

Where Youth Fit In

If you are the Christian parent of a 7th-12th grader, we think of you being the primary discipler of your child. Consequently, we want to come alongside you in your discipling. We encourage 7th-12th grade students to attend *Life Courses* with their parents, when possible. Also, we consider the public services of the church to be our main ministry to students.

Youth provide a unique and energetic texture to the life of our church. Our church wants to provide students with opportunities to grow in their understanding and love for Jesus and the Gospel.

Youth Ministry

Our youth ministry is not merely an extension of the church; rather it is a means to fold youth into the life of our congregation. We seek to do this by encouraging youth to participate in things such as local, national, and foreign mission trips and projects.

We also hope to begin monthly meetings for Biblical teaching, recreation and fellowship as our church grows.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

How To Get Involved

Each believer is called to make a personal commitment to Christ. We believe that such a commitment is to be lived out corporately in the context of a local church. Membership at GBC is not a loose affiliation useful only on occasion, but a regular responsibility involving us in one another's lives for the purpose of the Gospel.

Therefore, the first and best way to get involved at GBC is to become a member. As members, we covenant together to care for each other, to encourage each other, and to hold each other accountable to the truths found in God's Word.

Anyone who follows the instruction of Jesus to repent and be baptized, who believes the Bible to be God's Word, and who is willing to commit to the life and faith of this local body may become a member.

If you are interested in membership at GBC, please speak with an elder about our Membership Matters Study offered periodically throughout the year.

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Church Information



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Our Church

Welcome

We are glad you are interested in learning more about our church. This card is intended to answer some of the questions you may have about GBC. If you would like more information, please contact us.

Faith

We believe in one holy God, Creator of the universe and of all people. We also confess our rebellion against Him and recognize that justice demands death as the penalty of our sin. We believe that Jesus Christ lived a perfect and sinless life and died on the cross as our substitute. Three days later he rose from the grave, triumphant over sin and death. Through faith in Christ, we are freely and graciously forgiven by God, justified in His sight and promised eternal life. God restores us to fellowship with Himself and with each other and equips us by His Spirit to live for His glory.

Purpose

This church exists for the glory of God. We glorify God by growing in our love for God and for each other. We do this through preaching, Bible study, and Christian fellowship. We encourage evangelism, missions and other caring ministries.

Our Meetings

Sunday

- 9:45 am Pre-service fellowship
- 10:00 am Worship Service
Our main meeting where we worship God as we hear and respond to His Word
- 11:15 am Life Courses
*A time to receive teaching and training to assist us in our discipleship
(Classes & schedules vary throughout the year)*

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper quarterly. As we do so, we recall the death and resurrection of Jesus, renew our commitment to His church and look forward to His return.

Baptism

We periodically celebrate the baptism of those who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and whose lives evidence genuine repentance of sin.

Vision For Children

Children

At GBC we treasure our children because "children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). Therefore it is a joy to serve and pray for the next generation.

The parents of the church are primarily responsible under God to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Our role in children's ministry is to reinforce the parents' teaching through the offering of children's classes as well as other ministries.

Our goal is to teach God's Word faithfully and model authentic Christianity for our children. Our prayer is that by God's grace, over the years, all the children of our church would come to trust and follow Christ.

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and the wonders He has done...Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds, but would keep His commands. Psalm 78:4-7

Children's Ministry

Childcare is available during our Sunday services for children under 3.

Sunday School classes are available for children pre-K thru 3rd grade.