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# THE LIVING GRACE NEWSLETTER

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This is a complete list of all of our Bishops. Please keep them in prayer as well as all of the areas they are responsible for.

### Bishops and Their Areas of Service

<https://globalmethodist.org/global-methodist-church-bishops/>

#### **Bishop John Pena Auta**

AC's  
North Georgia  
Northeast Nigeria  
Southern Nigeria  
Development of GMC in:  
Malawi Liberia  
Zimbabwe

#### **Bishop Kimba Evariste** (sup't of Katanga)

AC's  
Central African Republic.  
Florida  
South Africa  
Development of GMC in:  
Zambia  
Grand Kindu  
Grand Orientale  
Grand Equator

#### **Bishop Jeff Greenway** (sup't Alleg. West)

AC's  
Heartland  
North Carolina  
Development of GMC in:  
Rwanda  
Thailand

#### **Bishop Leah Gregory**

AC's  
Bulgaria  
Northeast  
South Georgia  
Development of GMC in:  
Mexico

#### **Bishop Scott Jones**

AC's  
Alabama Emerald Coast  
Central Nigeria  
Kenya-Ethiopia  
Mega Manila  
Mississippi West Tennessee  
Northern Nigeria  
Trinity  
West Plains  
Development of GMC in:  
Kenya – Afrika Mashariki & N Africa

#### **Bishop Kenneth Levingston**

AC's  
Mid South  
Mid Texas  
Panama  
Development of GMC in:  
Peru

#### **Bishop Carolyn Moore**

AC's  
Covenant Philippines  
North Alabama  
South Carolina  
Western States  
Development of GMC in:  
Uganda

#### **Bishop Mark Webb**

AC's  
Allegheny West  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
Great Lakes  
Korean American  
Slovakia  
Spain  
Tanzania  
Upper Midwest  
Virginia  
Development of GMC in:  
Angola  
Mozambique  
Grand Katanga  
Grand Kasai  
Grand Kinshasa



# The Bulletin Board

## Fairless Food Cupboard

The Fairless Food Cupboard is always taking donations of any nonperishable items, but for the month of February we are focusing on cereal and toilet paper, as well as any nonperishable food items.

## Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items each month for Operation Christmas Child. For the month of February, we are asking for accessories such as jewelry, sunglasses, watches and hair bows. It is unbelievable how many boxes we were able to do last year and it is all thanks you all! We hope to do even more in 2025! Thank you!!

## An Hour of Prayer

The prayer group meets on Thursday at 10:00am. Together, we share scriptures, devotions, joys, concerns, and experiences. We laugh, cry and sometimes even sing together! More important, as we pray, we are growing in a closer relationship with God and as a family in the body of Christ. Please join us, and experience God's grace together. We hope you are able to join us!!!!

## Communion Schedule

Below is the Communion Steward Schedule for 2025.

2/23 – TaJuana West  
3/30 – Ashley Lynch  
4/27 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
5/25 – TaJuana West  
6/29 – Ashley Lynch  
7/27 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
8/31 – TaJuana West  
9/28 – Ashley Lynch  
10/26 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
11/30 – TaJuana West  
12/24 – Ashley Lynch  
12/28 – Russ & Arbie Mathias  
(Please contact Ashley Lynch if you need to reschedule)

## The Widow's Ministry

The Widow's Ministry is in the start up phase of serving so if you or anyone you know is in need of any kind of help please contact Tim Mihal or the church office. This could be anything as simple as grocery pick up, raking leaves, seasonal decorating to the big things like housework, laundry, home projects or repairs. Please let us know if we can be of service to anyone.

## Upcoming Church Events

- February 1st = Clue event/fund raiser put on by Youth
- February 8th = Preparing of Super Bowl Subs Fund Raiser for Youth pick up after church service Sunday 9th
- May 10th = packing of rice packets for missions 10am-2pm

## Garage Sale

Our church will be participating in the Navarre Garage Sale again this year. It is time to declutter, spring clean and find a home for your "stuff". Navarre Garage Sale days are May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. More details to come but please start collecting your items to be brought into the church! Thanks everyone!!!

## Women's Study

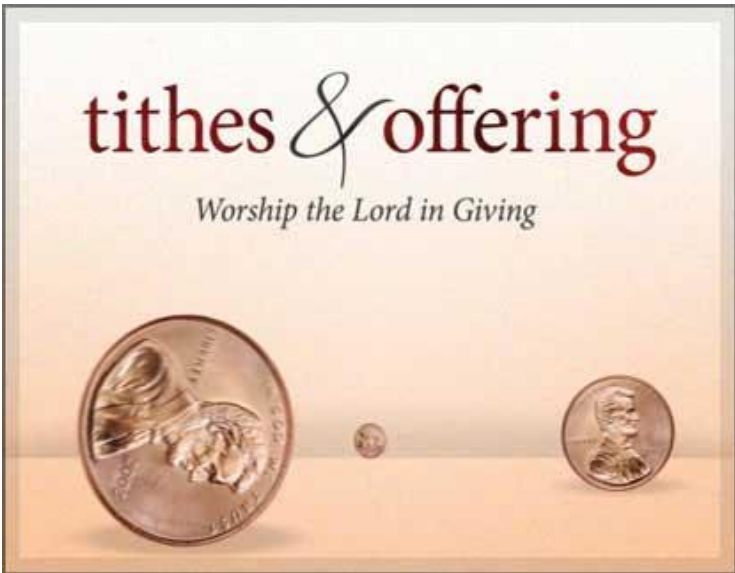
On Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm we are going to have our first gathering. It will be a laid-back time of fellowship and refreshments, and we will be discussing the new book we will be doing a bible study on. All women 18 and older is welcome to come join us for this study!!!

## Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8am.

## Clue in Real Life

Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30pm the youth group will be putting on a fun night for the whole family. The game clue has always been a classic game of who done it. But this time we get to play the game in real life. We hope that you will come join us for a great meal and a really fun night of searching for clues. This is a thank you to the church from the youth group for always supporting them in everything they do!!!



**Stewardship Report...**

Date	1/5/25	Date	1/12/25
Attendance	P- 97 OL- 68	Attendance	P- 96 OL - 50
Offering	\$4,345.00	Offering	\$4,624.05
Date	1/19/24	Date	1/26/24
Attendance	P- 103 OL-44	Attendance	P - 114 OL- 48
Offering	\$7,934.50	Offering	\$
Total Operating Expenses:			\$ 209,560.00
Finances Needed Per Week:			\$ 4,352.45

Special thanks to Cadyn & Jenna McKelvey who do our church sign out front. Jen Troyer & Nicole Denney who do all the bulletin boards in the church. You all do a **WONDERFUL JOB!!**

Weekly Sermons can be accessed on our Facebook page as well as the church YouTube channel.

- Those Serving our church in December.....**
- February Media Technicians**  
 2/2 Hunter Miller            2/9 David Denney  
 2/16 Jason Everhart        2/23 Gabe Kukuk
- February Door Watch**  
 2/2 Justin Bender            2/9 Donna Wendell  
 2/16 Richard Hayden       2/23 TaJuana West
- February Door Watch (Wed. Night)**  
 2/5 Paul Werstler            2/12 Josh Stacy  
 2/19 Linda Bender           2/26 Matt Miller
- February Scripture Reader**  
 2/2 Phil Glasgow            2/9 Gabe Kukuk  
 2/16 Mary Wuske            2/23 Ruth Hayden
- February Kidz Church Helpers**  
 None – Bible Olympics
- February Sunday School Teachers**  
 K – 2: Cadyn                    3 – 4: Linda Bender  
 5 – 8: Tim Mihal              High School: Sherri Kandel  
 Adult class: Pastor Carl    Nursery: N/A
- February Greeter –** Arbie Mathias
- February Ushers –** Bob Wuske, Moses Troyer, Todd Schneider (alt. Tim Bednar.)
- February Card Ministry –** Rosi Jones
- February Communion Stewards –** TaJuana West

# missions

our backyard and beyond



The 2025 Mission Trip will again be going to Oak Hill, West Virginia. We will leave the church on Sunday June 22 and return Saturday June 28. We serve with several other churches- Louisville Christ, Chinese Mission, Parkside, Poland, Yellow Creek, and Union Hill. All meals are provided.

The mission trip is geared to teenagers learning new skills and working on the projects with adult supervision. The cost of the mission trip is around \$250 per volunteer, paid by the church. (If you would like to fund a Living Grace volunteer, just put it in the Sunday offering designated for the mission trip.)

The entire congregation can be a part of this mission trip. We need:

- Players- those who go on the mission trip.
- Payers- those who financially give to this mission trip. Mission trip costs include fees for the volunteers, t-shirts, and kitchen supplies.
- Prayers-those who keep this mission outreach and the volunteers covered in prayer.

Where do you fit in?

If you have any questions or would like to go on this mission trip, please talk to Pastor Carl or Tim Mihal.

For February we are suggesting donations of cereal and toilet paper for the Fairless Food Cupboard and sunglasses, watches, and hair bows for Operation Christmas Child.

We have hats, gloves, and mittens out in the Sidewalk Library. If you or someone you know needs these items, help yourself and spread the word!

The pill bottle donation box is by the steps to Nydegger Hall. Bottles must be washed with all labels removed.

The St Pauli Used Clothing Shed accepts donations of all used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, curtains and stuffed toys. Please place donations in plastic bags to keep dry. Tell your friends and family about our St Pauli used clothing shed!





# BE AN EXAMPLE

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.  
1 Timothy 4:12*

## LIVING GRACE YOUTH MINISTRY

livinggracecc.org/youth | youth@livinggracecc.org

It has been great meeting weekly with the youth on Wednesday! We have really enjoyed connecting on a more consistent basis.

We have been working through a series called 'Redeem the Screen. A series about the incredible power screens have in our lives. We walk through Romans 12 showing us how to be transformed by Jesus to where our screens are no longer a distraction, but a tool. Also, this month we will finish up our Teaching Series called 'The Hills'.

### News & Important Reminders:

- On Saturday February 8th from 5-7pm we will be making Super Bowl subs. There will also be a bake sale on Sunday February 9th.
- Please note, We will not have Youth Group on Wednesday March 5th
- The 2024/2025 Health & Permission form is now available. To access, select the following link: [Health & Permission](#)

### Teaching Series Overview:

**TITLE:** The Hills

**SERIES BOTTOM LINE:** This series encourages youth to understand what it means for them to be the light of the world.

**SESSION 1:** God created you to shine.

**SESSION 2:** God's light in you brings order to chaos.

**SESSION 3:** God's light in you brings light to others.

Be sure to stay updated with all our resources (website, GroupMe, Bulletin Board, Youth white board). To join the GroupMe communication app, click the link: [Join GroupMe](#)

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We will not have Youth Group on Wednesday March 5th

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GROUP412 SNAPSHOT

### FEBRUARY

- Wed. (2/5), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Sat. (2/8), 5-7pm: Super Bowl Sub Making
- Wed. (2/12), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (2/19), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (2/26), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group

### MARCH

- Wed. (3/12), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (3/19), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group
- Wed. (3/26), 5:30-7pm: Youth Group



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Breakfast 8am  Clue in Real Life  B – Tyler Lautzenheiser
2 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:45	3	4 Christian Ed Meeting 6pm	5 Wednesday Night Reset 5:30 – dinner 6 – 7 Joy Club 6 – 7 Worship 7 – 7:45 Bells	6 Prayer Group 10am  B – Kimberly Justice	7 B – Steven Hess	8 Sub prep  B – Charlee Huntsman
9 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00	12  B – Patricia Kling	13 Women's study 6pm  B – Jan Smith, Connor Wuske	14 Wednesday Night Reset 5:30 – dinner 6 – 7 Joy Club 6 – 7 Worship 7 – 7:45 Bells B – Mary Wuske	15 Prayer Group 10am	16  B – James Ricker	17
18 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00  B – Justin Bender	19	20	21 Wednesday Night Reset 5:30 – dinner 6 – 7 Joy Club 6 – 7 Worship 7 – 7:45 Bells	22 Prayer Group 10am	23	24
25 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 11:00	26  B – Tanner Seese	27	28 Wednesday Night Reset 5:30 – dinner 6 – 7 Joy Club 6 – 7 Worship 7 – 7:45 Bells B – Joe Kammer, Tasha West, Arbie Mathias, Stephen Hughes			

# In the Light

*Stories of faith from the people of Living Grace*

Helen Petscher

Looking back on my 80 years of life, I feel so blessed to have had friends and family showing and telling me about God. I've learned from them that God made me and gave me a special purpose in this world and that He would always be with me, holding my hand and sometimes holding me as I faced difficult situation and loses in my life.

I thank my mom, my aunt Brenda and my aunt Helen for taking me to church. I enjoyed the beauty in the Catholic Church building. I watched the people kneeling before the altar before they took their seat. I watched people praying. I felt there was something special about this place.

As I grew into a young woman I met the love of my life. Chuck and I married in 1963. We had two wonderful daughters. We bought a home in Navarre. We became friends with our neighbors the Winkhart family. Cindy (Godby) Winkhart would help me take care of the girls and one day she asked our family to go to her church. I loved watching the children having fun and learning about Jesus. Thank you my dear friend.

I thank Nada McAfee who invited me to their woman's bible study. It was there that I finally understood why there was so much beauty, joy and peace in the churches. It was Jesus! By accepting His love, following Him, serving Him, and knowing He is always with me, I can say thank you Jesus, I love you!



# SAVE THE DATE

**VBS: June 9th - 13th from 6-8pm**

A graphic for 'Operation Arctic' VBS. It features a snowy, arctic landscape with a sled pulled by a dog, and two other dogs running. The word 'ARCTIC' is written in large, icy blue letters. Above it, 'OPERATION' is written in orange, and 'Answers VBS' is in red. Below the main title, it says 'Exploring the Coolest Book on the Planet'. At the bottom, it lists the church name, address, grades, and registration website.

Answers **VBS**

## OPERATION

# ARCTIC

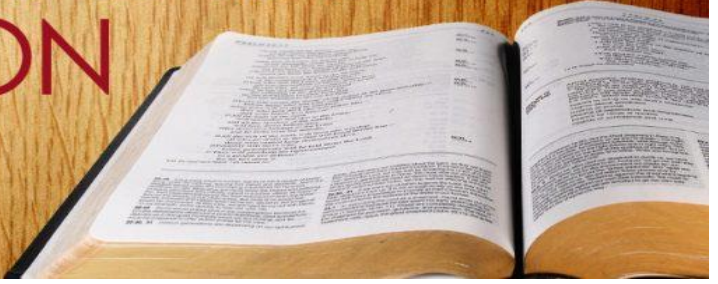
*Exploring the Coolest Book on the Planet*

**Living Grace Christian Church - 121 Basin St. Navarre**  
Grades K - 8  
Register at: [livinggracecc.org](http://livinggracecc.org)

**If you are willing to help with VBS in any way shape or form, please get in touch with Ashley ASAP. We are in need of 2 people to run our “science experiments” station. We also are going to need people to cook meals each night and we will need a lot of people to take the children from station to station. Thank you in advance for your help!!!!**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our February Sunday School teachers are Cadyn McKelvey (k-2nd) Linda Bender (3rd-4th) Tim Mihal (5th-8th) and Sherri Kandel with our highschoolers. Pastor Carl is almost finished teaching *The Israel Story* in the adult class. Grab some coffee & a donut and join us for a new adult study!

The KIDZ Church Kidz are right in the middle of BIBLE OLYMPICS! It is such a blessing seeing most of our kids/youth in Smith Hall every Sunday. This year, Bible Olympic participants are K-8th grade and our youth have stepped up to lead the teams and coach. Everyone is having such a good time learning about Jesus in a competitive but fun way.

Women of our church (18 and older) please join us for our new Women's Study! Our first night will be on February 11th at 6:00pm. There will be light refreshments and wonderful fellowship. We will be reading, learning and discussing so much with *Every Woman a Theologian* by Phyllicia Masonheimer as our study guide. "Through engaging stories and compelling truths, *Every Woman a Theologian* will help you:

- Identify your existing beliefs about God, salvation, and the Christian life
- Learn how to lovingly communicate Christian truths to those who disagree
- Understand theological concepts without feeling overwhelmed
- Grow closer to the heart of God—Believing and following Jesus means daily forward motion into the heart of God."

For more information on this study and/or Phyllicia, please click on the link below. If there are any questions, please see Hannah Stacy or Mariah Ricker. We look forward to having you!!

[Every Woman a Theologian: Know What You Believe. Live It Confidently. Communicate It Graciously. - Phyllicia Masonheimer](#)

**Please continue to join us for Wednesday Night Reset**

**5:30-6:00 -Dinner in Nydegger Hall**

**6:00-7:00 - Nursery 0-4 years old**

**JOY Club K-5th**

**Group412 6th-12th**

**Worship & The Chosen Study for Adults**

**7:00-7:45 - Bell Choir**

**Our next Christian Ed. Meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00pm in Pastor Carl's Study. Please feel free to join us!**

**-Mariah Ricker  
Christian Ed. Director**

### **Mission Statement**

**“Make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.”**

**To Witness**

\*Pointing to Jesus in all we do

**To Disciple**

\*Teaching how to apply Christ in everyday life

**To Worship**

\*To glorify the Lord in all we do

**To Serve**

\* To be a servant of the Lord and those He loves

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Pastor - Rev. Carl Kandel  
Secretary - Ashley Lynch  
Youth Director – Gabe Kukuk  
Youth Assistant – Trudy Kukuk  
Pianist & Choir Director - Cory Janson  
Christian Education Director – Mariah Ricker  
Custodian – Seth Lackey

You can find us on Facebook and YouTube and Instagram!

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