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From the Pastor

What Does God Require?

God made us with different levels of potential. This is made clear in Jesus’ story of the talents in Matthew Chapter 25. Here the Master, before going on His journey, left one with five talents, one with two talents and yet another with one. The first point is found in verse 15. He gave every man according to his “several ability” or, stated differently, according to his potential. God is the one who gives the potential and everyone has different levels. The second point is that God only requires productivity that is proportionate to the potential that He gives. The scripture declares “To whom much is given much will be required” (Luke 12:48). God did not require five from the one He gave two. The one who produced two received the same accolades as the one who produced five. It is clear that the man who was given one would have received the same if he had produced only one more. Why? They each have different levels of potential.

What does the Lord require of us? The answer is to reach our full potential by simply being what God made us to be and doing what God made us to do. Our potential is always changing. Notice the three men in Jesus’ parable. Focus on the fluctuation of their potential. The man with five worked to reach his full potential and developed another five. Now he has ten. The one with two earned two more. His potential is now at four. Their potential has grown because of their faithfulness. What about the man with one? His potential decreased. The master took his talent and gave it to the faithful man that reached his full potential.

Can you see the pattern? The principle goes like this. If we are faithful to work hard and reach our full potential; our potential actually increases. If we just stand by and embrace status quo; we lose the potential we once had. Use it or lose it! You can see that the possibilities are endless. Imagine with me the man with five talents. He reaches his full potential and he now has eleven. What will happen if he now reaches his full potential with eleven? Now he has twenty four. He’s faithful with that...well, you do the math. The point is it really starts to get exciting when we reach our full potential.

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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 to Germany, Austin and Shanda Brown. The Browns are Fully-appointed AGWM missionaries. Over the last 20 years, Austin and Shanda served in many different aspects of missions ministry including church planting, discipleship, college ministries, and evangelism.

Their journey began in Brussels, Belgium, and has taken them across Germany. The Browns now call southern Germany home and are excited to be a part of what God is doing in their Region. Austin and Shanda are celebrating 19 years of marriage. They have 2 children: Audrey: 12 & Sebastian: 4

Germany isn't what you might call the classic mission field. Most people have a good quality of life and steeples can be seen literally everywhere. And yet, it's clearly a secular nation, with an aging Christian population and a post-Christian youth.

For the past year our focus in ministry has turned back to church and campus planting. Our city of Ulm has a population of 120,000, however, within a 30 mile radius of our city there are an additional 350,000 people. You can almost count on 2 hands the number of Pentecostal churches in this area.

Our vision is that in every city and village where there is a state church we want to see a Pentecostal Church, Campus, or Small Group planted! Our hope is to plant an additional 4 campuses in the next 5 years as we work to see our Region changed by the power of God!

GT Church is happy to be partnering with the Browns as they help plant churches and invest in students to reach their communities and strengthen churches around Germany.





GT Church 90th Anniversary Celebration



GT Church celebrated 90 years of serving our great Savior on November 6 with a breakfast, special service and an all-church picnic at Lake Seminole Park.





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Community Outreach Harvest Fest 2022



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GT Calendar Event Information



Have you been naughty or nice? No matter - all are welcome to join the GT Church family for the annual **Church Christmas Dinner** on Sunday, December 11 at 6 pm. Delicious dinner and dessert, games, music, door prizes and much more. Tickets are \$8, children are free. Get your tickets at the YES desk or call the church office 7127.323.5017



Ladies - join us for **Seasons of Life Christmas Celebration**, Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm. We will enjoy a devotional by Shannan Panganiban, Christmas Carols, games, door prizes, desserts and hot chocolate. Tickets are \$5 - sign up at the YES desk or call the church office 727.323.5017



We invite you to spend an hour with us at 7 pm on Christmas Eve - Christmas Carols, Communion and a Candlelight Service. Bring the family. Very casual. Invite your friends as we celebrate the reason for the season - Jesus Christ.



Christmas is a great opportunity to share the good news of Jesus' birth to all our friends and neighbors. We will reach out to GT Church neighbors on **December 24 at 6 pm**. We need home-baked cookies to hand out with the hot chocolate. We also need volunteers to help with the bounce house, Christmas crafts and more. **Contact the church office 727.323.5017**



GT Prime Time Event Information



Prime-Time is going strong as we now have our winter snowbirds (angels) back in town. We recently had our District Luncheon Cruise and Primetime brought 17 out of the 92 in attendance.

We are thankful for Fran and Carl Wise who are our Event Coordinators and we appreciate their faithfulness.

We are also thankful for Norma Perkins who beautifully leads our worship time.

On December 15th, we will have our Christmas celebration and then break for the 22nd and 29th returning on January 5th

We invite you to join us each Thursday at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship, continental breakfast, worship, special music and ministry of the Word. 10:45 we livestream and we are now studying the Book of Corinthians!



We want to extend the hands of Christ by providing a meal for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or have a new baby.
Can you help with these meals?
Contact Karen Helms 727.415.7249.
You will be blessed!



We all want to feel welcome, especially at church. Our GT Church **Greeter Ministry** is looking for volunteers to serve both services - 9 am and 10:45 am. Contact Phyllis Styrzon at 727.432.6451.



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What are you doing Christmas morning?
Bill Jones and his team will be cooking up a festive **Christmas morning breakfast** starting at 9 am. Best of all, it's free! So come hungry and bring the family, friends and neighbors!



Worship, teaching, games & food - every week! All youth are invited to join **Realife Youth** every Sunday night at 5 pm. Come for the fun and stay for the discipleship. Special New Year's Eve celebration - contact Pastor Jon.



We extend the hand of welcome to new GT Church members at the 10:45 service on Sunday, December 11.



You can **give online** two ways:
*Visit GTChurchFL.com
*Text an amount to 84321



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Our babies and toddlers are precious to us. We are looking for loving volunteers to help teach and care for them on Sundays, once a month - or fill in when needed.
 If you can help, please call Alexis Lee at 727.217.6830



GT Church Got Talent!
 We are looking for a few musicians to join our worship band. We need an **electric guitar and electric bass player** to make a glorious sound as we sing the praises of our Lord.
 Contact Pastor Heath for details.



Join GT Church online



Sunday service live on Facebook and Youtube
 Daily prayer at 12:30 Monday - Thursday
 Primetime Live Thursdays @ 10 am



Sunday Bible Class with Bill Jones
 Every Sunday @ 9am in the Bible Study Room
 All are welcome - refreshments are served