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From the Pastor

Let's Get Real.

One dominate value at GT Church is authenticity. God wants us to be real. There are many people who have lost confidence in the church because of the abuses and misuses of a few. I think it is safe to say that the television evangelist debacles of the 1980s and the more recent leadership failures have made the job of the church more difficult. These days every shortcoming in the church of Christ is spread out over the media to such a degree that, to the outsider, it makes all of us look corrupt. There is a cynicism towards the church today that causes many people to turn us off before we ever get a chance to let them know how wonderful Christ is.

I believe that anyone who has the opportunity to see Jesus as He really is will want Him. He is that wonderful. He is that loving and kind. The problem is that there is a distorted portrait of Christ out there that causes people to push away. This explains why conventional modes of outreach that were effective in days gone by are no longer effective today. When you mention Christ or the church, people in our society immediately think of a fallen evangelist or the latest scandal in the church world. If they cannot trust the preacher with their money or the priest with their children, why should they listen when we try to share life with them? The truth of the matter is the day of hard sell, cold turkey evangelism is over. The only way we will ever get people to listen to us is if we take the time to develop a relationship with them.

The key is trust. We can only influence people if there is a bond of trust in place. Trust can only be developed through relationship. Relationships can only happen as we are connected with each other. It is the relationship that builds the bridge of trust. Our society as a whole is so sick and tired of the “phony baloney” religion they see all around them. Quite frankly, so am I. People are looking for something real. As they develop a relationship with real believers and get to know them, they will become exposed to genuine Christianity. They will realize that Christians are real people just like they are, not perfect people, real people with real issues. They will see how God helps the believer with those issues. They will see the difference Christ makes in a real persons life. This is the mission of GT Church.



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to the community
and to send beams of light
all over the world*

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



GT CHURCH



GT Church Missions Sending Beams of Light Around the World



GT Church is proud to support Missionaries David and Beth Grant. David and Beth serve as the co-founders and visionaries of Project Rescue. While their ministry has primarily focused on India, their heart to share their faith and see sexual slavery victims rescued and restored has carried them to over thirty countries around the world. For 35 years, India has been the heart and focus of David's ministry. Thousands of churches have been planted and scores of colleges established as a result of his boundless energy. While continuing his commitment to the needs of India, David is increasingly engaged in casting vision and the development of new Project Rescue ministries across Eurasia and Europe. Beth's personal calling and passion is that of teacher. She serves as faculty and guest lecturer in cross-cultural education and women's issues in colleges in India, Europe and the United States. She also ministers at women's retreats in Europe, Southern Asia and America, inspiring women to fulfill God's purposes for their lives and courageously touch their world with the transforming love and power of Jesus Christ. May God Bless the Grants as they continue to make a difference for Christ.



Restoring hope to survivors of sexual exploitation

“We believe in a world free from sexual slavery. Where courageous women and children can live in freedom as fully empowered daughters and sons of God.”
~ projectrescue.com



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This Kenya missions trip had 4 spear-heads of ministry: **children's crusade, pastor's school, women's conference and a soul-winning crusade at night.**

I was so proud of our team and the way they excelled in all four facets of this missions trip.

My heart will forever be impacted by the fruit produced as we ministered to the people of Kenya.

Truly, GT Church sent a beam of light to the people of Kenya for the cause of Christ.

I am grateful for everyone who traveled, gave, prayed or in anyway participated to make this missions trip the great success that it was.

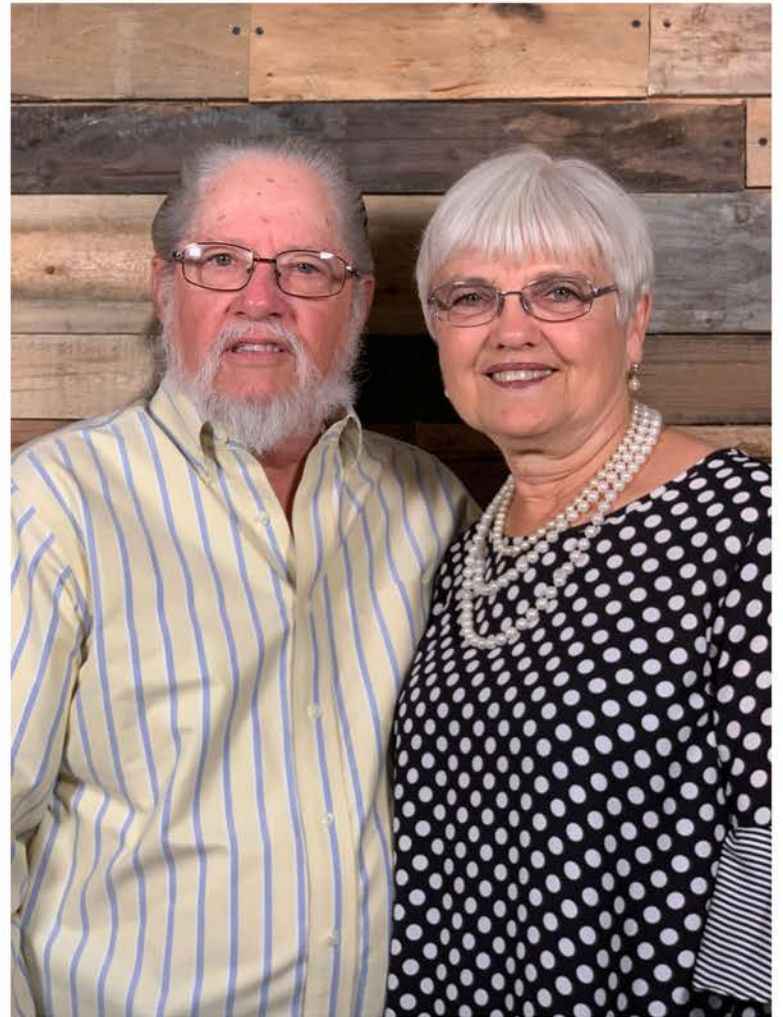
~ Dr. Randy Helms



GT Church Spotlight Saluting our Ministers



GT Church is highlighting the ministry of Pastor Deborah Chapin! Pastors Dale and Deborah Chapin served as our children's pastors for over 10 years. Deborah has served in Girls' Ministries for over 52 years and continues to serve our GT Girls every Wednesday in Girls Only & Friends. She serves as our Prayer Coordinator and leads in prayer every Tuesday morning from 8:30-10 AM in the sanctuary. You may have received a text from her asking what your prayer needs are! She is a faithful intercessor! She also leads our live prayer on Thursdays on the GT Facebook at 12:30 PM. Deborah also served for 15 years as the Girls Ministry Director for Peninsular Florida District Assemblies of God. She has been on several missions trips through the years. She has been married to Dale, the love of her life, for over 54 years and they have 2 children: Cindy Chick and Travis and 2 granddaughters. We are so blessed by the ministry of our beloved Pastor Deborah Chapin!

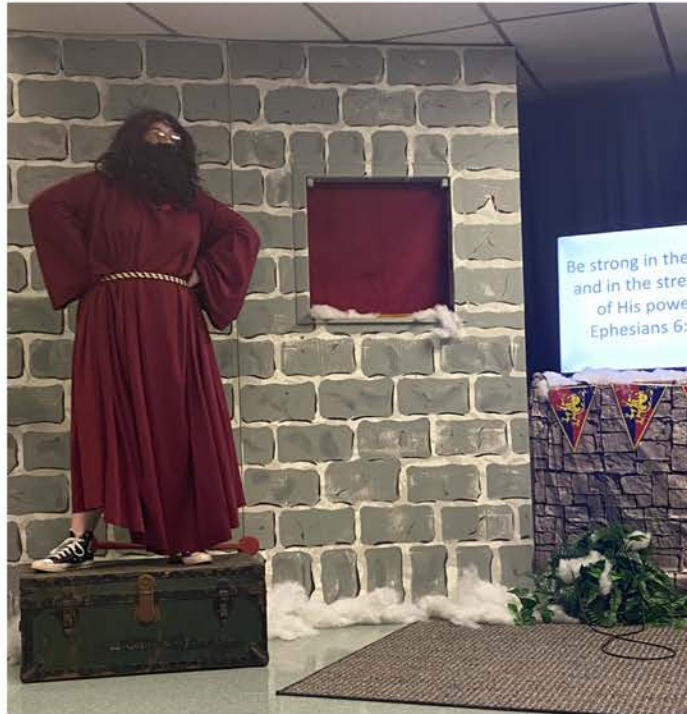




GT Kids Vacation Bible School 2022



Attention all kids ages 5-11! You and all your friends are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of July 11. There will be games, prizes, and lots of fun! The event is **July 11-15 from 6:30 - 8pm**. Please come 15 minutes early to register. You don't want to miss it! Anyone wanting to help volunteer, please contact Pastor Madi for more information.



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GT Girls Powette 2022



Powette is an incredible weekend for girls 3rd grade to 12th grade. Over 660 girls and workers gathered together for a time of camping, lots of fun activities, campfires & powerful times of worship and the Word! We saw girls saved for the first time, filled with the Holy Spirit and many delivered and set free! They were encouraged by our speaker, Kim Sharp, to “shut the back door” to the enemy and past! Our girls had a great time with their Powette Coordinator, Carrie Sedlock, and her team: Karen Helms, Angel Jones & Sandy Muchuzski and Deborah Chapin.





GT Church Youth Pow Wow 2022



On the first weekend in April, nearly 1500 Royal Rangers gathered at Camp Wilderness for the 2022 annual Pow Wow. This is a time for men and boys to enjoy an outdoor camping experience. The days were filled with many activities and the evening services saw God move and many lives were changed. Before bedtime, all enjoyed a time around the campfire. Pow Wow - where many lifelong memories are made.





GT Girls LIT 2022



LIT is a weekend conference designed for teen girls to encounter God and hear truth from the Word of God. Middle and High School girls are bombarded with lies from the enemy about their identity, relationships and life. Our girls encountered the Holy Spirit and were equipped with the Word to stand against every lie! They had powerful services, breakout sessions and lots of swimming, hanging out and drawing closer to God and each other!



“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7



GT Church Greeters Luncheon - Sunday, November 6, 12:30 - 2 pm

All GT Church greeters are invited to join us on Sunday, November 6 at 12:30 pm in the Community Room for a Greeters Appreciation luncheon. We appreciate and value each greeter and we want to recognize just how important our greeters are to the mission of GT Church.



All Church Fellowship Dinner - Fellowship Hall, July 6, 6:30pm

Join Pastor and Karen Helms for an all church fellowship dinner. Bring a friend and your favorite side dish or dessert. The church will provide the meat, drinks and paper goods. This will be a Bar-B-Q dinner, so please bring something that goes well with Bar-B-Q.



All Church Fellowship Dinner - Fellowship Hall, August 3, 6:30pm

This will be our South of the Border celebration. Please bring your favorite Mexican, Cuban or Spanish dish. Just good food and fine fellowship.



Join us in God's great outdoors at Pass-a-Grille Beach on August 21 for a beach baptism. We gather at 7 pm for worship and water baptism in the glory of a Gulf sunset. This is the perfect opportunity to follow Jesus in water baptism.



GT Women Luau Luncheon - June 25



Seasons of Life Women's Ministry held a luau for all ladies on Saturday, June 25. The event drew more than 50 women. The luau was also a surprise birthday party for our Pastor's wife, Pastor Karen. We enjoyed Hawaiian meatballs, fish tacos, Hawaiian rice and more! For dessert we had 3 different cakes, a birthday cake by Wanda Carlier and Coconut cake & Pineapple Upside Down Cake by Norma Perkins. Several ladies shared testimonies of how Pastor Karen has made an impact on their lives. Special thanks to our Seasons of Life Ministry Team led by Pastor Deborah Chapin and Becky Jackson. Pastor Karen was overwhelmed by love and gratitude for this incredible event!





GT Calendar Ongoing Events



Many people in today’s culture have misunderstood the true meaning of love. Some define love as a feeling or an emotion. The problem is feelings and emotions change. True love is much more lasting and powerful than mere emotion. Join Pastor Helms each Sunday morning as we look to the Word of God to help us “Redefine Love” from a Biblical perspective. This series will help us develop a clear understanding of what real love looks like in our lives.



Prime Time Senior Ministry - Thursdays, 10am, Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Ken & Susan Pippin for Prime Time. the GT Church Senior Adult Ministry for anyone age 55 and better. Food, Fellowship, Worship and the Word. We invite you to join us this and every Thursday morning on the GT Church Facebook page. We will resume in person in September.



GT Church Young Adults Apologetics - 1st & 3rd Monday each month

Our young adults meet the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Pastor Heath and Shannan’s house for an evening of fellowship and preparing to deal with the hard questions about faith and Christianity. Apologetics is all about defending the Christian faith through facts, science, scripture, and more. Contact Pastor Heath for more information.



GT Kids Church - Fellowship Hall, Sundays during second service.

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. Contact Pastor Madi for more information.



GT Youth - Youth Center - Thursday Nights 7 -8:30pm

Middle and high school students, if you are looking for something more in this life then 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. We play games and eat and laugh; but the most fun we have is while building the Kingdom.



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Join us for a Bible Study using the Drama Series **"The Chosen"**. The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season series based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ.

The intention of this study - and of the series, is not only to dig deeper into the people who encountered Jesus and to see Jesus through their eyes, but also to show him in a way that is more "personal, intimate, immediate. The first season is set in 1st century Galilee, where Jesus starts to build a group of followers for his ministry,



We believe in the power of intercessory prayer. Simply stated, intercessory prayer is taking on another's burdens and carrying on their behalf to the feet of Jesus. We have genuine prayer warriors who would love to take your cares and burdens to the Lord on your behalf.

Join us on Facebook Live for a time of prayer. We would love to pray for your needs. Join us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GTChurchFL>



Pastor Deborah Chapin - Sanctuary - Every Tuesday morning.

We are a people who believe in the power of prayer and as such we want to take an opportunity to come together weekly where we can intercede for our children, grandchildren and students, as well as, their parents and guardians. We will also be lifting up our pastor, staff and church family. If you are unable to join us in the sanctuary on Tuesday mornings, please know we covet your prayers wherever you may be. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of prayer..

