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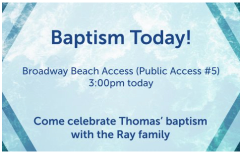
Sunday, March 22, 2026: Promised Rewards With God in Prayer
Matthew 6:5-9



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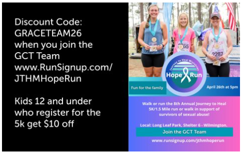

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John 15:1–11 ESV

> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have... "

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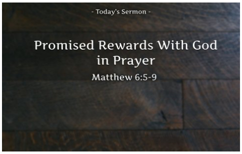

- Today's Sermon -

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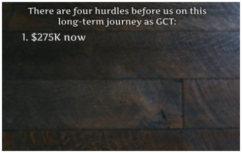

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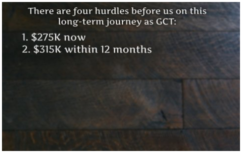

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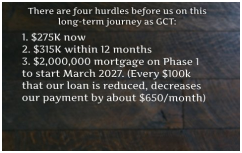

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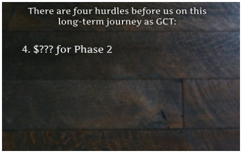

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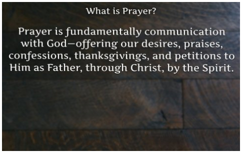
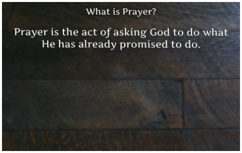


What is Prayer?

Prayer is fundamentally communication with God—offering our desires, praises, confessions, thanksgivings, and petitions to Him as Father, through Christ, by the Spirit.



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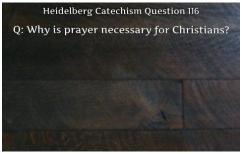

Heidelberg Catechism Question 116

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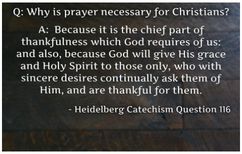

Q: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A: Because it is the chief part of thankfulness which God requires of us: and also, because God will give His grace and Holy Spirit to those only, who with sincere desires continually ask them of Him, and are thankful for them.

- Heidelberg Catechism Question 116

Psalm 50:14–15 ESV

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

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Matthew 7:7–11 ESV

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for...

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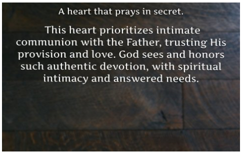

A heart that prays in secret.

This heart prioritizes intimate communion with the Father, trusting His provision and love. God sees and honors such authentic devotion, with spiritual intimacy and answered needs.

Matthew 6:6 ESV

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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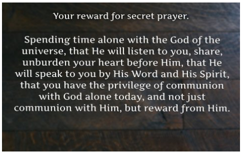

Your reward for secret prayer.

Spending time alone with the God of the universe, that He will listen to you, share, unburden your heart before Him, that He will speak to you by His Word and His Spirit, that you have the privilege of communion with God alone today, and not just communion with Him, but reward from Him.

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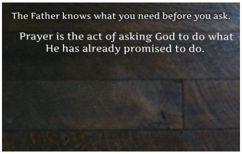

The Father knows what you need before you ask.

Prayer is the act of asking God to do what He has already promised to do.

Matthew 6:8 ESV

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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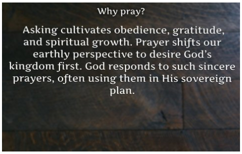

Why pray?

Asking cultivates obedience, gratitude, and spiritual growth. Prayer shifts our earthly perspective to desire God's kingdom first. God responds to such sincere prayers, often using them in His sovereign plan.

James 5:16 ESV

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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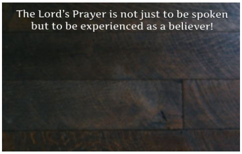
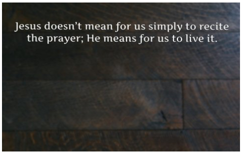
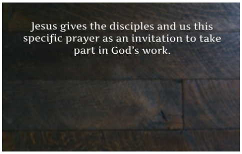


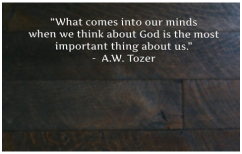
The Lord's Prayer is not just to be spoken but to be experienced as a believer!



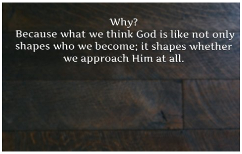
Jesus doesn't mean for us simply to recite the prayer; He means for us to live it.



Jesus gives the disciples and us this specific prayer as an invitation to take part in God's work.

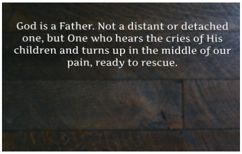


"What comes into our minds
when we think about God is the most
important thing about us."
- A.W. Tozer

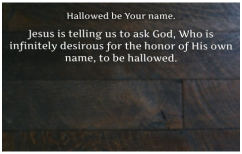


Why?

Because what we think God is like not only shapes who we become; it shapes whether we approach Him at all.

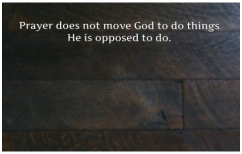


God is a Father. Not a distant or detached one, but One who hears the cries of His children and turns up in the middle of our pain, ready to rescue.

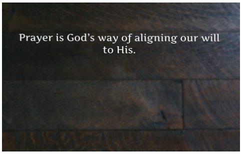


Hallowed be Your name.

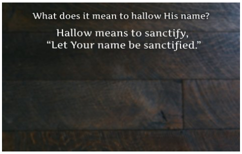
Jesus is telling us to ask God, Who is infinitely desirous for the honor of His own name, to be hallowed.



Prayer does not move God to do things He is opposed to do.



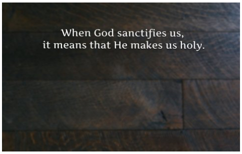
Prayer is God's way of aligning our will to His.



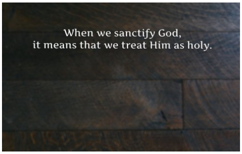
What does it mean to hallow His name?

Hallow means to sanctify,
"Let Your name be sanctified."

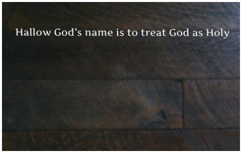
Sanctify can mean make holy
or treat as holy.



When God sanctifies us,
it means that He makes us holy.



When we sanctify God,
it means that we treat Him as holy.



Hallow God’s name is to treat God as Holy

Leviticus 10:3 ESV

> Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD has said: ‘Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’ ” And Aaron held his peace.

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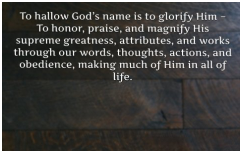

To hallow God’s name is to glorify Him – To honor, praise, and magnify His supreme greatness, attributes, and works through our words, thoughts, actions, and obedience, making much of Him in all of life.

Leviticus 22:31–32 ESV

> “So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the LORD. And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

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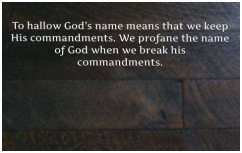

To hallow God’s name means that we keep His commandments. We profane the name of God when we break his commandments.

Numbers 20:12–13 ESV

> And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” These are the waters of Meribah,...

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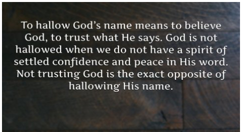

To hallow God’s name means to believe God, to trust what He says. God is not hallowed when we do not have a spirit of settled confidence and peace in His word. Not trusting God is the exact opposite of hallowing His name.

Isaiah 8:11–13 ESV

“For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: “Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of...”

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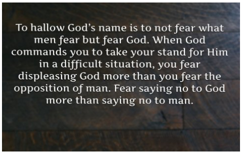

To hallow God’s name is to not fear what men fear but fear God. When God commands you to take your stand for Him in a difficult situation, you fear displeasing God more than you fear the opposition of man. Fear saying no to God more than saying no to man.

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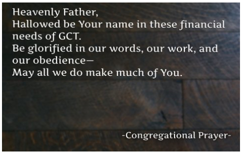
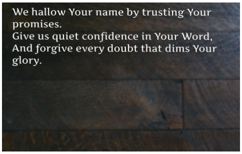
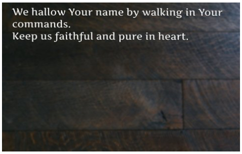


Heavenly Father,
Hallowed be Your name in these financial needs of GCT.
Be glorified in our words, our work, and our obedience—
May all we do make much of You.

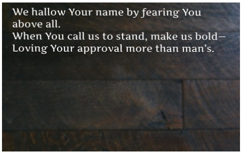
-Congregational Prayer-



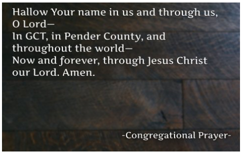
We hallow Your name by trusting Your promises.
Give us quiet confidence in Your Word,
And forgive every doubt that dims Your glory.



We hallow Your name by walking in Your commands.
Keep us faithful and pure in heart.



We hallow Your name by fearing You above all.
When You call us to stand, make us bold—
Loving Your approval more than man’s.



Hallow Your name in us and through us, O Lord—
In GCT, in Pender County, and throughout the world—
Now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Congregational Prayer-

Kingdom Culture

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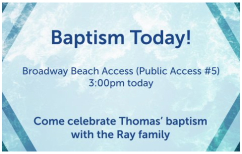

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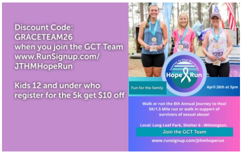

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April 26th at 5pm

Walk or run the 8th Annual Journey to Heal 5K/1.5 Mile run or walk in support of survivors of sexual abuse!

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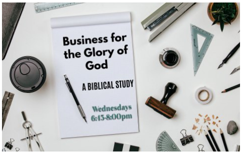

Business for the Glory of God

A BIBLICAL STUDY

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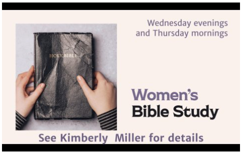
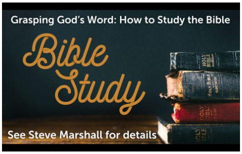


Wednesday evenings
and Thursday mornings

Women's Bible Study

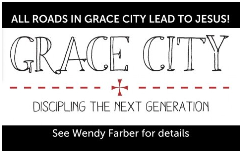
See Kimberly Miller for details



Grasping God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Bible Study

See Steve Marshall for details



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GRACE CITY

DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details

Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood

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6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

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828-244-5196

Stephen & Celeste Anderson
910-508-7208

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Bobby & Wendy Rosinbaum
910-602-0121

Rob & Harriet Sullivan
919-917-5988

Washington Acres Grace Group
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Ben & Ashlyn Regier
910-431-5646

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

South Belvedere Grace Group
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Jim & Deborah Farmer
910-470-0424

Evan & Micaela Head
910-547-1999

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

Bob & Necey Highet
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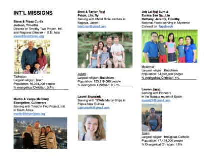

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Japan
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

Laurel Brunsink
Serving with YWAM Mercy Ships in Papua New Guinea
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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

Lauren Jaski
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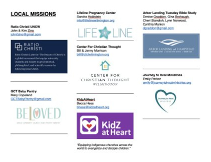
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



LOCAL MISSIONS

Ratio Christi UNCW
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Ratio Christi (Latin for "The Reason of Christ") is a global movement that equips university students and faculty to give historical, philosophical, and scientific reasons for following Jesus Christ.

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"Equipping indigenous churches across the world to evangelize and disciple children."

Arbor Landing Tuesday Bible Study
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Journey to Heal Ministries
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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
Hampstead Baptist Church, Room 208

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
New! Easier to use
Great days out
Local maps

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF TOPSAIL

Grace Community Church of Topsail

11 members