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# Christmas Card Exchange



You have the opportunity to save a little on postage stamps by exchanging Christmas cards between GCA family members.

On Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, a box will be available in the lobby to receive your Christmas cards until Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please send cards by U.S. mail to our shut-ins and other members you do not see in church on Sundays.

## **How To Prepare Your Christmas Cards**

## STEP 1

Print your **FULL NAME** in the upper lefthand corner and <u>print</u> the **RECIPIENT'S FULL NAME** <u>very clearly</u> in the center of the envelope.



#### STEP 2

Sort the envelopes in ALPHABETICAL ORDER by the RECIPIENT'S LAST NAME.

### STEP 3

Place all your cards in a clear zip-lock bag or neatly tie them together. Please do not place any loose cards in the box.



#### **Volunteers Needed**

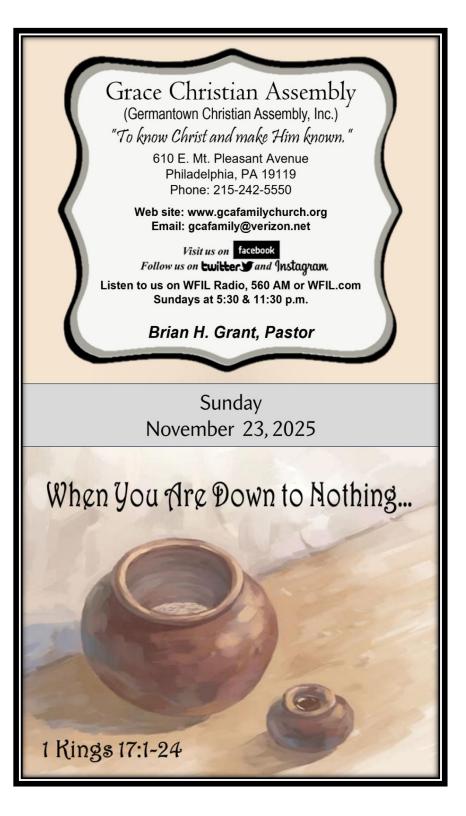
We will need volunteers to help sort Christmas cards on Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. sharp. If you are available, please sign up at the Information Desk.

Contact is Sis. Helaine Heggs.

#### GCA Elders and Deacons

Elders: Brian H. Grant, Pastor • George Peters, Pastor • Jim McConnell, Elder Emeritus • Dr. Elijah Korich • Dr. Raphael Thomas • Nicolas Grant.

Deacons: Clive White • Stephen Washington • Dwight Neilson • Carlton Henry • Kirkland Wheeler • Marlon Henry • Sitting with the Deacons: Gavin Lawson.



## **Order of Service**

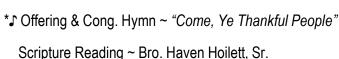
\* Please do not enter or leave the sanctuary.

- \* Call to Worship ~ Bro. Chet Carter
- ♪ Praise & Worship

Welcome & Announcements

\*♪ Ministry in Music ~ Voices of Praise

Intercessory Prayer ~ Bro. Roger Walton



\*♪ Ministry in Music ~ Voices of Praise

Message ~ Dr. Raphael Thomas

\*J Closing

Next Week ~ Pastor Brian Grant

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are happy to have you visit us today. Please make sure you receive a GCA Welcome Packet from one of our ushers or greeters and fill out the Visitor Information Card so we can update you on our church activities. You may return the card by leaving it at the Information Desk.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Children's Church is held on the lower level for students in grades 1 through 4. Nursery and Preschool are held on the main floor for children ages 0–5 years old. You must sign your children in and out.
- 2. **GCA Sunday School**: Join us each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have classes for all ages, from kindergarten to adults.



## **Pray for Our November Missionary**

Grand Old Gospel Fellowship (GOGF) - Phila., PA

- 3. <u>Bible Club Christmas Party</u>: Volunteers are needed to help with the Bible Club Christmas party here at GCA on Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We are asking for donations of Christmas cookies, wrapping paper, unused and unwrapped gifts so that the children can choose one for their mom. You may contact Sis. Christine Wigden, Lorraine Stirneman or Lisa Lambert for more details
- 4. <u>Community Connections</u>: You are invited to join us each Tuesday. The schedule is as follows: 5:15 p.m. FREE Family Dinner; 6 p.m. Kids Club, Youth Bible Study and ESL Classes; 6:45 p.m. one in-person and ZOOM Adult Bible Institute class, "The Gospel of John, Chapters 9-21;" 7:30 p.m. two ZOOM Bible Institute classes, "The Letter to the Romans" and "Joseph & His Brothers, Genesis 38-50." An 8 p.m. Ladies-Only ZOOM Bible Study, "Watch Your Mouth," is held on Wednesdays.
- 5. GCA Christmas Card Exchange: From today until Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, a box will be available in the lobby that will allow GCA members an opportunity to exchange Christmas cards with each other. A Special Note: Please do not include cards for anyone you do not see attending church on Sundays. Volunteers are needed to sort Christmas cards at 10 a.m. sharp on Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk. The contact is Sis. Helaine Heggs.
- 6. GCA Daily Devotional for Dec. through Feb. 2026 is now available at the Information Desk for \$2 each. Please get your copy and additional copies to share with your co-workers, family and friends. The contracts are Bros. Melbourne Brown and Clairmonte Richards.
- 7. Monday: 10 a.m. FREE food giveaway in the Fellowship Hall.
- 8. <u>Wednesday:</u> 12 noon <u>Lunchtime Prayer Hour</u>. The call-in number is 774-267-4072.

9. Thursday:



10. <u>Saturday</u>: 4 p.m. <u>Weekly Prayer Time</u>. The call-in number is 774-267-4072.

It's only when you live the **PRAYER** of *thanksgiving* that you live the **POWER** of *trusting God*.



# "When You Are Down to Nothing"

Dr. Raphael Thomas

# 1 Kings 17:1-24



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1 Kings 17:1-24 Dr. Raphael Thomas

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that we did not plan or even foresee. These circumstances often cause trauma or turbulence that sap our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual resources. They sometimes exhaust our human and material resources. What do you do when you are at rock bottom? Remember that diamonds are formed under pressure. We often experience our greatest victories in our severest battles.

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