

## 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
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
	11am	Sunday school & electives, Nursery
	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Annual Business Meeting/Ministry Update Fellowship (Chili Supper)</b>
		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?

## OFFERING ENVELOPE ORDERS

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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.

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JANUARY 14, 2024

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*Sing to the King*

Welcome & Prayer

Worship in Song

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

*Jesus Messiah*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

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	7:15pm	Alaska trip informational meeting
1/15		Church office & GBA closed - MLK Day
1/16	9:30am	Sorority of Sisters
1/16-19		GBA Spiritual Renewal Week
1/17	6:30pm	Deacons’ Meeting
1/19-20		Ladies’ Retreat in Pigeon Forge
1/21	9:30am	Worship service Nursery, Children’s Church
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**On a hot August day more than 60 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stepped to the microphone on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to address a crowd of more than 200,000. Throughout his prepared remarks, he illustrated how America needed to live up to its promises for all its people.**

**As he approached the end of his speech, Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson called out to him, “Tell ‘em about the dream, Martin, tell ‘em about the dream!” ...to which he responded, “I have a dream!”**

**Thus prompted, he deviated from his planned closing and transitioned to core ideas expressed in a previous speech of which Jackson was aware. He proceeded to lay out the geographical scope of his dream, the hopes of his dream, the values by which it would be constructed, and the vision of what the dream would look like once accomplished.**

**If asked, would you have a dream for the future of Grace and its ministries? How could we play a greater role in carrying out God’s goals of redeeming and transforming the lives of individuals, and building His church?**

**In your mind’s eye, what would a ‘Greater Grace’ really look like on a Sunday morning? How would it function throughout the week? What would be the scope of our reach? How would we reach ‘Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria’, as well as ‘the uttermost parts of the earth’? How would we grow in fellowship among ourselves, as well as with others?**

**On more than one occasion it has been said that ‘it’s not about the facilities’, yet without a ‘dream’, a vision for our future, isn’t this just a building project? Is that the only inherent promise in a ‘Greater Grace’?**

**Nothing is ever accomplished without vision. Through both the power and direction of the Holy Spirit, is it not time to ‘dream’ about what Grace could become?**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sandy Gromacki’s father is critically ill and is currently in the ICU in Boston. Sandy traveled up to be with him and help her mother during this time.
- Pray for Cordaro Cummings, teacher and coach at GBA, whose father recently passed away unexpectedly.
- Fred Holcombe is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Continue to pray for peace in Israel and safety for missionaries and others residing there.
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### MISSIONARY UPDATE

**JONATHAN & NOELLA KLEIS - ABWE**

We praise the Lord for the safe arrival of the Kleis family to Italy, and continue to pray for them as they transition back to their home and ministry.

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**MELISSA BACCARELLA - ABWE**

Pray for her as she serves in Caselle, Italy, to evangelize and disciple believers as they establish an indigenous church in that country.