



LIFE News

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Worship God, Make Disciples, Love People, Share Jesus

What's Happening

International Prayer Request

Peoples of the Islands of Lake Victoria, East Africa: "Have you ever been lost in the dark? That was the situation of a Muslim couple in the village community where we did evangelism," writes an Islands Team member. "This couple, obviously high in social status, lived in a beautiful brick house and had a large, luscious garden and three small children. The husband was proud of his material blessings and the fact that he was a respected Muslim in the community. When asked, he allowed us to share the plan of salvation, but he struggled to understand why he needed a Savior. The wife, who was quiet during most of the discussion, said at the end: "I know that I am lost, and I need Jesus now!" We prayed with her, and it was clear that she had been listening well and understood her need for salvation. Please pray for this woman who boldly recognized her need for Christ in the presence of her unbelieving husband. Ask that she will be a light in the darkness of her home and Muslim community, and pray that her husband's heart will also become receptive."

Take GFBC With You

Text GFBCAL App to 779-77 To Download

The GFBC App allows you to livestream and watch recent messages directly from your mobile device. Follow along with sermon notes for live services, stay up to date on upcoming events, get connected through lifegroups and conveniently give online all from your mobile phone or tablet. To get the latest updates and information on all things GFBC, make sure to enable our in-app push notification feature.

Wake Up & Dream Sermon Series

Often times we allow the enemy to deceive us into thinking *God couldn't have a specific plan for me or there is no way God could use someone like me*. Nothing could be further from the truth! God knows you and God has a plan and purpose for your life! Join GFBC and Pastor Kevin as he continues the message series, *Wake Up and Dream!* For sermon outline and notes visit gfbc.com/wake-up-dream-series.

National Day of Prayer

May 2 | GFBC South Campus Sanctuary | Open 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM for Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." For **2024 Prayer Points** visit gfbc.com/ndop.

Baptism Dates

May 5 | 9:15 AM or 10:50 AM

Baptism is an outward expression of an inner commitment of our lives to Jesus! If you've previously turned from your sin and given your heart and life to Jesus Christ, then your next step is baptism! If you would like to sign up visit gfbc.com/baptism.

Parent/Child Dedication

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:30 PM or Sunday, May 12 | 9:15 or 10:50 AM

Our Parent Child/Dedication is a special time to make a commitment before God, your church and your family to raise your child in a Christ-centered home. Visit gfbc.com/kids to register.

Vacation Bible School: S.L.I.C.E.

June 3-7 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon | North Campus | K3-5th Grade

Load the car and grab your W.D.J.D. bracelet, VBS 2024 is headed back to a 90's pizza parlor. Line up at the Buffet Line, play some games in the arcade, smell the pizza from the kitchen, and take a seat in the party room. Learn, love, lead! Register at gfbc.com/vbs.

VBS Cookie Donations: We are asking for donations of either regular Oreo or Chips Ahoy cookies in the blue packaging. Please bring your donations to the VBS table located in the Worship Lobby.

GFBC Students

Senior Weekend

Senior Dinner | May 18 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall | **Registration Deadline: May 1**

This is a sweet time to celebrate your graduate together as a family. **Tickets are free for the student and two guests. Any additional guests: \$15.** To register and pay for any additional guests visit gfbc.com/students.

Senior Recognition Service | May 19 | 9:15 AM | **Registration Deadline: May 1**

Students will walk across the stage and be recognized by our student team, greeted by Pastor Kevin and receive a gift from our student ministry. Visit gfbc.com/students to register. We will also need a baby picture AND a current picture of each graduate. You can email these to Sydney at sydney@gfbc.org. **May 1 is a hard deadline.**

College Graduate Recognition

Sunday | May 19 | 10:50 AM

On Sunday, May 19, we will recognize our College Graduates and we'd love to celebrate with you! For more information or to register, please visit gfbc.com/recognition.

Women's Tuesday Summer Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, June 11

Jesus & Women By Kristi McClelland | 9:30-11:00 AM | Room 102

Understand Jesus More Deeply By Studying First-Century History and Culture

Imagine walking the dusty roads of Galilee with Jesus of Nazareth—braving jostling crowds just to touch the edge of His cloak and hear Him say, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." Those words, once meant to comfort a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago, were also meant for you.

Forgiving What You Can't Forget By Lysa TerKeurst | 6:30-8:00 PM | Room 106

Discover How to Move On, Make Peace with Painful Memories, and Create a Life That's Beautiful Again

You deserve to stop suffering because of what other people have done to you.

Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over and over in your mind? You know you can't go on like this, but you don't know what to do next. Lysa TerKeurst has wrestled through this journey. But in surprising ways, she's discovered how to let go of bound-up resentment and overcome the resistance to forgiving people who aren't willing to make things right.

Visit gfbc.com/women to for more information or to register and purchase workbooks for either Bible Study. **Childcare is available by reservation only.** For more information contact Sheila Keedy at sheilak@gfbc.org.

First Light Men's Group

Betterman: 11-Week Study on the Essentials of Biblical Manhood

Thursdays | 6:00 AM | Room 102 | Leader: Allen Oakley OR Thursdays | 6:30 PM | Room 102

Leader: Phil Cronin

For more information email terris@gfbc.org.

Encouraging Word Bookstore

Don't forget Mother's Day. Stop by the Encouraging Word Bookstore for beautiful scripture cards and gifts for Mom. The bookstore is located in the Worship Lobby.

Discovery Clubs

Discovery Clubs are Bible clubs that meet in public elementary schools during after-school hours. These clubs are freely offered and teach the Gospel while also building foundations for life, developing character and changing our communities. For more information or to volunteer email philc@gfbc.org.

Nursery Staff Needed!

The Preschool Ministry is hiring PAID nursery staff for our Baby, Toddler and Two-Year-Old Classes! You must be at least 16 years old, have a love for children and a strong desire to lead children to God. You will be required to work two Worship Services every other Sunday, with additional opportunities to work Wednesday Nights, Tuesday Bible Study, and Sunday Evenings. For more information email Stacie Mayfield at staciem@gfbc.org or call 205-488-8741.

Healthcare Connection

Helping to connect the church family with the healthcare community!

"When I was poorly clothed, you covered me. When I was sick, you tenderly cared for me." Matthew 24:36a

Navigating today's healthcare system is no easy task. After 25 years in post acute healthcare, Kaye Gurley would love to use her experience to point others in the right direction. For more information, visit gfbc.com/healthcare-connection, email kayeg@gfbc.org or text 205-947-2482.

WOW - Worship on Wednesday

10:00-11:00 AM | South Campus | Fellowship Hall

A weekly Worship, Prayer and Bible Study designed for our Older Adult Community. You can also join us LIVE on Facebook at [GFBCSeniorAdultLIFE](https://www.facebook.com/GFBCSeniorAdultLIFE) or LIVE on YouTube at [GFBCSeniorAdult LIFE](https://www.youtube.com/GFBCSeniorAdultLIFE).

Jimmie Hale Mission

Please join us in prayer for those who will be ministering at Jimmie Hale Mission on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

If you know of someone, including children, with a chronic illness the Prayer Quilt Ministry has a special gift for them. Please contact Glenda Oden (205-421-5196).

ACTS (Arts, Crafts, Talent Sharing)

This ministry is to assist mission programs with crafts/visual aides to further their outreach. They meet every Thursday morning from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. For more information contact Rhonda Childers (205-914-1292) or Judy Paul (205-790-4904).

ACTS has a year-round need for new or gently used gift bags (cereal box size) to use for our homebound care packages. We deliver care packages to the homebound each quarter and are always needing bags. If you have any you can donate, you can give to Rhonda Childers, Judy Paul or leave at the South Campus FLC with our name on them. **Please, no "Happy Birthday"**. Thank you.

GFBC Education Program Employment Opportunity

The GFBC Education Program is hiring! You must be at least 18 years old and pass a background check. Visit gfbceducation.com for application. Send completed application to lisam@gfbc.org.

GFBC Library

Open Wednesday | 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon | South Campus | Family Life Center Lobby

Stop by and see all that our Library has to offer.