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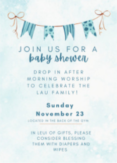
Grace Community Church of Topsail

Sunday, November 9, 2025: Choose Mercy in Your Anger: Matthew 5:21-26

Drop in Baby Shower for Jia and Rachel Lau

Sunday, November 23rd, following worship



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POTLUCK
Today!
Theme: Thanksgiving Favorites

Psalm 103:1–5 ESV

> Bless the LORD, O my soul,
> and all that is within me,
> bless his holy name!
> Bless the LORD, O my soul,
> and forget not all his benefits,
> who forgives all your iniquity,
> who heals all your diseases,...

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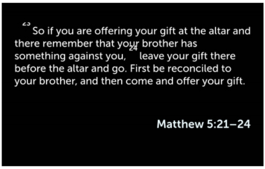
10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

CALL TO CONFESSION

[21] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ [22] But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

Matthew 5:21–24

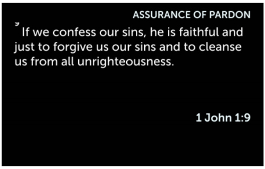


[23] So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:21–24

TIME OF CONFESSION

Acknowledge any areas of sin, or specific sin in our lives before God



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[9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

♫ **His Mercy Is More**

♫ **King Of Kings**

♫ **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

Kingdom
Culture
HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH

- Today's Sermon -

Kingdom Culture:
Choose Mercy in Your Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

Matthew 5:21–26 ESV

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John 14:15 ESV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

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John 14:21 ESV

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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John 15:10–11 ESV

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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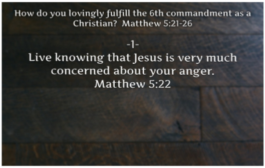

How do you lovingly fulfill the 6th commandment as a Christian? Matthew 5:21-26

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Live knowing that Jesus is very much concerned about your anger. Matthew 5:22

Matthew 5:21–26 ESV

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Matthew 5:22 ESV

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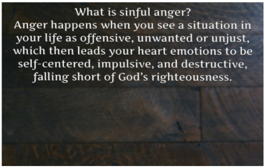
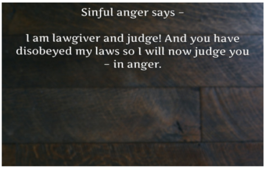


What is sinful anger?
Anger happens when you see a situation in your life as offensive, unwanted or unjust, which then leads your heart emotions to be self-centered, impulsive, and destructive, falling short of God’s righteousness.


Sinful anger says –

I am lawgiver and judge! And you have disobeyed my laws so I will now judge you – in anger.

James 4:11–12 ESV

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one...

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Ephesians 4:26–27 ESV

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

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James 1:19–20 ESV

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

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Ephesians 4:31–32 ESV

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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Colossians 3:8 ESV

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

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Romans 12:19–21 ESV

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so...

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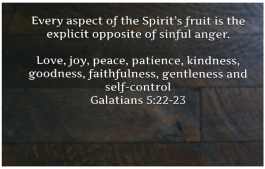
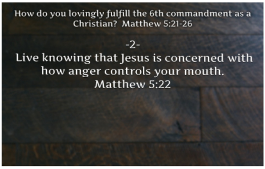

Every aspect of the Spirit’s fruit is the explicit opposite of sinful anger.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
Galatians 5:22-23



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1 Peter 2:23 ESV

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

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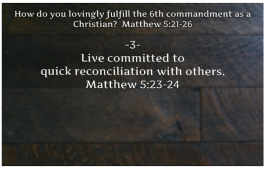

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Live committed to
quick reconciliation with others.
Matthew 5:23-24

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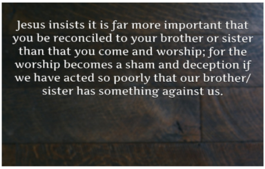
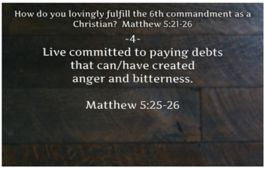


Jesus insists it is far more important that you be reconciled to your brother or sister than that you come and worship; for the worship becomes a sham and deception if we have acted so poorly that our brother/sister has something against us.



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Live committed to paying debts
that can/have created
anger and bitterness.

Matthew 5:25-26

Matthew 5:25–26 ESV

> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the...

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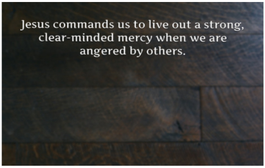
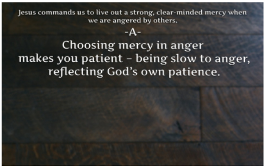


Jesus commands us to live out a strong, clear-minded mercy when we are angered by others.



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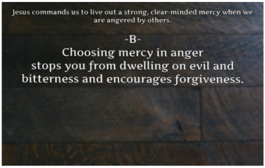
Choosing mercy in anger
makes you patient – being slow to anger, reflecting God's own patience.



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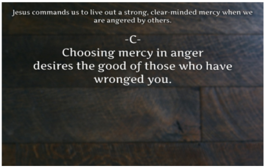
Choosing mercy in anger
stops you from dwelling on evil and bitterness and encourages forgiveness.



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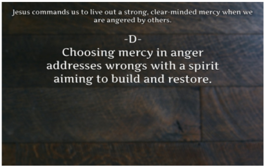
Choosing mercy in anger
desires the good of those who have wronged you.



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Choosing mercy in anger
addresses wrongs with a spirit aiming to build and restore.

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Choosing mercy in your anger forces you to be constructive in other people's lives no matter how we feel about them.

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Choosing mercy in your anger drives you to address and solve whatever relational problem is in front of you.

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Choosing mercy in your anger does not overlook the presence of wrongdoing directed toward you;

rather, it involves you making a conscious decision to extend compassion toward those responsible for such actions.

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Choosing mercy in your anger enables you to become a force for good in a world where sin and negativity often prevail.

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Choosing mercy in anger turns to God for strength and transformation.

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Choosing mercy in anger
responds in ways that honors God
and reflect His love.

Kingdom Culture:
Choose Mercy in Your Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

join us in

PRAYER

Spend time with God in prayer as we respond to Him in song

♫ **I Need Thee Every Hour (I Need Thee)**

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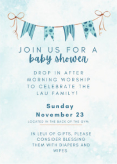

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Theme: Thanksgiving Favorites

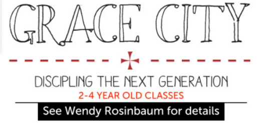
	Budget	Actual
Giving	$285,250	$452,378
Expenses	$285,250	$282,797

through October 31, 2025

with an additional $157,225 given to building fund

Estimated Remaining Construction Expenses	$2,045,000
Construction Funding Available	$1,900,000
Balance Needed	$145,000

Wednesday Evening Discipleship Helper Need



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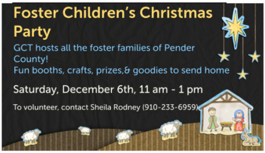
DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

2-4 YEAR OLD CLASSES

See Wendy Rosinbaum for details

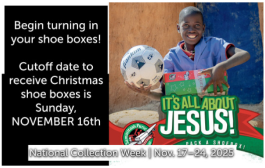


Foster Children's Christmas Party

GCT hosts all the foster families of Pender County!
Fun booths, crafts, prizes,& goodies to send home

Saturday, December 6th, 11 am - 1 pm

To volunteer, contact Sheila Rodney (910-233-6959)

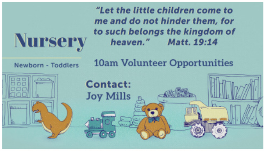


Begin turning in your shoe boxes!

Cutoff date to receive Christmas shoe boxes is Sunday, NOVEMBER 16th

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!
PACK A SHOEBOX!

National Collection Week | Nov. 17–24, 2025



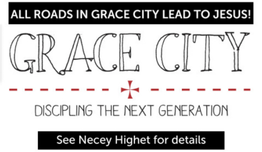
Nursery

Newborn - Toddlers

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14

10am Volunteer Opportunities

Contact:
Joy Mills



ALL ROADS IN GRACE CITY LEAD TO JESUS!

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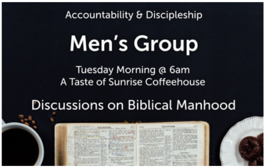


Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

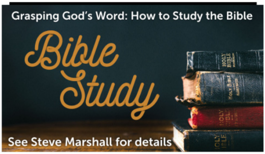
Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood

Wednesday evenings
and Thursday mornings

Women's Bible Study

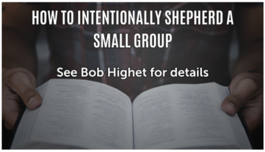
See Kimberly Miller for details



Grasping God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Bible Study

See Steve Marshall for details



HOW TO INTENTIONALLY SHEPHERD A SMALL GROUP

See Bob Highet for details

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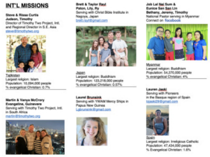

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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

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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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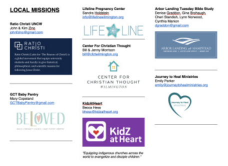
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



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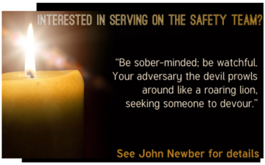
Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

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



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE SAFETY TEAM?

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

See John Newber for details

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