



## **LIFE News**

May 5, 2024

Worship God, Make Disciples, Love People, Share Jesus

### **What's Happening**

#### **International Prayer Request**

**Equipped to Serve in the Americas:** The Connections Team writes: "One of the important components of our Central American team in Panama is the translator team. These translators serve alongside each visiting Go Experience and Go Impact team that we host in Panama. Pray that God will continue to grow this group of people and that they will serve well together."

#### **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.

#### **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](https://gfbc.com/wake-up-dream-series).

#### **Baptism Dates**

**TODAY | 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](https://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](https://gfbc.com/kids) to register.

## Party at the Park

**May 22 | 5:00 – 8:00 PM | Upward Park**

Inflatables, rides, games and FOOD! Bring your family and invite a family to come with you! Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets! The ultimate GFBC Family Celebration at Upward Park! Don't miss it! Food will be available for purchase from the following Food Trucks: Chick-fil-A, Coke Trailer, Stephen's Hotdogs, Tom's Travelin Coffee, Green Top Bar-B-Q, Garnachitas & Pandy's Sno Biz.

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

**June 3-7 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon | North Campus | K3-5<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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

We strive to see students of every age discover who they are in Jesus Christ and become the world-changers they were created to be. We desire to reach and inspire our students with dynamic **outreach**, powerful **events** and relevant **discipleship**. With these in mind, we strive to see students in a real relationship with Jesus Christ and rooted in community with other believers. Visit [gfbc.com/students](https://gfbc.com/students) to find out more.

## 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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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**

For more information email [terris@gfbc.org](mailto:terris@gfbc.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://gfbc.com/healthcare-connection), email [kayeg@gfbc.org](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://gfbceducation.com) for application. Send completed application to [lisam@gfbc.org](mailto: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.