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*The mission of GT Church
is to be a lighthouse
to the community
and to send beams of light
all over the world*

Service Times

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



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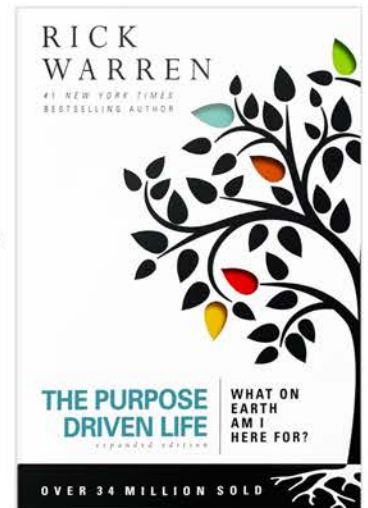
From the Pastor.

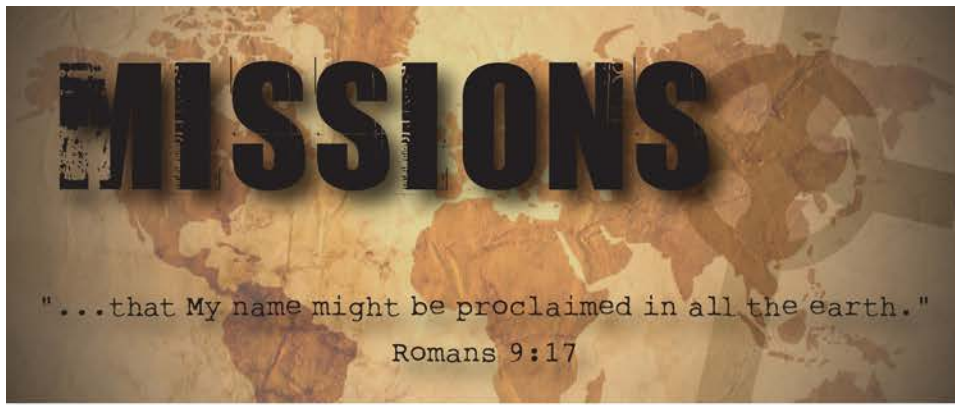
What Is Our Purpose?

Purpose has become quite vogue in the church of the twenty-first century. This is a good thing. Rick Warren from the great Saddleback Church in southern California has impacted the body of Christ in a powerful way with his book *The Purpose Driven Life*. I truly believe that this book is a word from the Lord for the church of Christ in these days. For too long too many wandered aimlessly through life with no real sense of purpose.

This “purpose driven” emphasis has greatly energized those who have embraced it. The purpose of GT Church can be summed up in two words. Those words are communion and community. This is God’s purpose for the church. Communion has to do with connecting with God and community is connecting with each other. This principle was illustrated beautifully by Christ in Luke 10:27. When asked about the most important commandment, Jesus responded with a two-fold answer. “Love the Lord with all that is within you and love your neighbor as yourself.”

In many respects all the law is summed up in these two expectations. Life is certainly more complex than just this one concept, but when it comes to the church we can focus on these words of Christ as our purpose. What are we to be doing? We are to be connecting people with God and with each other. The work of the church is connecting, connecting with God (communion) and connecting with each other (community).





GT Church supports Missionaries Tom and Phyllis Benigas. Tom and Phyllis serve in Western Europe and are stationed in Belgium. They have served as missionaries with Assembly of God World Missions for ten years. They are presently serving in Belgium as Campus Pastor at Continental Theological Seminary and assisting the Fellowship of European International Churches. The past 48 years of ministry include leading youth and young adults as a youth pastor/DYD and encouraging pastors and missionaries.

The Tom and Phyllis minister throughout Europe for the Fellowship of International Churches, with an emphasis on the Holy Spirit. They partner with the Pentecostal European Fellowship, in city-wide evangelism outreaches across Europe and in church planting efforts.

Tom Benigas declares: “The complexion of Europe’s people is constantly changing and today it is more colorful than ever! We realize this on a daily basis in our ministry environments as we share the message of Jesus across Europe in international churches. Whether in Sweden, Austria, France or Montenegro, we are privileged to minister on any given Sunday to hungry souls that come from at least 10 and up to 30 different people groups. At Continental Theological Seminary (CTS), our students this past year came from 35 countries and what a joy, and challenge sometimes, it is to pastor them.”





Margaritte Hulley celebrated her 102 birthday on 2-22-2022!

She was born on Feb. 22, 1920.

Margaritte is the mother of 4 children: Dennis Newman, Suzy Atkinson, Steven Newman and Anne Newman. She considers her children “million dollar gifts” to the world! She has 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 6 great, great grandchildren. Margaritte has been a faithful member of GT Church for over 35 years. She loves reading and studying the Bible and has written many Bible study booklets. She is a registered nurse and served many years with the VA at Bay Pines hospital and also in Huntington, West Virginia. She loves animals of all kinds and would be a great “zoo keeper”. She has a devoted white Lhasa Apso dog named “Max” and a cat named “Midnight Whiskers”.

Happy Birthday Margaritte! We love you!

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>)



GT Church is a missions church. We are committed to being a lighthouse in our community and sending beams of light all over the world for the cause of Christ. In April, 2022, we will send a missions team to Nairobi, Kenya to work with “Connect With a Child” ministries. Pastor will also instruct about 100 Kenyan pastors. This will be the latest in a long line of missions trips (detailed below) reaching out from GT Church.

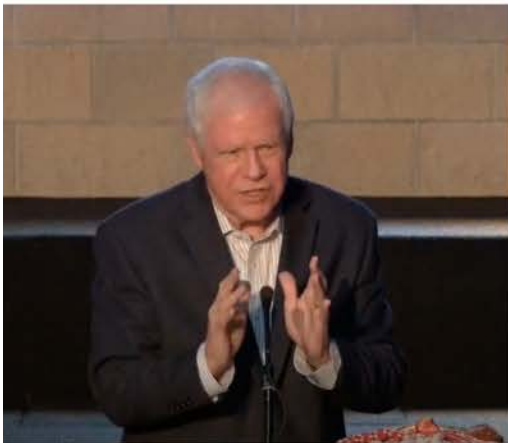
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| 2005 - San Salvador, El Salvador | 2018 - Bayamo, Cuba |
| 2006 - Warsaw, Poland | 2019 - Cautillo Granma, Cuba |
| 2007 - Inner City Indianapolis | 2019 - Apache Indian Nation, New Mexico |
| 2008 - Tegucigalpa, Honduras | 2021 - Real Life Ranch, Okeechobee |





February was Missions Convention month at GT Church. On February 20, Reverend Terry Raburn, Superintendent of the Peninsular Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God, gave an anointed message about the continuing need for boots on the ground missionary work.

On February 27, Missionary Bob Roberts spoke of his 50 years spent in the missionary field.



Reverend Terry Raburn



Missionary Bob Roberts



GT Church Missions Trip Kenya, Africa April 25 - May 6, 2022



GT Church is sending a missions team to Kenya in east Africa on April 25 for ten days of pastor training, 3 days of street ministry in Nairobi, and working with Connect With a Child Ministry. Connect With a Child is a holistic care program that was initiated as a response to the overwhelming number of poor orphans and vulnerable women in Kenya, whose lives have been ravaged by death, disease and poverty. Connect With a Child has been a major force in missions for over 10 years. The ministry has given opportunities for over 1,000 children who are headed towards primary and high school graduation, vocational training and university graduation. Connect With a Child has drilled wells to provide water so that over 60,000 people are able to access clean drinking water. The ministry runs an orphanage and is building a school to provide education to the children.

Pastor Ken and Pastor Jon and some guys went out to gather fish for the fish fry to raise money for Africa missions trip. They were really biting. Sometimes we pulled up two fish on one line.

The Fish Fry for Missions will be held on Sunday, March 6 in the community room. All donations from the event will support GT Church Missions.



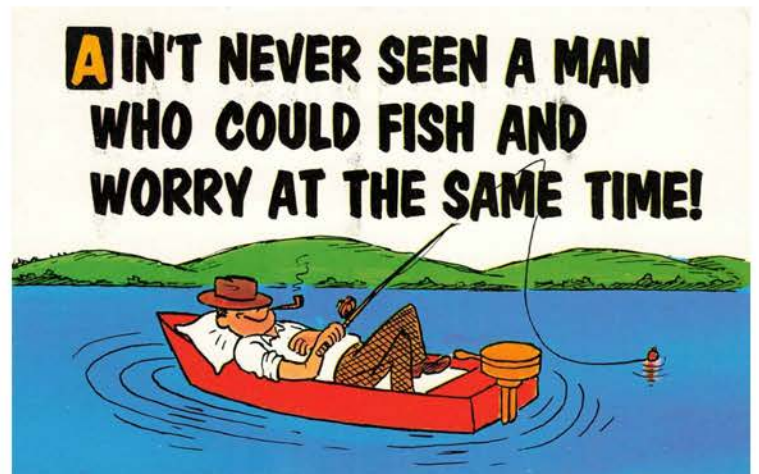
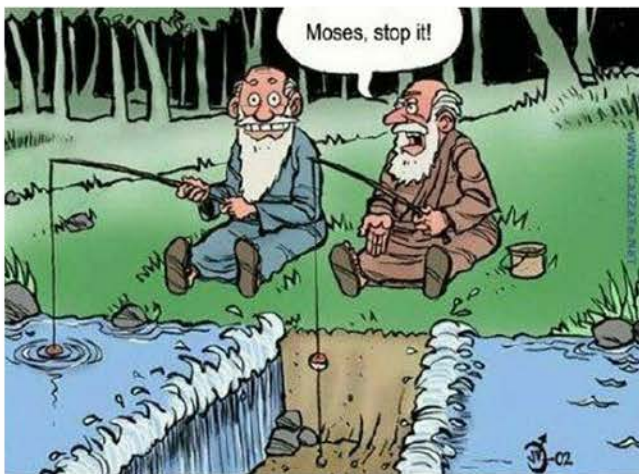
Skipper and fishmaster Pastor Ken Pippin



Pastor Jon hooks a really big one!



Jon, Nick, Nicolai and Pastor Ken chill on their way to the old fishin' grounds.





The youth had a wonderful time at the opening night (February 17) of the Tampa Miracle Crusade. In addition to a wonderful time of worship, people were healed and delivered. This was a powerful time of prophecy and encouragement.



6:00 to 7:30 PM Thursday night is the best night for one reason; it's RealLife Youth Night!

You can expect FREE FOOD, FUN, and FRIENDS. If you are looking for something more in this life, you have found the right place. The whole point of RealLife 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. There is always something to look forward to with us. We play games and eat and laugh; but the most fun we have is while building the Kingdom. Our mission trips bring help and the Good News to people all over the world. Check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/128479883829889>) to see what's happening. Come join us in making a difference!



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.



Royal Rangers for Boys

Room FH-1

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.



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.



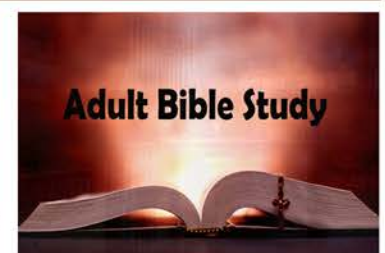
Adult Bible Study

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 follower 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.



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.





We have uncovered a treasure trove of historical documents and photos that date back to the foundation of Glad Tidings Assembly of God in 1932 on Tangerine Avenue. The copy of the letter appears below along with the transcription.

We know there must be other historical documents out there, so this is a call for anyone who might have an old GT Church directory or other items to contact the church office.

We will make copies and return the originals to the owner.

October 3, 1932

Glad Tidings AG
2100 Tangerine Ave.,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Stephen Howland, Secretary

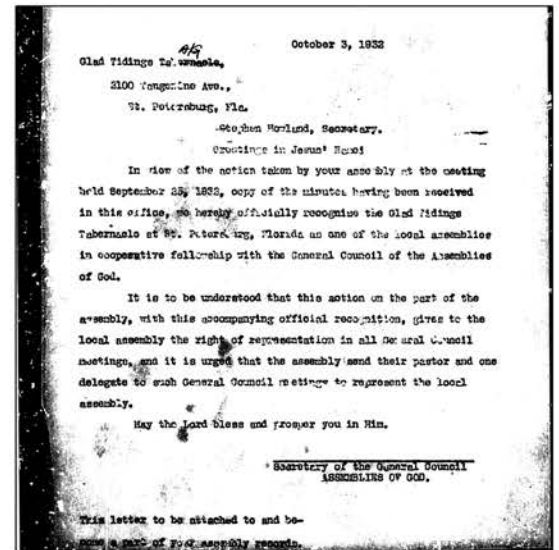
Greetings in Jesus' Name!

In view of the motion taken by your assembly at the meeting held September 25, 1932, copy of the minutes having been received by this office, we hereby officially recognize the Glad Tidings Tabernacle at St. Petersburg, Florida as one of the local assemblies of God.

It is to be understood that this action on the part of the Assembly, with this accompanying official recognition, gives to the local assembly the right of representation in all General Council meetings, and it is urged that the assembly send their pastor and one delegate to such General Council meetings to represent the local assembly.

May the Lord bless and prosper you in Him.

Secretary of the General Council
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.



Undated photo of pastor E. M. Brengle when the church was located at 3310 6th Ave. So.

On April 1, 2 & 3 exciting times and new adventures will take place in the woods of Camp Wilderness, a few miles south of the town of Ft. Meade, Florida. Our state wide Royal Rangers will have their major event of the year, **Pow Wow 2022**. Boys ages 9 to 17 will gather for 3 days making memories that will last a lifetime. Each day will be packed with activities and games that will test their skills and keep them busy. A visit to the frontier village is always fun. The highlight of each Pow Wow is the evening services where challenging speakers minister to our boys and lives are changed. After the evening services time will be spent around a campfire sharing that days experiences and roasting marshmallows.



If you are interested in enrolling or sponsoring a young man in Pow Wow 2022, please contact Pastor Dale Chapin (buckaroo@verizon.net) or call the GT Church office at (727) 323.5017. *Happy trails, Buckaroos!*

