Grace Community Church of Topsail

October 11, 2026 - Following Jesus Christ at Any Cost is Being a Disciple - Matthew 8:14-22

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF TOPSAIL

FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY

FALL BREAK
Tuesday, Oct 13 and Wednesday, Oct 14

Reformation Day Party!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
Details coming soon.

Psalm 116:12–19 ESV

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people....

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♫ **Lord I Lift Your Name on High**

♫ **You've Already Won**

♫ **Your Word**

Kingdom Culture
HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH

- Today's Sermon -
Following Jesus Christ at Any Cost is Being a Disciple
Matthew 8:14-22

Matthew 8:14–22 ESV

And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast...

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Discipleship is the lifelong process of following Jesus Christ as Lord, learning and obeying His Word, becoming increasingly like Him through the work of the Holy Spirit, and helping others follow Him.

A disciple is one who has surrendered the right to rule his own life because Jesus Christ is Lord.

Jesus has authority over sickness. 8:1-17
Jesus has authority over demons. 8:16-17
Jesus has authority over nature. 8:23-27
Jesus has authority over sin. 9:2
Jesus has authority over death. John 11
All of these are for you to see Jesus as GOD.

Jesus Heals with a Touch
8:14-15

Matthew 8:14–15 ESV

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Jesus Heals with His Word
8:16

Matthew 8:16 ESV

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

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Demons Run

Why Were There So Many Demon-Possessed People in Matthew 8?

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Matthew is showing us the King has arrived, the kingdom of God is breaking into this world, and the powers of darkness are confronting the authority of Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:8 ESV

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

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Colossians 1:13 ESV

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

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Matthew 12:28 ESV

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

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Jesus came to overthrow the works of the devil and rescue people from the dominion of darkness.

Psalm 107:19–20 ESV

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

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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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Jesus is God

Jesus' Miracles and the Prophecy of Isaiah

Isaiah 53:4–5 ESV

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;...

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Because Jesus took our sin upon Himself as our substitute, He will ultimately heal all the harm sin has caused—spiritual and physical, including grief, weakness, suffering, and disease. We may not receive complete healing in this life,

But the atonement guarantees that in eternity every effect of sin will be removed and every sickness will be gone. Until then, we pray in faith and trust God's good purposes.

Count the COST and Follow Jesus
Matthew 8:18–22

Matthew 8:18–22 ESV

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the...

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Following Jesus Surrenders Comfort
8:19-20

Matthew 8:19–20 ESV

And a scribe came up and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

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Luke 9:23 ESV

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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2 Timothy 3:12 ESV

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

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Philippians 1:29 ESV

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

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Following Jesus Surrenders Security
8:19-20

Matthew 8:19–20 ESV

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Matthew 6:19–21 ESV

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For...

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Following Jesus Surrenders Control
8:21-22

Matthew 8:21–22 ESV

Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

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Luke 14:25–28 ESV

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does...

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Luke 14:33 ESV

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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If following Jesus required you to surrender the very thing you are most afraid of losing,
would you still follow Him?

Christianity is not Jesus helping you achieve your dreams while you remain in control. It is your life coming under His lordship because He has become your greatest treasure.

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♫ **Thank You Lord**

♫ **Take My Life And Let It Be (Hendon)**

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

GRACE CITY

DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details

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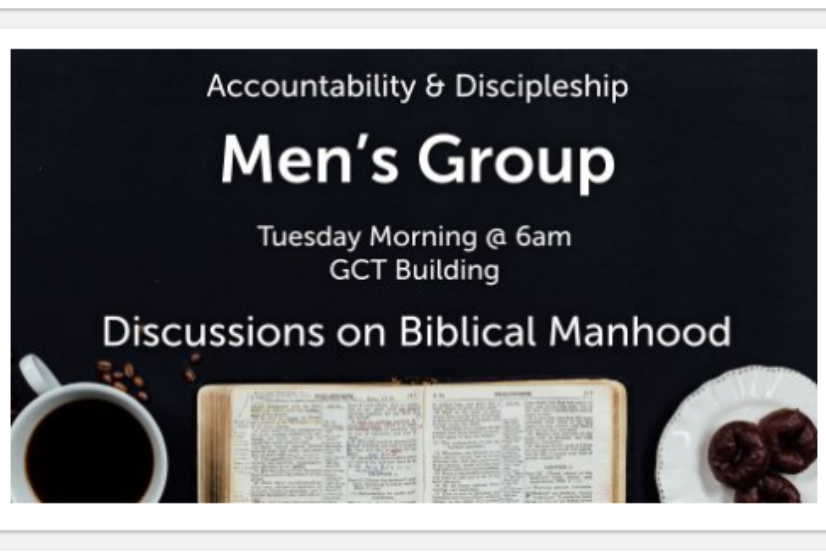
Tuesday mornings
and Wednesday evenings

Genesis –
starts Sept 8/9th

Women's Bible Study

See Kimberly Miller for details



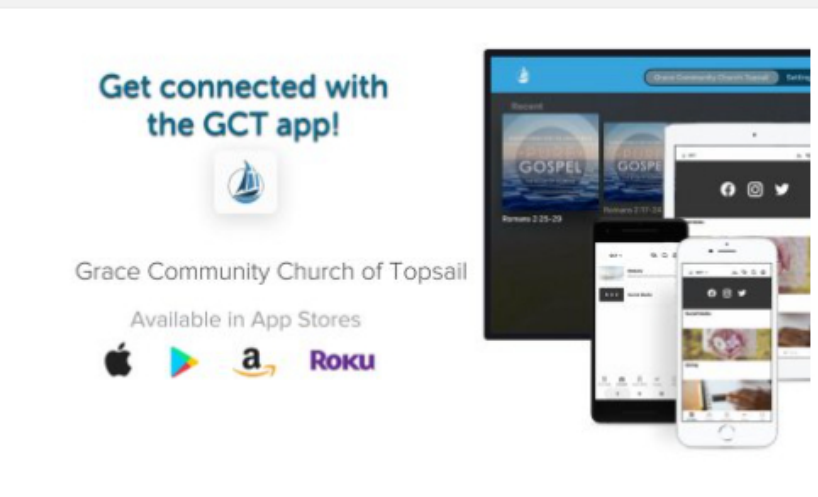
Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
GCT Building

Discussions on Biblical Manhood

Volunteers Needed for Monthly Baby Pantry Ministry



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Available in App Stores

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?

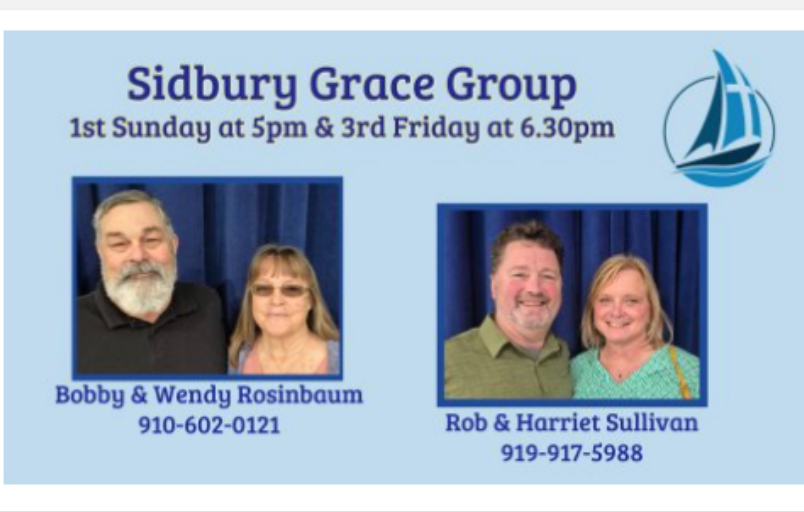
GRACE GROUPS

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

Jim & Deborah Farmer
910-470-0424

Evan & Micaela Head
910-547-1999

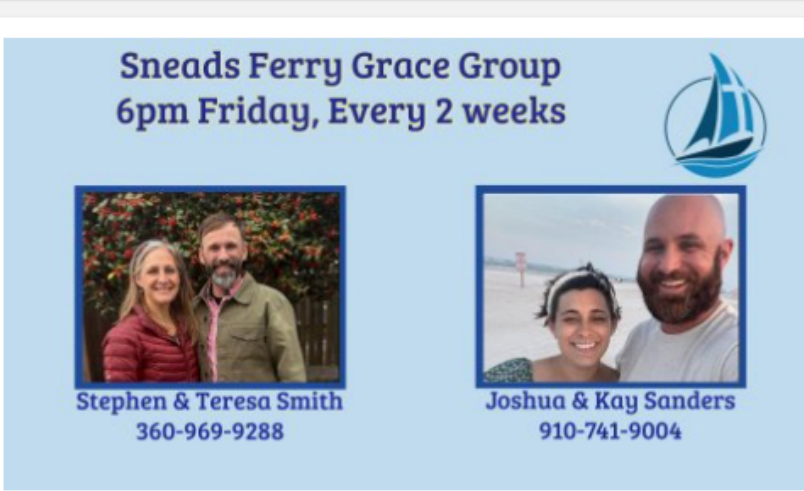
North Belvedere Grace Group
5pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Bob & Necey Highet
910-785-1247

Tom & Barbara Sheldon
410-610-7123

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

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 Missionaires

Brett & Taylor Ray
Japan

Steve & Rissa Curtis
Asia

Lauren & Pablo
Spain

Job & Eunice
Mayanmar

Pray for our Missionaires

Warren Rich
Global

Meghanne Brunsink
Japan

Martin McCrory
Asia

Laurel Brunsink
YWAM

Local Missions

Women's Healing

Campus Ministry

Crisis Pregnancy

Local Missions

Diaper Pantry

Bible Study

College Ministry

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