Grace Community Church of Topsail

November 15, 2026 - He Loves Us Enough to Change Us - Matthew 9:9-13

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Psalm 37:7 ESV

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

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Psalm 62:1 ESV

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

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Psalm 46:10 ESV

"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

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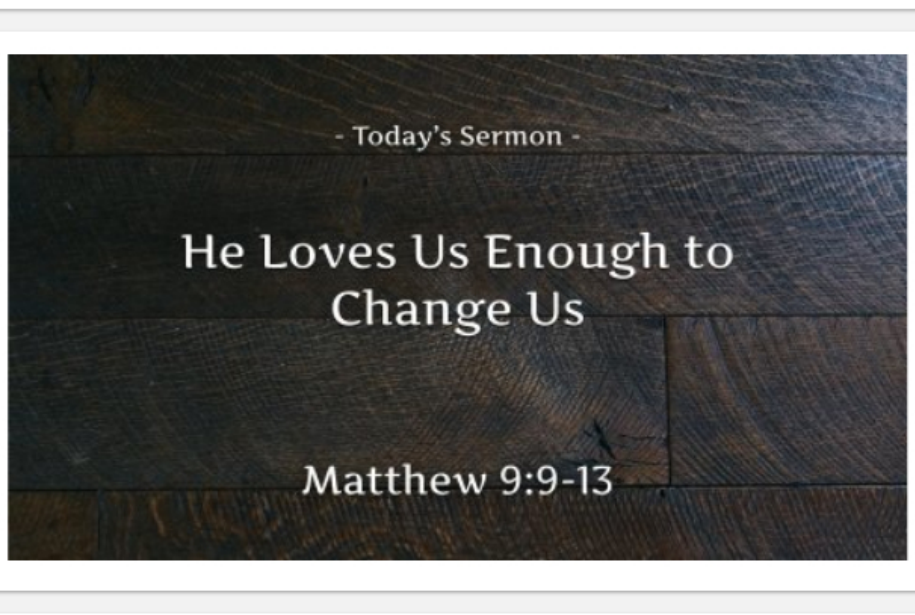
♫ **Psalm 34**

♫ **This is The Day**

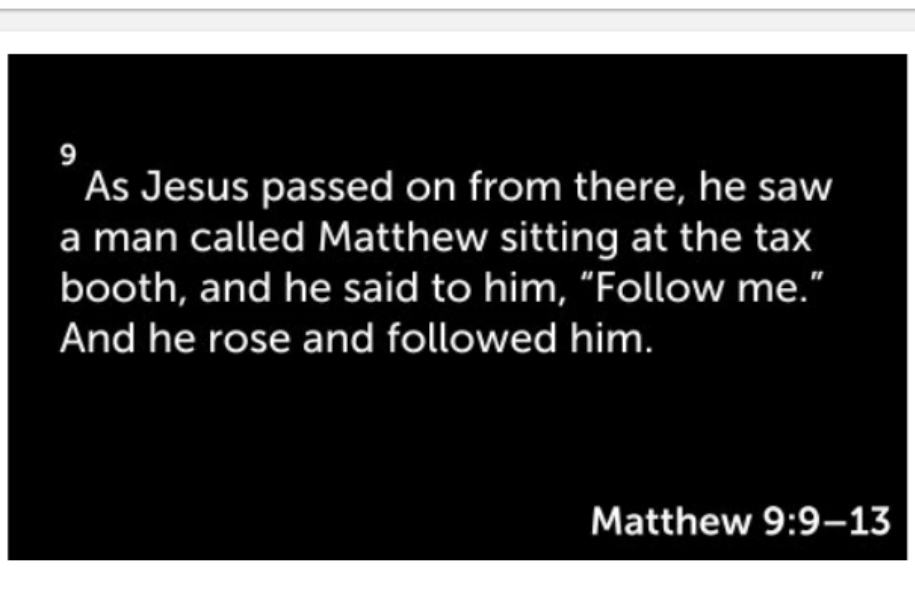
♫ **Before the Throne of God Above**

♫ **Blessed Assurance**

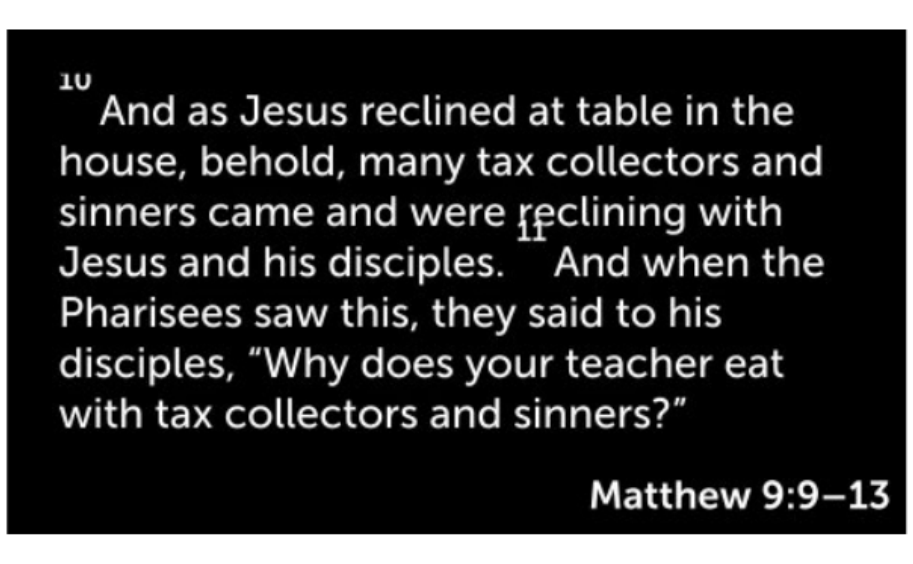

- Today's Sermon -

He Loves Us Enough to Change Us

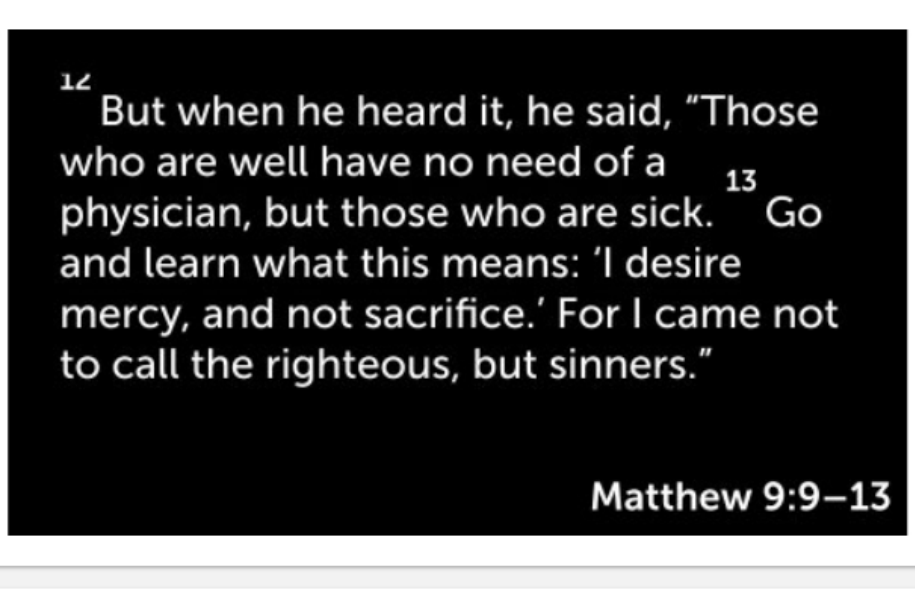
Matthew 9:9-13


[9] As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

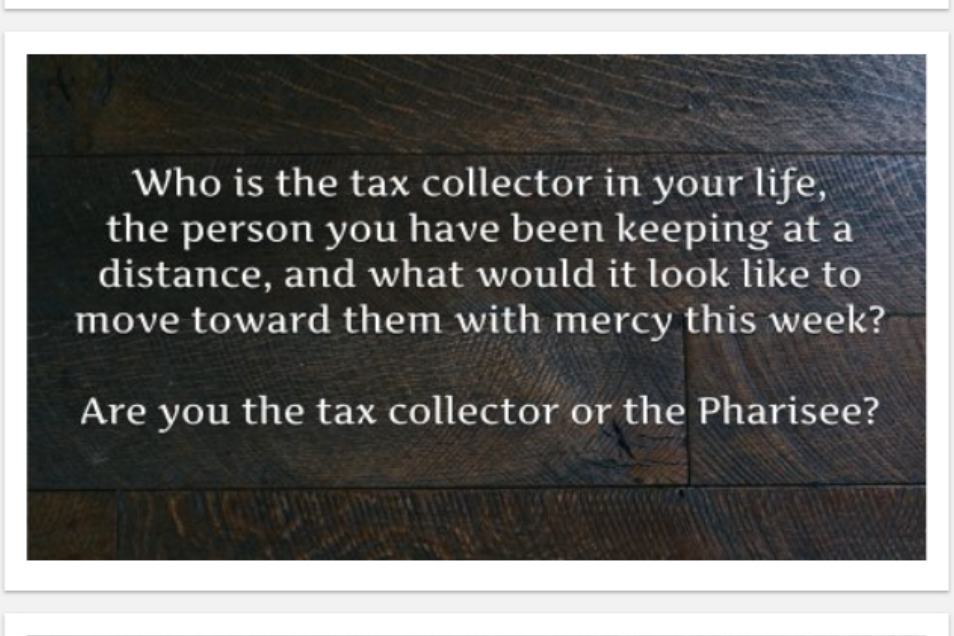
Matthew 9:9–13


[10] And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. [11] And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

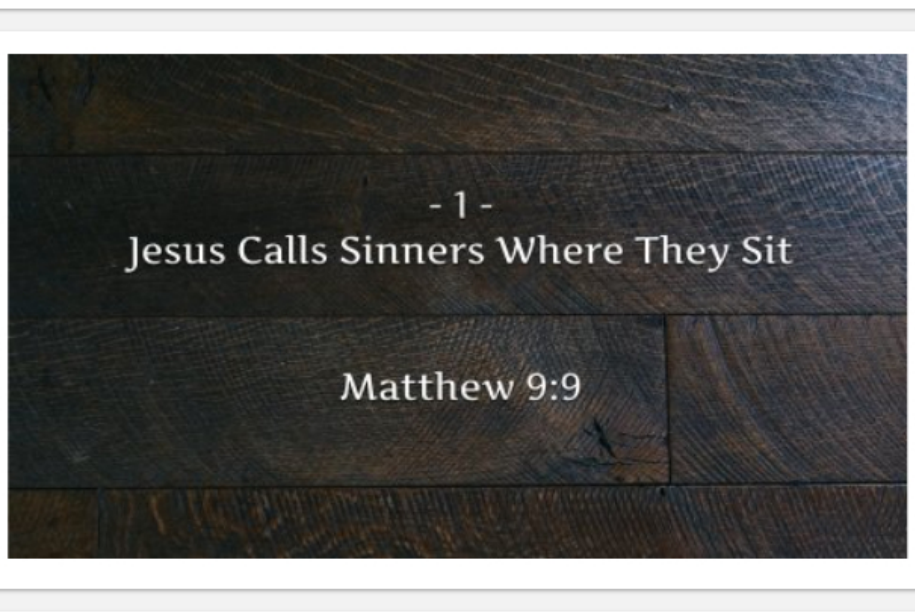
Matthew 9:9–13


[12] But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [13] Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:9–13


Who is the tax collector in your life, the person you have been keeping at a distance, and what would it look like to move toward them with mercy this week?

Are you the tax collector or the Pharisee?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Jesus Calls Sinners Where They Sit

Matthew 9:9

Matthew 9:9 ESV

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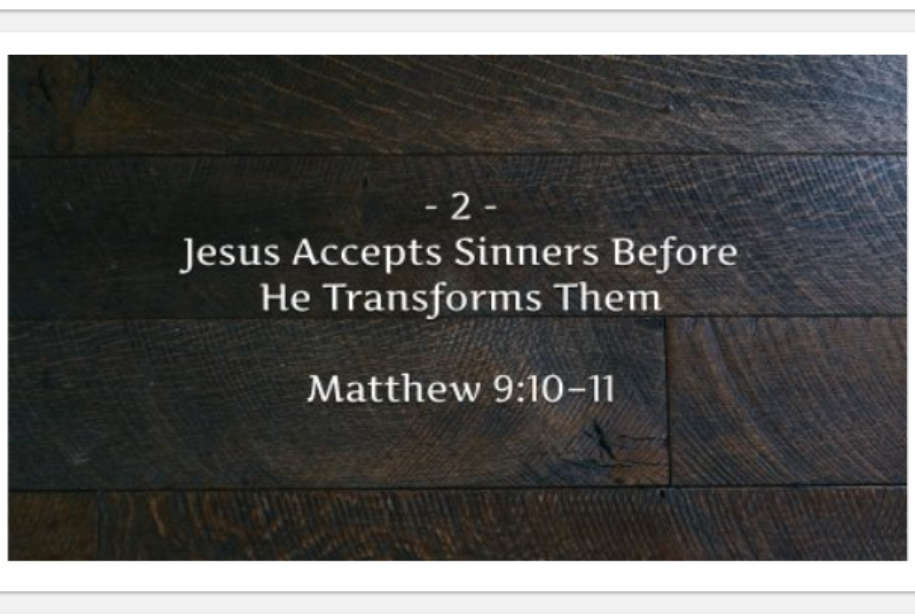
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Jesus Accepts Sinners Before He Transforms Them

Matthew 9:10–11

Matthew 9:10–11 ESV

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Luke 5:27–32 ESV

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.
And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of...

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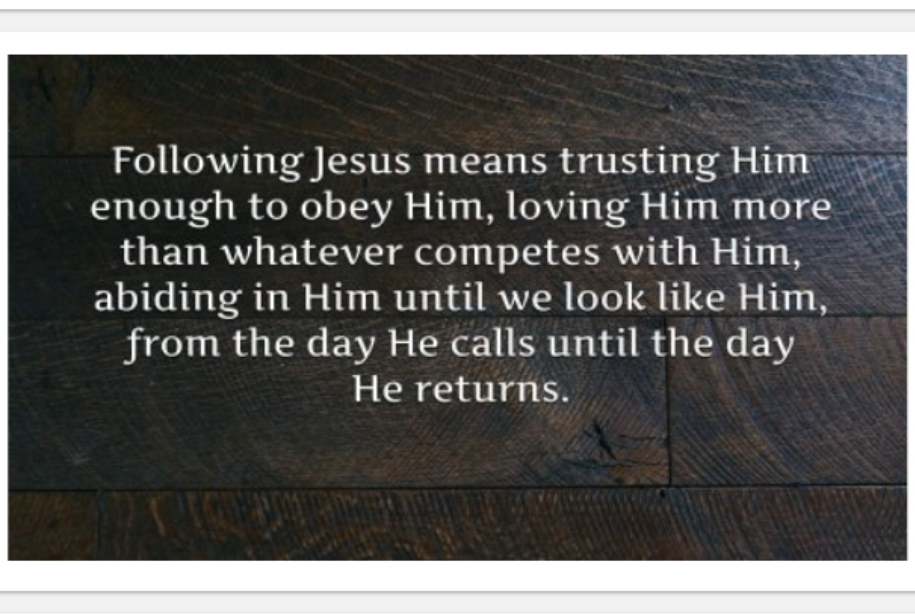
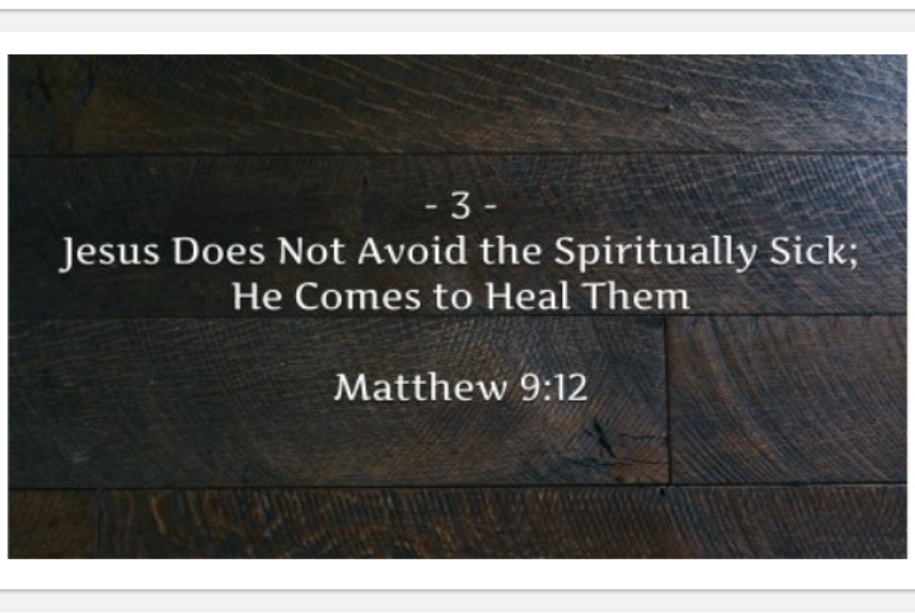

Following Jesus means trusting Him enough to obey Him, loving Him more than whatever competes with Him, abiding in Him until we look like Him, from the day He calls until the day He returns.


- 3 -
Jesus Does Not Avoid the Spiritually Sick; He Comes to Heal Them

Matthew 9:12

Matthew 9:12 ESV

But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

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Matthew 11:19 ESV

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

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Luke 15:1–10 ESV

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he...

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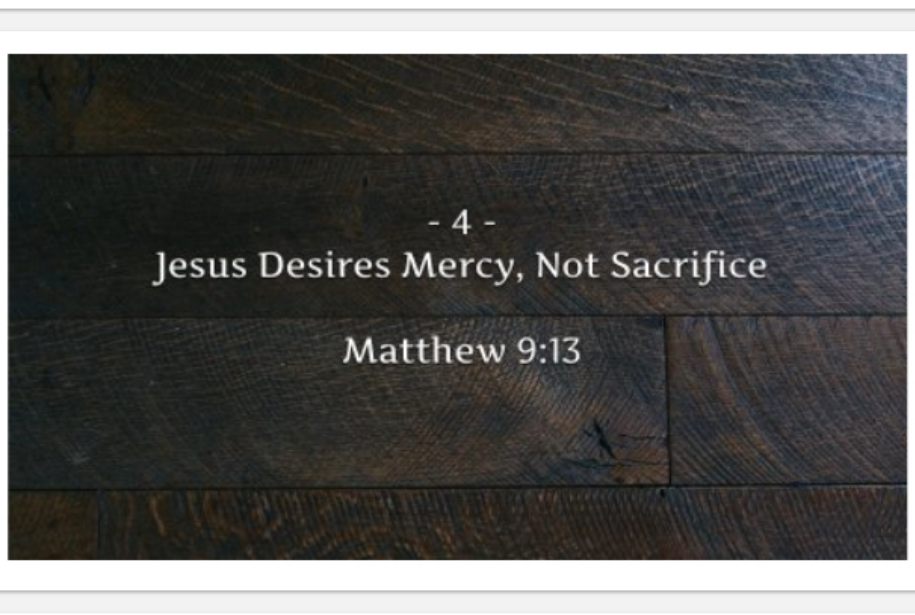
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Jesus Desires Mercy, Not Sacrifice

Matthew 9:13

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Amos 5:21–24 ESV

"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened...

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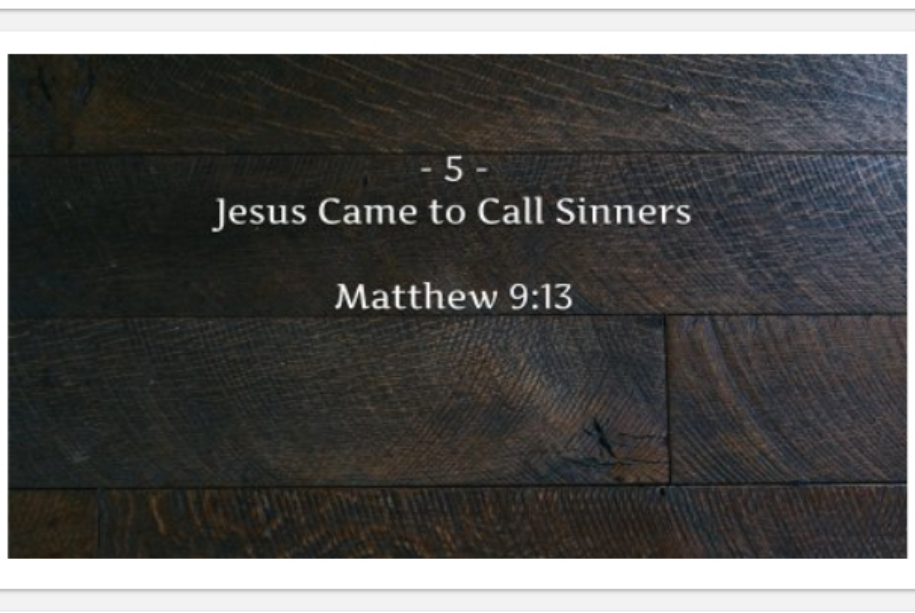
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Jesus Came to Call Sinners

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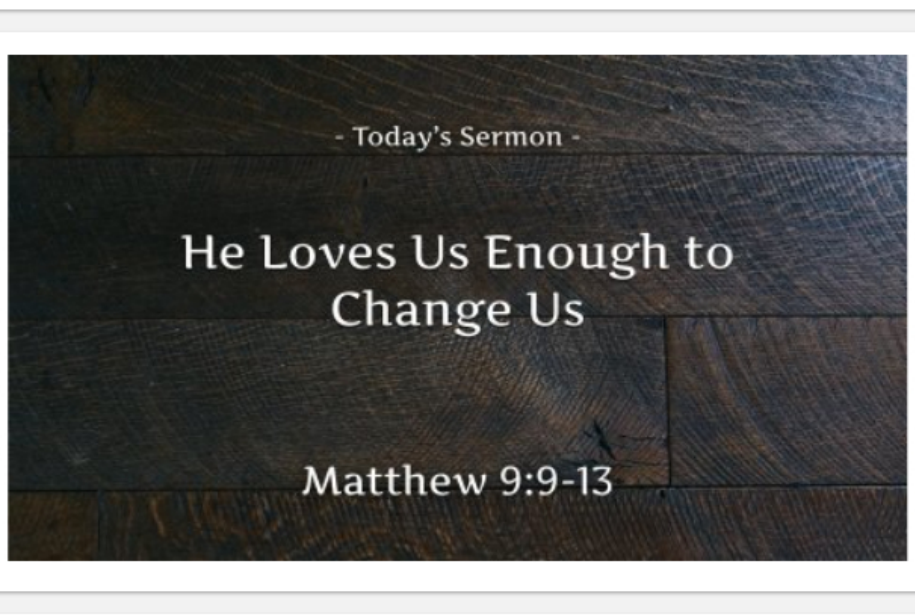
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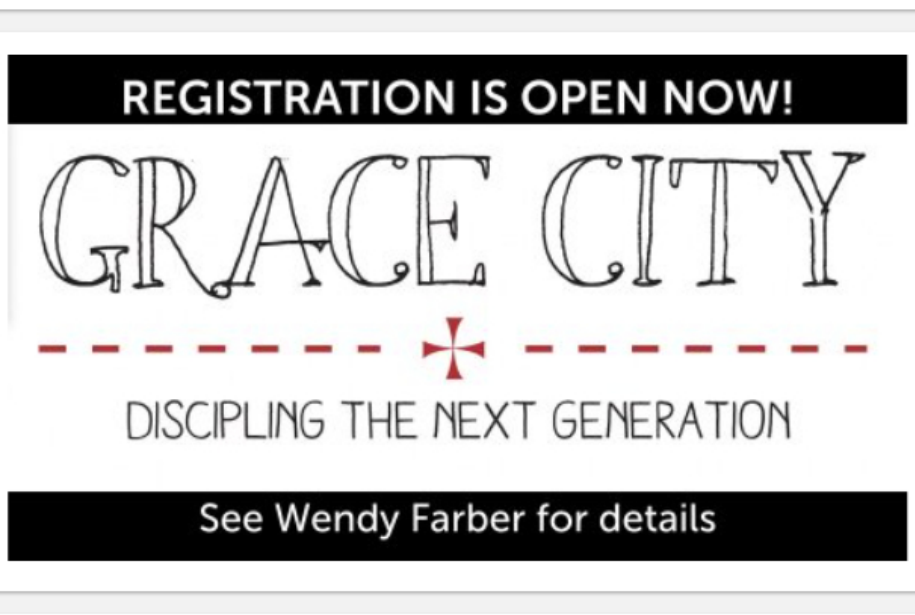

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

GRACE CITY

DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details

REGISTRATION IS OPEN IN THE APP

Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings

Genesis - starts Sept 8/9th

Women's Bible Study

See Kimberly Miller for details

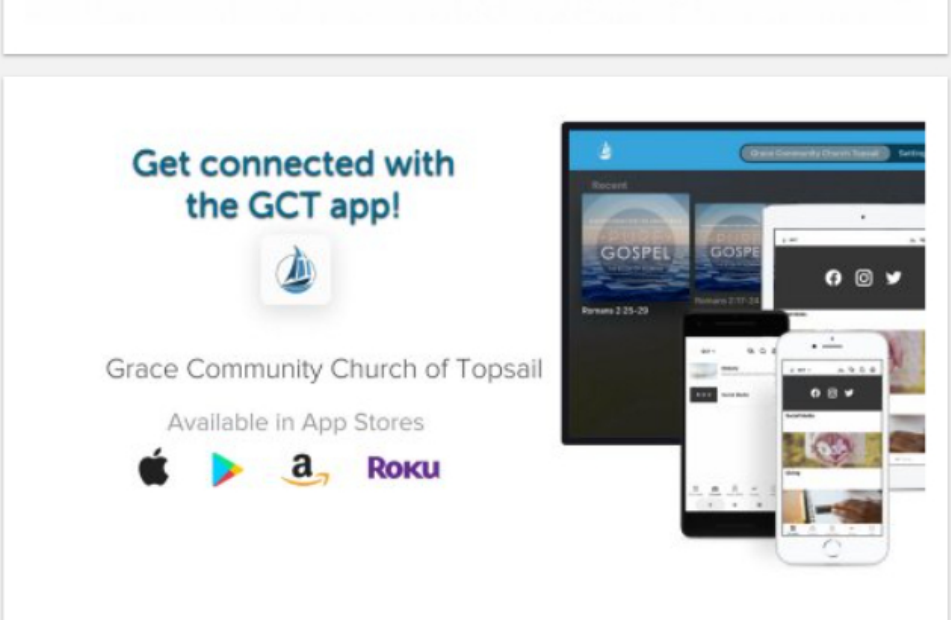
Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
GCT Building

Discussions on Biblical Manhood

Volunteers Needed for Monthly Baby Pantry Ministry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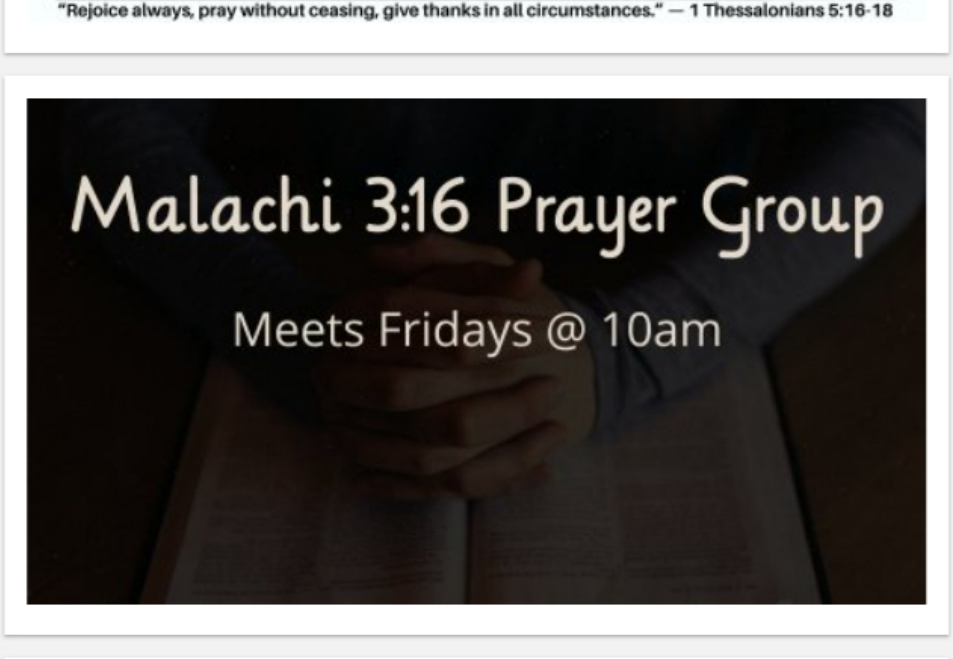
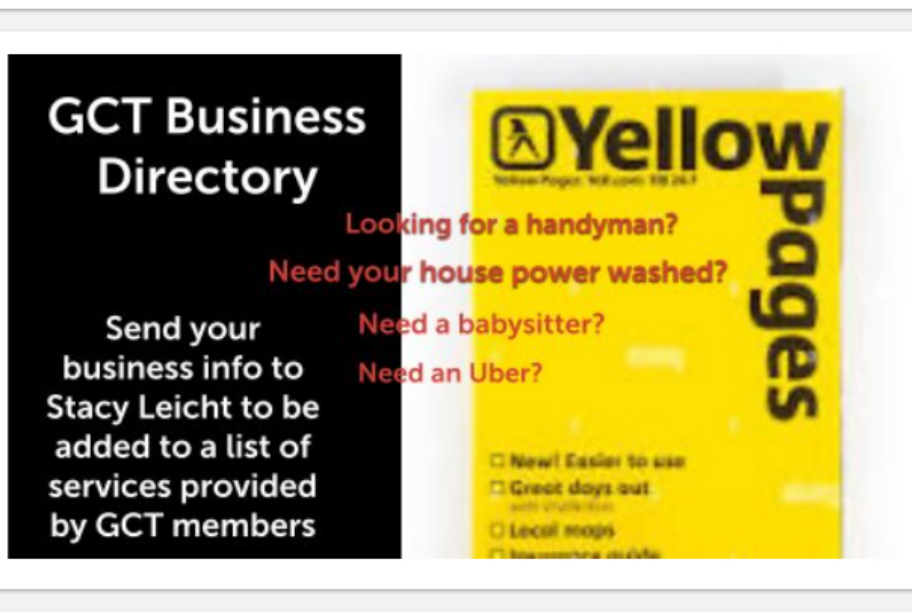
Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18


Malachi 3:16 Prayer Group

Meets Fridays @ 10am

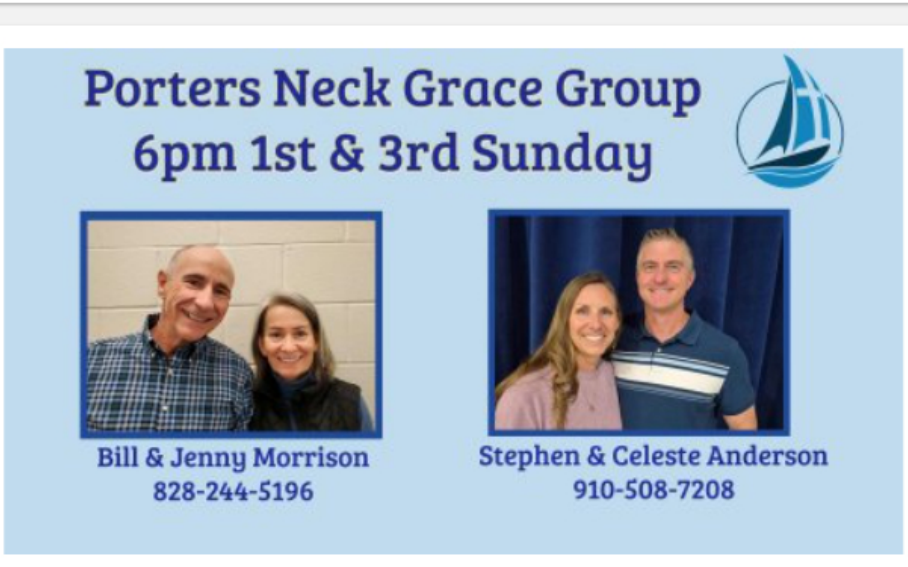

GCT Business Directory

Send your business info to Stacy Leicht to be added to a list of services provided by GCT members

Looking for a handyman?
Need your house power washed?
Need a babysitter?
Need an Uber?
Yellow Pages

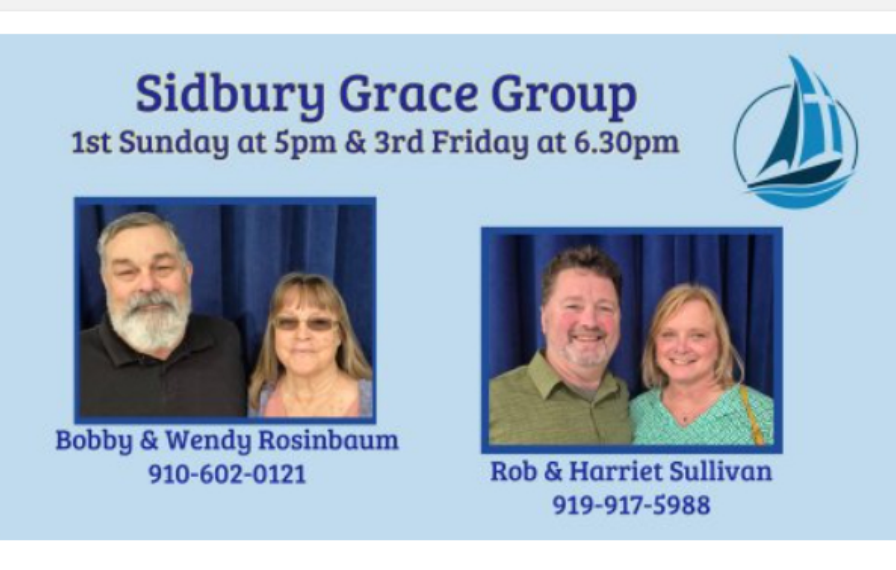
GRACE GROUPS

Ready to Grow in GRACE Together? Contact any of our Grace Group Leaders for More Information


Porters Neck Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Bill & Jenny Morrison
828-244-5196

Stephen & Celeste Anderson
910-508-7208


Sidbury Grace Group
1st Sunday at 5pm & 3rd Friday at 6.30pm

Bobby & Wendy Rosinbaum
910-602-0121

Rob & Harriet Sullivan
919-917-5988

Washington Acres Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

David & Shawna Hirt
630-301-2953

Warren & Miriam Rich
910-622-1711

Country Club Drive Grace Group
6pm Every Friday

Tom & Kimberly Miller
920-737-6445

Max & Melissa Luke
910-619-0168

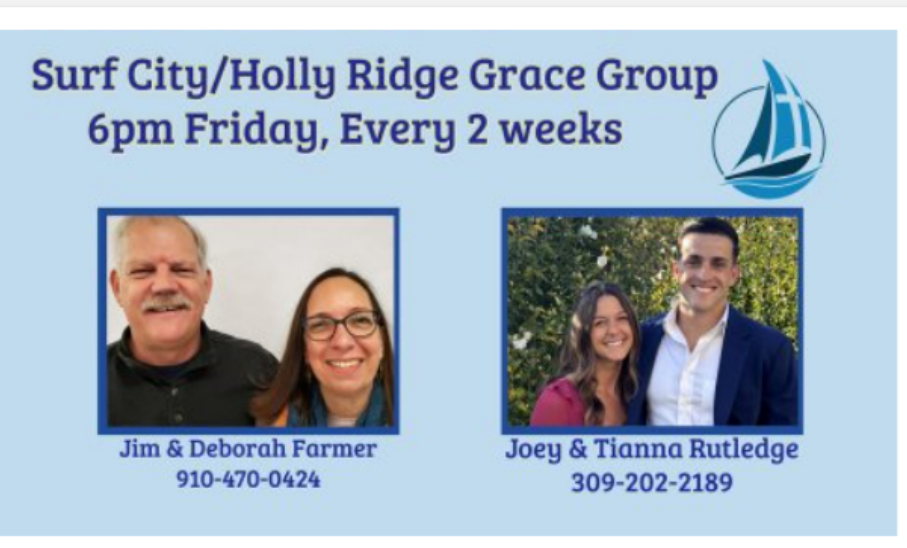
North Hampstead Grace Group
6pm 1st & 3rd Friday

Evan & Micaela Head
910-547-1999

North Belvedere Grace Group
5pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

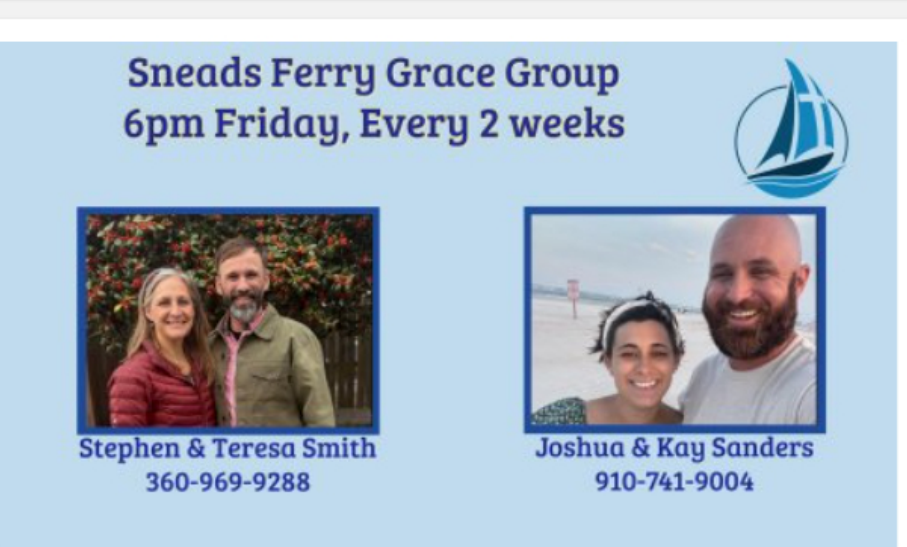
Bob & Necey Highet
910-785-1247

Tom & Barbara Sheldon
410-610-7123


Surf City/Holly Ridge Grace Group
6pm Friday, Every 2 weeks

Jim & Deborah Farmer
910-470-0424

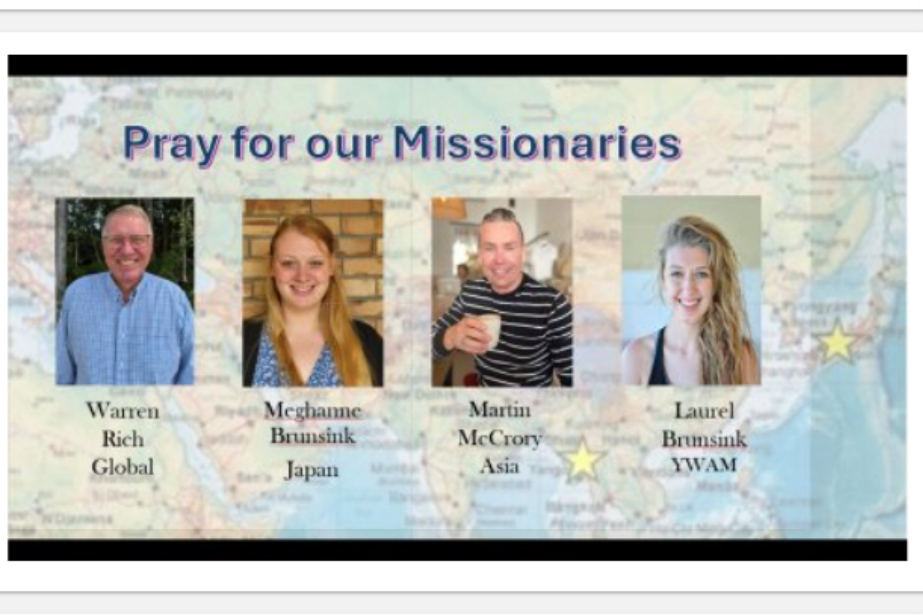
Joey & Tianna Rutledge
309-202-2189


Sneads Ferry Grace Group
6pm Friday, Every 2 weeks

Stephen & Teresa Smith
360-969-9288

Joshua & Kay Sanders
910-741-9004

Missionaries that GCT Supports

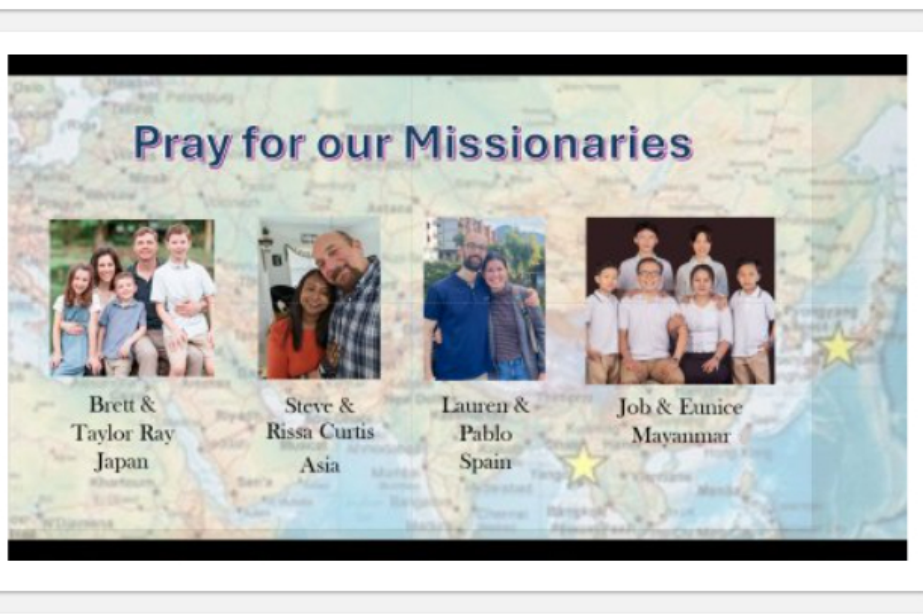

Pray for our Missionaries

Warren Rich
Global

Meghanne Brunsink
Japan

Martin McCrory
Asia

Laurel Brunsink
YWAM


Pray for our Missionaries

Brett & Taylor Ray
Japan

Steve & Rissa Curtis
Asia

Lauren & Pablo
Spain

Job & Eunice
Mayanmar

Local Missions

Journey to Heal
MINISTRIES
RATIO CHRISTI
LIFE LINE

Women's Healing

Campus Ministry

Crisis Pregnancy

Local Missions

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT
WILMINGTON
Atria HAMPSTEAD
(Formally Arbor Landing)

Diaper Pantry

Bible Study

College Ministry

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