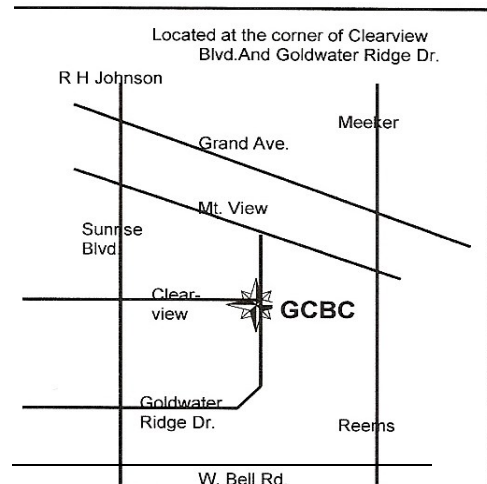




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Pastor Chip and Stephanie

Gather.

Walking through Hobby Lobby, I see wall art with the one word. Gather.

I presume that those pieces are meant to be bought by families as they prepare for the celebration of holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and more. Or perhaps if it is a family blessed to live close and to gather frequently, the sign would reside in the matriarch's kitchen as a reminder of her strict expectation. There are some things that simply have to be done in person. Some celebrations demand our personal participation.

When I see those signs, I think about the joy of those families as they come together with the people they value most. Those are patterns of humankind that help them to be both, human and kind.

But when I see those art pieces proclaiming 'gather', I also think of worship. On Sundays, those of us who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ, to be His servants and His people, gather to give Him the honor and praise He deserves.

All the circumstances of life focus on dissuading us from gathering. Culture, COVID, convenience and aging all work together as if planned. Perhaps the devil is doing the planning. There are valid reasons why we shouldn't worship in person. By all means, if you are sick, stay home. If you are unable to leave your house, watch online.

But if you are able to come in person, choose to gather and enjoy the benefits. Joy, from being together. Hope, from the gospel. Safety, from patterns of life which displace harmful patterns. Readiness, from preparation for eternity. Strength, from a time with God, and better understanding of His Word.

So, let us gather.



Magnify God, Proclaim the Gospel, Care for the Community!

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Come Worship with Us

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Services

Bible Study at 9:00 AM ... Ministry Center

Worship at 10:00 AM.....Worship Center

Evening Worship at 4:00 PM ... Worship Center

Mondays	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Ministry Center classroom
Wednesdays	4:00 pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Worship Center
Thursdays	9:45 am	Women's Bible Study, Ministry Center classroom

Please **WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS** to Grand Community Baptist Church!



Faye Lanier
Joined
August 28,
2022



David and Katie
Marshall
Joined
September 23, 2022



Glenda Gross
Joined
October 23, 2022

Musically Speaking

by Russ Jakes



It is thrilling to have our winter visitors begin to return. The choir is excited to share their Christmas story, Glorious Impossible, on Sunday morning December 11. I hope you’re planning to come and bring a neighbor or friend.

Grace Notes have the opportunity to expand their ministry as they will be singing for the Christian Women’s Connection luncheon on November 11. They are a wonderful group of ladies and we are grateful to have them as a part of our music ministry.

We still have needs in the media area. They are soon going to become desperate. If you are willing to help, please see Carol Thompson or myself.

Brother Gary’s Updates

by Dr. Gary Harr, Associate Pastor



Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Jesus said these words to all of His followers:

“Go therefore and make disciple of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus commanded us to make disciples, not just converts. It is not too late to join us for a shortened semester of **FAITH** where we are able to both grow in our walk with Jesus as well as share the Good News. We meet on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 pm.

I also want to invite you to go with us on Fridays at 10 am as we ***“Pray and Go”*** in Sun City Grand. We prayer walk with a partner for an hour and then return to the church. We have prayed over 3,000 homes in our community so far with only 6,500 homes to go! Please join us as we have the opportunity to pray for and minister to our neighbors.
In His Service, *Brother Gary*

The Lunch Bunch

by Virginia King



The Lunch Bunch met at Betty’s Roost in September and Longhorn Steakhouse in October. Our November luncheon will be at Chili’s They promise to have us seated together and to be warm and friendly. Yes, that’s us! Warm and friendly. We have a wonderful group but we’re missing you!!! December’s Christmas Lunch Bunch will be at Outback on December 13th. We promise a great time Our usual gift card door prize and some special surprises!!! The joy of fellowship with our church family will put jingle bells in your season.

Men’s Ministry

By Russ Baldwin



Hello again my brothers,
This is the final message you will receive this year! We are finishing our study in 1st and 2nd Peter and will start our final study this year in Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Please make it a habit to join us on Monday morning for study and a lot of homemade goodies along with hot coffee. We hope to see you there!

Cookie Table

by Marie Miller “Cookie Lady”



Wow, What can I say. I am just so blessed to be the Cookie Lady. Thank you cookie eaters for giving me the chance to serve you. And thank you for the fellowship at the table after all my work to set up. I love the fellowship. It is not all about the cookies. There is a lot of fun at the cookie table. Come and fellowship even if you don’t want a cookie. Meet someone new in the church.

Marie Miller - 623-546-2589 Linda MacKendrick - 623-398-4633



IN MEMORIAM

Walter Werra 9/4/2022 Annie Higdon 10/19/2022

Behind the Scenes...

Featured Member of GCBC:

Keith Gilroy has been a faithful member of GCBC for a few years now. He is a proud American Veteran who honorably served in the United States Army back in the early 60’s. He was an Accountant by trade before he retired. Although Brother Keith has some physical challenges, he refuses to let anything slow him down! He is an Evangelist on wheels! He founded “Keith Gilroy Ministries” to help reach the world with the Gospel as well as a ministry targeting Military Veterans called “American Veterans” (website: AmericanVeterans.us). He has a burden not only to connect Veterans with the physical resources they need, but more importantly, to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Bro. Keith actively reaches out to the world via his websites and reaches out to local communities by attending various Veteran events, visiting Veteran hospitals and care centers, giving Patriotic Presentations in churches and Veteran facilities and distributing Patriotic and Spiritual literature, hats, shirts, tote bags, flags etc., all at his own expense! Bro. Keith inspires us all with his Love for the Lord, his service to our Military Veterans and his passion to reach the world with the Gospel! We are proud to have Bro. Keith as a member of our church and we pray God will give this precious saint many more years to serve!



Keith S. Gilroy



Missions

by Ross Jones



The Missions Committee wishes every member of Grand Community a joyous Christmas and may the celebration of the birth of our Lord add happiness to everyone.

Peggy Harvey

Rod Thompson

Sarah Bacon

Marian Hunter

Bill King

Maureen King

Ross Jones

Women’s Ministry

by Evonne Starrett



Hello ladies! We have two specials for this Holiday Newsletter. The first is that we are bringing back our Christmas Tea on December 15 at 11:00! So dust off your favorite tea cup or holiday mug and start thinking about what finger food, and a friend, you can bring. If you have some special Christmas decorations that you would like to spotlight as a table centerpiece, let me know. Get creative! It's fun to share! So come for good food and fellowship, a special musical program, and of course, tea!

The second special is that we will be doing a 6 week LifeGuide study on the "Advent of the Savior" in November and December for our 9:45 Thursday Morning Bible Study. So plan on joining us for these specials and watch for further details and a sign up sheet for the Tea!!

