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From the Pastor.

I think it is important to realize our purpose. God never intended for us to live, buy some things, and die. He wants us to make a difference in the lives of others. When Jesus was ready to leave this world, He left instructions with His disciples in Matthew 28:19-20. He said “go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you” (NLT).

Jesus basically told His disciples to become a connecting point. In essence He is saying: “I want you to be with people everywhere. Go to the ends of the earth and build relationships with people so that you may give to them the teachings I have given to you.” This is a statement basic to Christianity; however, it seems that our emphasis concerning discipleship is related to believers. We understand that in order to disciple believers we must have relationship with them. But what about pre-Christians?

Shouldn't we build relationships with them to allow the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer to affect their lives?

Remember that Jesus started discipling his men before they ever connected with God personally. Jesus said make disciples of all people. It is a burning desire in my heart that our GT Church family members see themselves as disciple makers. Look around you. There are people in your sphere of influence who need to be introduced to Christ.

Let's reach out to them before it is too late.



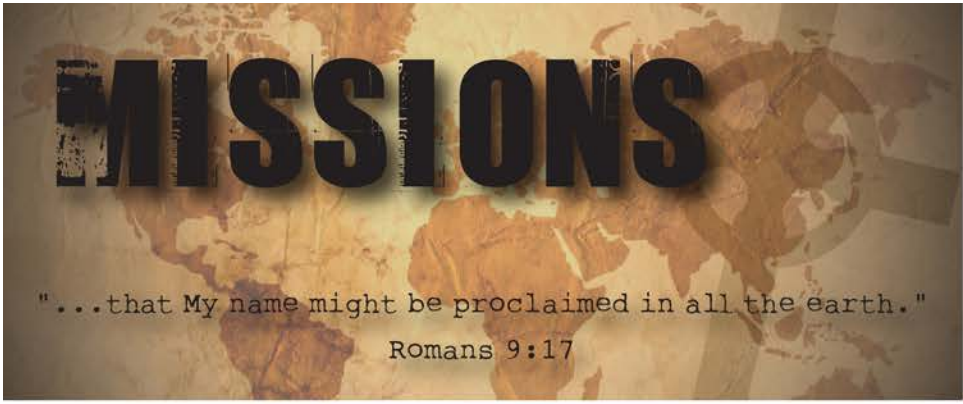
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Service Times

Sunday - 9a traditional
 Sunday - 10:45a contemporary

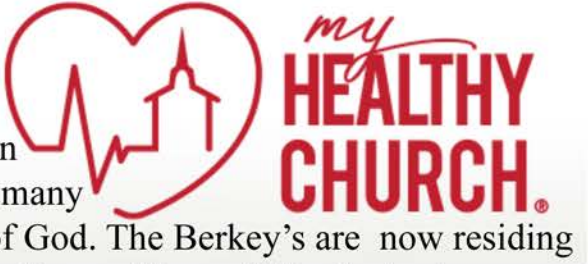


GT CHURCH



GT Church supports Missionaries Scott and Sarah Berkey. Scott and Sarah serve as Assembly of God Missionaries to Kenya Africa. Before their call to missions, they served as Children's Pastors at Victory Worship Center in Tucson, AZ. Prior to arriving in Tucson, Scott served as the National Director of Children's Ministry for the Assemblies of God. They then served as consultant and field-based representatives for the Assemblies of God and My Healthy Church.

Scott and his wife Sarah have served the local church as kids' pastors in Florida, South Carolina, and Texas. In thirteen years of full-time kids' ministry, Scott has been blessed with many opportunities to influence kids and leaders for the kingdom of God. The Berkey's are now residing in Nairobi, Kenya where they oversee children's ministries in Kenya. They will be the host missionaries for our GT Church missions team that will be ministering in Kenya this year. Married in 2001, Scott and Sarah have three children who serve with them in Kenya.





This month we are highlighting **Carrie Sedlock**. Carrie has been a faithful member of GT Church since 1992. She is a wife and mother of 4 boys and now has 2 grandchildren. She has served in choir, Girls' Ministries and served on most of our missions trips for many years. She is a teacher for the Stars class, made up of 3rd & 4th grade girls.

Carrie just completed her 16th year of being the Powette Coordinator. She works hard at organizing and giving the girls everything they need to have the best experience possible at Powette!

She is a very committed grandmother, caregiver, and she loves to craft and sew quilts. You can't spend any time with Carrie and not know how much she loves the Lord and her family.

We love you Carrie!

It's Easy to Get Involved

If you have a heart for service and want to serve our precious Lord with your time and talent, GT Church has a wealth of opportunities to get involved in Kingdom work. From working with our very youngest in nursery to the kitchen to the homebound - all that is missing is YOU! For the most part, the work is light, the environment is pleasant and the rewards are eternal. Why not take a minute to link to our online volunteer form and pick something that can use your time and talent. Or, just give the office a call to discuss possibilities for becoming a vital part of the GTChurch mission - being a lighthouse in the community and sending beams of light all over the world. (<https://form.jotform.com/213345527560050>)



Powette 2022! What an amazing weekend that was designed for our girls in 3rd-12th grades. They encountered the presence of God in His great outdoors! This was a camping weekend with all kinds of activities in the daytime and a powerful worship service each night.



We were all tremendously blessed as we stood in the presence of God during the evening services under a canopy of stars. We feel the girls built lasting relationships and had tons of fun as you can see!!





All Church Picnic

What a perfect afternoon for a picnic at War Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, March 27. Temps were in the mid-70s, fellowship was in high gear, food and drinks were flowing freely and a few games of skill broke out - especially around the corn hole competition.

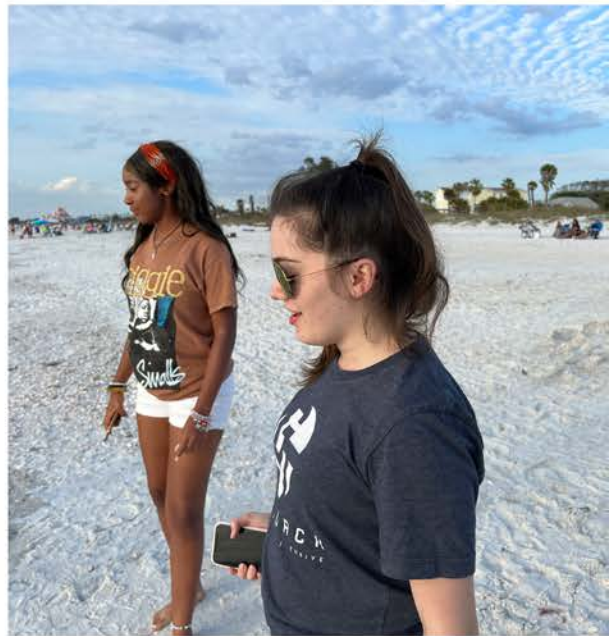
Twice a year, GT Church gathers for such an outing, and they seldom disappoint. It's a time of relaxation, a time of getting to know church family members in a beautiful, stress-free setting.





GT Youth - Spring Break

The youth enjoyed a beautiful sunset at Pass-a-Grill Beach on March 14. Under God's beautiful twilight they shared praise reports, thanking God for His goodness.



FISH FOR MISSIONS FRY



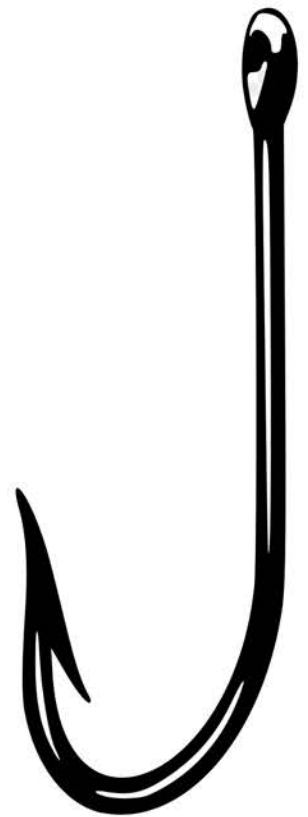
The cooks prepare the meals in the courtyard



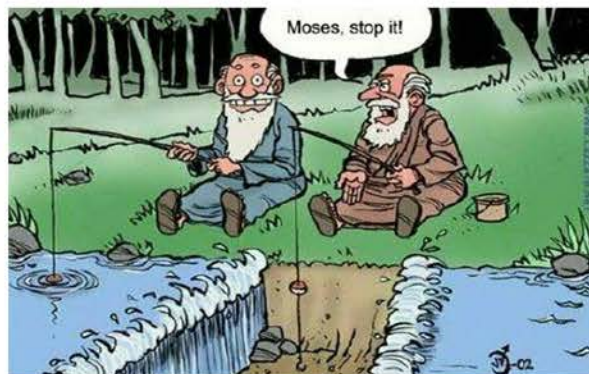
Getting ready to serve the hungry hordes



Pastor Ken and Susan get ready to dig into the fish feast



Give a man a fish,
you'll feed him for the day.
Teach a man to fish,
you'll get rid of him for the whole weekend!



Be a Generous Giver

The message at the March 27th service was unusual, Pastor and Jon Helms shared the platform and spoke to the importance of living a generous life. As always, you can watch the service on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M465gAGtPN8>) The message was crystal clear - Jesus loves a joyful giver. Jon shared stories from his life that proved to him the concept of “The more you give, the more you will have to give.”

As a reminder of the gospel story of the widow who gave two mites into the collection box representing all she had, Pastor called for all members of the congregation to live generously. He called all those forward who were willing to commit to living a generous life, and presented each with a replica of the mite that the Gospel woman gave.



Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the same measure you use it will be measured back to you.

Easter Festival

The GT Church parking lot springs to life on Saturday, April 16 from 4 - 6 pm with the Easter Festival. This is one of four neighborhood outreaches each year allowing us to be a lighthouse to the community. Pastor Madi needs volunteers to help with the fun and games. Best of all, the neighborhood families will get a chance to see the love of Jesus first-hand. Contact Pastor Madi to volunteer (madison.redmond24@gmail.com).



Prime Time Senior Adult Ministry

Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Ken & Susan Pippin for Prime Time. Prime Time is a Senior Adult Ministry for anyone age 55 and above. Food, Fellowship, Worship and the Word. Join us every Thursday @ 9:30am.



GT Youth



Youth Center

Church Youth Group Services Thursday Nights! Middle School and High School Students Time: 7 – 8:30 PM. You can expect FREE FOOD, FUN, and FRIENDS. The whole point of ReaLife is to live life to the fullest. This means having a relationship with the Creator, being part of a healthy community of people, and focusing on serving others rather than ourselves. Come join us in making a difference!

GT Kids

Fellowship Hall

GT Kids is an exciting environment where children grades K-5th, grow physically, mentally, socially and most importantly, spiritually! We provide a path each child can follow as they mature in their walk with Christ using stories, learning games, puppets, characters and much more. Join us Sundays @ 9:30am.



Apologetics



Our young adults meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at Pastor Heath and Shannan's house. Apologetics is all about defending the Christian faith through facts, science, scripture, and more.

All Church Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship Hall

Join us each Wednesday night for a home cooked meal from Sister Martha O'Dell. We serve from 5:30 until just before classes begin at 7 PM.



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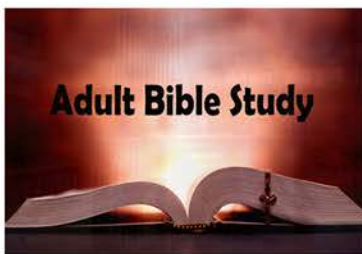
The focus of Royal Rangers is to help boys develop into young men who have the skills to make good sound decisions, strong moral character, exemplify leadership skills and are founded in the Word of God. Clubs meet every Wednesday night at 7PM and are geared to meet the boys at their individual levels while encouraging them in their physical, emotional and spiritual growth.

Royal Rangers for Boys

Girl's Ministries

Class Rooms

Girls Ministries is a program developed for girls ages 3-12th grade. Each club is designed to meet the needs of girls at their individual levels. All the clubs meet Wednesday evenings at 7 PM at GT Church. Please check out the individual club information and find the group designed with you in mind.



Adult Bible Study

New Bible Study: Core Values

Each Wednesday Night at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

The Bible teaching about Christian core values is pertinent and necessary for every believer. Values are deeply held beliefs that help guide the followers of Christ in their behavior and decision making. It forms the culture of any family or organization.

The United States had these Biblical values sown into its formation. These values are the foundation of all our laws. Today, the enemy would have us abandon these Biblical values and embrace more worldly values. Worldly values include wealth, power, pleasure, revenge, fame, vanity and status. These are the most important things to people who perceive no power or purpose beyond themselves. Worldly values promote jealousies, resentments and conflicts among people in accordance with the purposes of Satan. The values taught in the Bible are often the opposite of worldly values: Faithfulness, Honor, Integrity, Respect and the Sanctity of Life are values taught in the Word of God. Christian values promote peace and good will among people in accordance with the purposes of God. We will never achieve perfection in this life, but those people who strive to obey God often find a sense of joy and peace that no worldly rewards can match! Join us in this in depth study of Core Values that will help us fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives.

Adult Bible Study

GT Women - Beauty for Ashes

Ladies, come join us as we continue our series "Ain't No MaMa Like A Prayin MaMa". This month we will be focusing on how to pray for any children in your life to resist evil influences and destructive behaviors. You don't want to miss this powerful teaching and time of intercessor prayer!



GT Young Adults - @ Siam Garden



Our young adults went to Siam Garden and enjoyed Thai food together. We welcome all young people ages 18-39 to enjoy Bible study and fellowship the first Monday of every month at 6:30. Please see Pastor Heath and Shannan to get connected.