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Service Times

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



GT CHURCH

From the Pastor.

Reaching Your Full Potential

There is a fundamental question that every Christian should ask. “What does the Lord require of me?”

As you are faithful to minister, this question will be answered in the hearts of those precious people that God has placed in your sphere of influence in these days.

Our message is simple. Just be who God made you to be. Do what God made you to do. See yourself as a God-called minister He wants to use you to connect with people in your world. See yourself as a witness for Christ by connecting with people outside the church based on similar interests, and influencing them with your lifestyle and testimony. That’s it.

That is what reaching your full potential all is about. That is how we can be effective for Christ in our culture. We need to have a New Testament perspective on church. When we change the pulpit into a place for equipping, when the people in the pews see themselves as the minister and not just the supporter of the ministry that is done from the pulpit, when we realize that the community is our congregation, and we begin to connect them to God and us; when we mobilize to evangelize our own culture in our own community, we can expect God to say, “Well done, you have done what you could.”

This is when we can declare in our hearts, “We have reached our full potential for Christ.”



GT Church Missions Sending Beams of Light Around the World



GT Church is proud to support Missionaries Randy and Ruth Hurst. Randy serves as Advancement Director for Assemblies of God Missions and oversees AG World Relief and special World Missions projects.

Even as a young boy, Randy had no career plans other than missions. At the age of 7, he felt drawn to the Pacific Islands. To prepare for ministry, he enrolled at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Bible. While at CBC, he met and married Ruth Bergstrom, daughter of Gustav and Alice Bergstrom, pioneer missionaries to Brazil for 55 years.

After graduation, Randy traveled as an evangelist. Later he served as youth pastor at First Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, and taught classes at Open Bible College. The Hursts then pastored in Fairview Heights, Illinois, before going as missionaries to Samoa in 1977. Although no Samoan language schools existed, Randy became fluent in the language with the help of patient Samoan villagers.

The Hursts returned to the United States in 1983. For the next 14 years Randy traveled nationally and internationally as an evangelist. An accomplished photographer and writer, he has authored several books and more than 100 articles on missions, evangelism and discipleship. He was named AGWM communications director in 1997. Randy and Ruth have two sons: Rolly and Russ. Rolly and his wife, Heather, are missionaries to Peninsular Asia; Russ and his wife, Cari, pastor in Fort Myers, Florida.





GT Church Spotlight Saluting our Volunteers



We want to shine a light on Kelsey Williams, one of our amazing young adults! Kelsey has served as our GT Littles Director for the last 4 years. Her college schedule has forced her to step down, however, she will still serve in our preschool classes! She also decorates the church for events and holidays!

We asked Kelsey to give us a short bio so you could get to know her better.

I started attending GT Church when I was 6 years old. Growing up, the Girls Ministries and Real-Life Youth programs played an important part in my life as both helped me build a strong foundation through learning Scripture and teaching about missions - all while making friends and having fun!

I graduated from Osceola Fundamental High School, where I met my amazing boyfriend, Eric. I am currently a theater major at St. Petersburg College and I will soon be transferring to the theater program at USF in Tampa.

I enjoy working with children and until recently, I served as the GT Church Pre-K director. I also enjoy organizing, decorating, baking and traveling with my family.





GT Girls Ministry Ocala National Forest Outreach



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Thank you to everyone who donated personal items and monies for the homeless in the Ocala National Forest. GT Church collected 140 bags and they were distributed to the homeless through the ministry of Pastor David Houck. So many were blessed because of your generosity!





GT Women Ice Cream Social



The **Seasons of Life Women's Ministry** here at GT Church gathered for a homemade ice cream party at the home of Pastor Randy & Karen Helms. We enjoyed homemade chocolate, butterfinger, vanilla and strawberry ice cream with every topping imaginable; the ice cream was complemented with Norma's home-made brownies.

We had door prizes, Lillian Barriero & Wanda Carlier won! Deborah provided games and Becky created awesome Ice Cream decor!

We were excited to have 9 decades of ladies join us and fellowship together! There was a time of prayer, worship, swimming, laughter and new friendships were created!

Deborah Chapin and Becky Jackson are leading our **Seasons of Life Ministry** and we are excited to sponsor more events to come!





Children's Ministry



Sunday School – 9:15 am – 10:15 am every Sunday (all ages)

This one-hour ministry is designed to disciple children and train them to become active followers of Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through stories, Bible truths, crafts and active learning on a level they can understand.

Girls Ministry – 6:30-8:00 pm every Wednesday night (girls ages 3 through middle school)

This is a high energy Christian club designed just for girls where they receive an expanded awareness of God's love through a wide variety of exciting activities and studies. Girls enjoy camping, retreats, sleepovers and much more as part of this fun filled club.

Girls Ministries offers a new adventure in learning about God and his plan for each life!!

Royal Rangers –6:30-8:00 pm every Wednesday night (Boys ages 3-middle school)

A Christian club provided to “reach, teach and keep” boys for Jesus Christ. This ministry offers camping, handcrafts, awards and much more.





Media Ministry



The worship media command center

Someone referred to us as the GT Geek Squad. We meet every Sunday way up in the balcony. We believe that places us just a bit closer to heaven! Our calling is to enhance the in-house worship experience with professional song lyrics and sermon slides - and to extend our GT worship to the rest of the world by streaming video productions of the GT Church worship service via Facebook and YouTube.



Our video stream is available live and archived on YouTube
We use sophisticated computer and video production systems to accomplish our charter. We use Mac mini computers, Black Magic cameras and switcher, ProPresenter, ATEM and OBS software. Our goal is to cross-train each of our team members in every aspect of our ministry. We are constantly praying to expand our number so we can create some scheduling flexibility.



Black Magic video switcher and camera control equipment



ProPresenter slide station



Streaming audio room

We are actively seeking both geeks and non-geeks alike who are drawn to our media work. Experience is not necessary, but a willingness to learn is. Our core group has a depth of knowledge in these areas and are more than willing to share what they know with newbies. You are invited to become part of this dynamic and close-knit media group. Contact Thom Dupper at thom@textusllc.com for information.

GT Church Community Outreach

Harvest Festival Outreach

Every Oct. 31, GT Church reaches out to our local community with a Harvest Festival. This free event features lots of candy, bounce houses, games and much more. Hundreds of friends and neighbors attend the event every year, filling up the west parking lot with safe fun and goodies. This is our major community outreach and a wonderful opportunity to reach our neighbors with the Good News of Jesus Christ. But to pull this off, we need your help.

We need candy donations, someone to do face painting, helpers for games, prayer warriors for the prayer station, volunteers for concessions, set up and tear down!

If you can help us, please sign up in the lobby or call Pastor Madison at 727-723-4400.



Monday

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GT Calendar Upcoming Events



GT is Having A Birthday! We Need Your Pictures

GT (Glad Tidings) Church is celebrating 90 years on Oct. 2, 2022! Please mark your calendar and begin inviting your friends and family and those that may have attended in the past! This will be a very special celebration and will include special guests!

We are looking for pictures from the 60s 70s and 80s. If you or your family have any pictures of past events, please contact the church office or Fran Wise or Martha Williams.



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Changing Lights in Sanctuary

We are changing the lightbulbs in the sanctuary to LED bulbs and we need your help to make this transition. We will be working immediately following the Men's breakfast on Sat., Sept. 17, at 8 AM. For more information, please contact Pastor Jonathan at the church.

Join Us Online!

We are live on Facebook & YouTube every Sunday at 10:45 AM. Please like our page and share! Daily Live Prayer with Pastor Randy at 12:30 PM Mon-Thursday on Facebook. Primetime Live with Pastors Ken & Susan Pippin on Thursdays at 10:00 AM.



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GT Connect



GT Connect is a wonderful ministry that allows people to have coffee & snacks and great fellowship between the early and late worship services every Sunday. . Helpers are needed, please contact **Shannan Panganiban at 941-929-8456.**

GT Greeters



At GT Church, we are all about making everyone welcome to worship with us. Our greeters are the first smiling faces our visitors see. Greeters are needed for the 9 AM or 10:45 AM services. **Please contact Phyllis Styrzo at 727-432-6451.**



Praying Mamas

Saturday, Sept 24, 8 AM

Come join us for a great devotional with Jessica Reyes and a time of prayer for your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and children in your lives!

