and ultimately presenting the Gospel of Jesus to them.

There are multiple ways for our church to be involved. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, teaching, coaching or refereeing soccer, or volunteering your time to get connected with the Hispanic community in our church as well as in the community.

Contact: hispanicministries@gracechurchmarietta.org
Contact: soccer@gracechurchmarietta.org

Prayer

The intention of the Ministry of Prayer GCC is to do nothing more than to place all of our focused attention upon our Heavenly Father as is rightly due Him. We have the privilege of addressing Him, by prayer, in and through His Son Jesus. It is only through Him and by His name, that we can gain access to the Father, as He is our direct mediator.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.
1 Timothy 2:5-6

Scripture gives us many glimpses of prayer and the way that we are to approach Him, a Holy God. Whether it be in the Old Testament or the New Testament, God is most interested at the condition of our heart and that we revere Him above all others. Humility and the recognition of who He is, are a big part of prayer, as we come to the understanding what He has done on our behalf. His desire is to restore a relationship between Himself and man that originally was perfect, but then was broken by man's sin. He desires close fellowship with us, which is accomplished through prayer and the reading of His word.

Mathew 6:5-15 and Luke 11:1-13 are two locations in scripture, where Jesus teaches His followers the manner in which they were to pray. Both of these references direct His followers to the recognition of God as the One who is to be most revered. He then directs us to be looking and longing for His perfect kingdom that He has established. Jesus then goes on

to help us understand that when in right relationship with God, we understand and affirm that He is the provider of all our needs, which should produce a thankful heart within us. Jesus teaches us in this example of prayer, that when we sin, we can reach out our loving Heavenly Father for restoration through His forgiveness and that this forgiveness is to be modeled by us, as we forgive others who've sinned against us.

Jesus continues to teach us further in Mathew 6:25-34 that we are not to be anxious about anything, that He knows our need, and that our main focus should be to pursue His will.

It is the desire of the elders that we be known as a house of prayer. May our love for the Lord be evident in the way we pray for others. It is our desire that our children, grandchildren, and others, see a community of believers, dependent upon our Lord for everything. May we model this by the way they see us pray, as we expectantly wait for God to do His work among us, all for His Honor and Glory.

Contact: prayer@gracechurchmarietta.org

Volunteer Safety Team (VST)

At GCC we seek to create a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment for our members and guests through proactive safety measures. Our safety teams provide 4 rings of security as they operate behind-the-scenes on Sunday mornings to keep our environments safe for our children and families. Additionally, they prioritize getting to know our church family as the biggest advantage to keeping us all safe.

We currently have 5 teams that rotate duties for the week. We are always looking for men and women who want to serve, protect, and ultimately keep our church family safe.

Contact: vst@gracechurchmarietta.org

Library

The GCC library contains thousands of resources, including books, audio, and video material for all ages. The library is located on the first floor, and is open most Sundays and Wednesdays. We offer online catalog access, renewal, and the ability to reserve items ahead of your visit. We also offer a fun, summer reading program for all ages. Our team of librarians will help you find items, and when requested, we will order materials to add to our inventory for the use, edification, and enjoyment of the congregation. We would love to add volunteers to our team!

Contact: library@gracechurchmarietta.org

LifeGroups

LifeGroups are an opportunity to share life in Christ together with others in your area who have made GCC their home church. On average they meet 2 or 3 times a month, beginning the week after Labor Day continuing through May. Together, these small groups of adults talk, eat, laugh, pray and grow in faith while learning more about how Christ is relevant in our lives. LifeGroups seek to nurture spiritual growth and cultivate caring, lasting relationships with other believers as their members depend on the Lord to help them serve each other.

Contact: lifegroups@gracechurchmarietta.org

Hospitality

Our hospitality team exists to serve our church body in times of need and times of celebration. We serve families that are grieving the loss of a loved one as we provide a meal or snacks following a memorial service. We also come alongside the leadership of the church to offer opportunities for our church body to deepen relationships as we gather over a meal, like a Memorial Day picnic and Thanksgiving lunch. We are available to serve in any capacity the leadership sees a need. Our role is to make spaces attractive, organize food, and encourage opportunity for fellowship.

Contact: hospitality@gracechurchmarietta.org

Finance Committee

The finance committee at GCC consists of a guiding elder oversight, financial secretary, and volunteer church members. Each member serves a strategic role in managing a safe and secure financial environment. GCC's philosophy regarding confidentiality of donor information is that it is restricted to very specific individuals on the committee. The Elders do not see detailed donor information which allows them to make healthy decisions for the church that are not influenced by the donor.

Regarding debt, GCC strives to operate the church without borrowed funds. This does not preclude taking on debt, but debt financing of a project would be the last option taken.

The committee is always open to members providing assistance and guidance to the Financial Secretary and Elder Board either on an ongoing basis or as a temporary task. Some of the opportunities could include assisting in monthly financial statements or journal entries, annual budget process, providing regular updates to elders, or advising on financial and insurance needs.

Contact: finance@gracechurchmarietta.org

Grace Helps

Grace Helps seeks to be a “hands on” ministry to the body of Grace Community Church. We seek to use the time and abilities we have been given to assist in the care of our buildings and grounds; and more importantly to care for the needs that arise within our church community. This will take different forms depending on the specific need and may include hands on work in the yard or home or in assisting a community member to secure appropriate professional services. We will partner as appropriate with other Grace ministries including our ladies, our youth and our benevolence ministry.

Contact & Signup: gracechurchmarietta.org/gracehelps

Aesthetics Ministry

The Aesthetics Team seeks to serve GCC by helping create and maintain welcoming, attractive spaces throughout our campus. We believe that caring well for the spaces God has provided is one way to serve our church family and make guests feel at home. Our team works together, and alongside church staff, on decorating, refreshing common areas, and consulting on remodeling projects that enhance the appearance and functionality of our campus spaces. There are opportunities for those with an interest in these areas to contribute their gifts and abilities in service to the church.

Contact: aesthetics@gracechurchmarietta.org

Additional Ministries

- **Community Engagement**
- **Benevolence**