

ORDER OF SERVICE  
JANUARY 21, 2024

Worship in Song  
    *Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)*  
Welcome & Prayer  
Choices Chattanooga Presentation  
Worship in Song  
    *How Firm a Foundation*  
    *By Faith*  
Message.....Pastor Adam  
Worship in Song  
    *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Announcements  
Offering – Receptacles in back of Auditorium and Lobby

COMING UP

Today	9:30am	Worship service, Nursery, Children’s Church Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11am	Sunday school & electives, Nursery
	5:30pm	AWANA, Youth, Nursery, Adult Bible studies
1/23	9:30am	Sorority of Sisters
1/24	9:30am	MOPS
1/26	9:30pm	GSM 5th Quarter @ Morris Hill
1/28	9:30am	Worship service, Nursery, Children’s Church
	10:30am	Abbreviated fellowship time
	10:45am	Baptism
	11am	Sunday school & electives, Nursery
	5pm	Annual Business Meeting/Ministry Update Fellowship (Chili Supper) No other evening activities

GRACE BUILDS

Where is the breakpoint between ‘waiting on God’ and ‘having a vision or dream’ for the future identity and ministries of Grace?

The Psalms tell us to ‘wait on the Lord’ for deliverance (Ps. 27) and for justice (Ps. 37). We also wait upon the Lord for guidance and direction.

On the other hand, King David had the vision to build a house of God (II Samuel 7, I Chronicles 28). Although God ultimately disqualified David from building it, He did not discount either David’s dream or his initiative. God simply allowed David’s son, Solomon, to complete his father’s vision for the house of worship.

In Luke 19, Jesus is teaching what is commonly referred to as the Parable of the Talents. The subject is money (not abilities) and is based on an actual event (“a certain man...”). The Master eventually calls his servants to account for how they have invested in furthering his interests. Servants who successfully developed and grew the Master’s holdings were rewarded, while the servant who took no risk and demonstrated no initiative was judged to be faithless and wicked.

It seems that within the bounds of God’s Word and His values as revealed in it, there is not only room for initiative in the pursuit of His agenda but a demand for it. We should also question whether ‘waiting on God’ absolves us of the responsibility of pursuing Godly initiatives.

So, consider once again, what would your vision for our future Grace, a ‘Greater Grace’ be?

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- PRAYER REQUESTS
- Jonna Smith was in the hospital this past week with a kidney infection.
  - Elsa Smith is home recovering from hip surgery.
  - Phyllis Pizer is recovering from ankle surgery.
  - Sandy Gromacki’s father is still in the ICU in Boston.
  - Continue to pray for peace in Israel and safety for missionaries and others residing there.
  - Continue to pray for Fred Holcombe, Robert Malone, Suzie Mohler, Paul Shenefield, Kiersten (Blesch) Luttrull, Connie Swann, and Joy Martin with their ongoing medical needs.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

Our next Baptism Sunday will be January 28. We are excited to join together with our Grace en Español family for this special time! We will have a reduced Fellowship Time that day and then join back in the auditorium at 10:45 AM for the baptisms before heading into our regular Discipleship Hour.

NOMINATED OFFICERS

The following nominees will be voted on at the annual meeting:

Deacons - Bill Hall, Neil Loveridge  
Treasurer - Doug Cunningham  
Clerk/Secretary - Gavin Gromacki

BEYOND BORDERS

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

DALE & ANNABELLE BARKUBEIN - MISSIONS 3:16

Pray for them as they are working in the Philippines planting churches. Pray also for Dale as he is facing health issues.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/FELLOWSHIP  
JANUARY 28 @ 5:00 PM

We are looking forward to celebrating what God did in and through our church in 2023 and then casting a vision for 2024. The Annual Business Meeting and Ministry Update Fellowship will also give us the opportunity to recognize key people in our ministries and establish new leadership. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM for a chili supper with the meeting to follow. The chili, cheese, sour cream, and drinks will be provided. We ask that each family bring either sandwiches, cornbread, chips, and/or dessert.

We will have childcare for nursery through Pre-K and a game/craft night for K-5th. Your child can bring their favorite game to share and/or a simple craft like beads, origami, etc.

AWANA GRAND PRIX

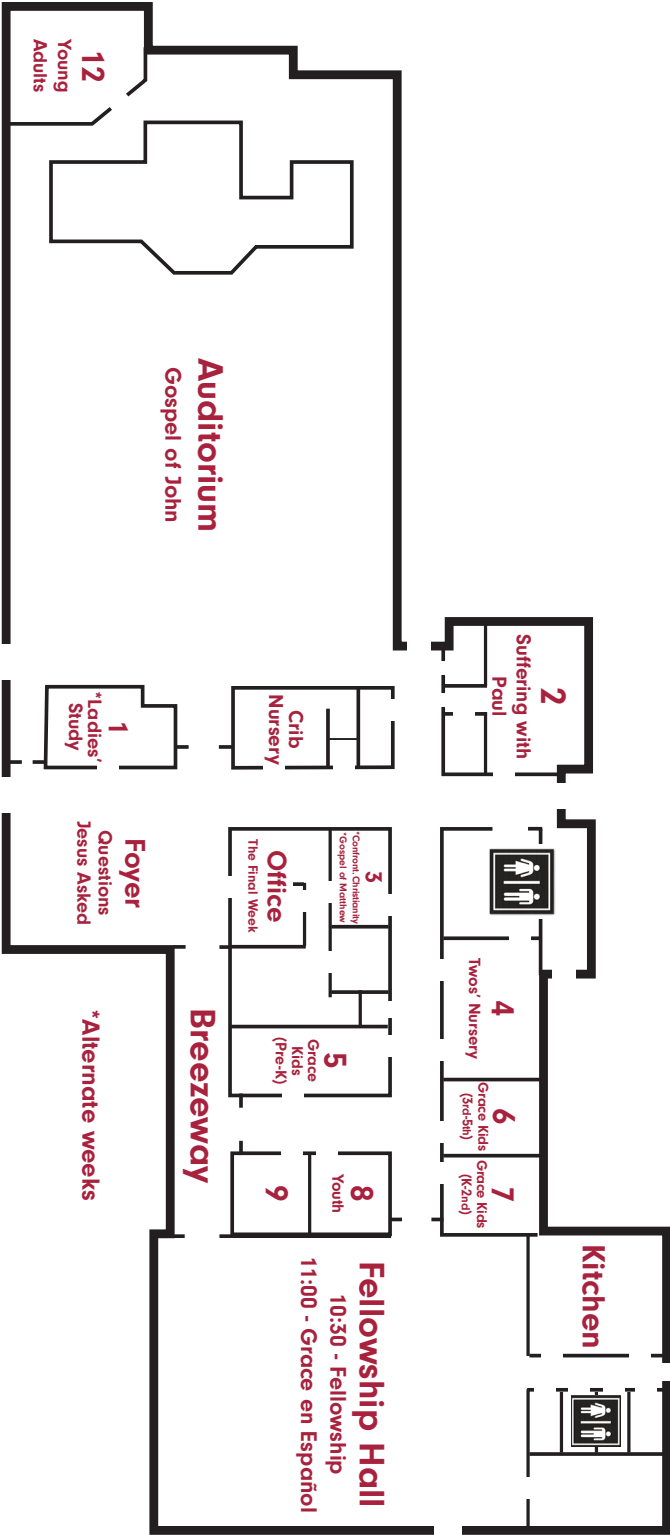
The AWANA Grand Prix is coming up! We are having this year's competition on Saturday, February 24, at 4 PM. Car kits are on sale in the foyer on Sunday mornings and at the AWANA check-in station in the evenings. Kits are \$5 each and can be paid by cash, check, or through ShelbyNext. Be on the lookout for dates where kids can come cut their cars to prep them for the race.



GBA Upper School students just concluded their annual 'Spiritual Renewal Week'. This year's guest speaker was Luke Peterson who pastors near Ohio State University and has an on-campus ministry there.

Please pray for students who made decisions this past week, as well as those in whose heart the seed has been sown, that they will respond to God's Word and His call!

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Classrooms for Sunday School & Electives  
WINTER SEMESTER 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES  
WINTER SEMESTER 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Study	Teacher	Room
Youth: "That Doesn't Sound Right"	Steve Gillmore	8
Young adults: 2 Timothy	Nathan Greve	12
Gospel of Matthew *	Rick Hodges	3
Confronting Christianity *	Dr. Steve Euler	3
Suffering with Paul	Fred Bennett	2
Gospel of John	Dr. Bill Summers	Auditorium

\* Meets every other week

ELECTIVES

Study	Teacher	Room
Ladies' Study: "None Like Him"	Mary Jane Bergen	1
We serve a limitless God who purposely gave us limits so that we could live in freedom. Ladies, please join us as we study Jen Wilkin's fascinating book, None Like Him.		
Questions Jesus Asked	Steve Lyons	Foyer
During our interactive sessions we plan to examine many of the key questions that Jesus posed during his ministry. By taking a fresh look at these familiar inquiries of our Lord, we expect to see that they are just as relatable and applicable to us today as when they were first spoken.		
God's Power in the Final Week	Bill Hall	Office
Come and study the last week of Christ with us in a unique way. This verse-by-verse study will cover the last week of Christ as it is presented by the Gospel of Mark (Mark 11-16). We will also explore how to write your own "Devotional Commentary."		

# NOTES

## ABOUT GBC

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To glorify God by delighting in and declaring the person and work of Jesus Christ. Learn how we accomplish this at [OurGrace.Church/Mission](http://OurGrace.Church/Mission)

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- Provide updated contact info
- Request info on Jesus Christ, the church, or academy
- Sign up for baptism or a new members' class
- Submit prayer requests
- Register for the prayer chain

### GRACE ACADEMY

Learn what's going on with the Golden Eagles and our Children's Center at [GraceChatt.org](http://GraceChatt.org)

### EVENTS

While some are listed here, a complete schedule is at [OurGrace.Church/Events](http://OurGrace.Church/Events)

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