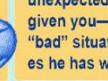


Drawn to GOD'S WORD

BIBLE READING PLAN WITH CREATIVE PROMPTS

With this yearlong Scripture-reading guide, you can draw, doodle, color, and journal as you reflect on God's Word. After reading the weekly Bible passages, which are grouped according to monthly themes, grab some markers, colored pencils or pens to respond. Close each devotional time with prayer, thanking the Master Artist for making, sustaining, and blessing you!

JANUARY LIGHT  ◊ Exodus 3:1-15 ◊ Isaiah 9:1-7 ◊ Matthew 5:14-16 ◊ John 1:1-14 PROMPT: Draw or write about various sources of light mentioned in the Old and New Testaments.	FEBRUARY LOVE  ◊ Psalm 36:5-10 ◊ John 15:9-17 ◊ 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 ◊ 1 John 4:4-21 PROMPT: Draw or write some responses to God's unconditional, pure, just, and sacrificial love for you.	MARCH CONFESS & FORGIVENESS  ◊ Psalm 32 ◊ Psalm 51 ◊ Matthew 18:21-35 ◊ Ephesians 4:17-32 PROMPT: Draw or write about God wiping away and forgetting all your sins—and how that affects your everyday life.	APRIL HOPE  ◊ Isaiah 40 ◊ Job 19:23-27 ◊ John 20 ◊ Romans 5:1-11 PROMPT: Draw or write about the hope that Jesus' resurrection offers—and ask him to encourage and uplift you.
MAY COURAGE  ◊ Daniel 6 ◊ Mark 2:1-12 ◊ Mark 4:35-41 ◊ 1 Peter 5:6-11 PROMPT: Draw or write about fears or uncertainties that prevent you from experiencing a fuller relationship with God. Then boldly pray for his help to overcome those things.	JUNE PURPOSE  ◊ Proverbs 16:1-9 ◊ Matthew 4:18-22 ◊ Romans 8 ◊ Ephesians 1 PROMPT: Draw or write about the plans you see God unfolding in your life. Ask him to strengthen your trust in his perfect timing.	JULY FREEDOM & VICTORY  ◊ Exodus 15:1-18 ◊ Psalm 118 ◊ 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 ◊ Galatians 5:1, 13-26 PROMPT: Draw or write about the ways Jesus has set you free—and how you are a living testimony of his victory over death.	AUGUST WISDOM  ◊ Proverbs 3 ◊ Luke 2:41-52 ◊ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 ◊ 2 Timothy 3:10-17 PROMPT: Draw or write about Biblical subjects and Godly characteristics you'd like to learn about in the year ahead (even if you're not still in school!).
SEPTEMBER PEACE  ◊ Psalm 46 ◊ Isaiah 55 ◊ John 14:23-31 ◊ Ephesians 2:11-22 PROMPT: Draw or write about promises in Scripture that sustain or restore your sense of calm when it gets rattled.	OCTOBER SERVICE  ◊ Judges 6 ◊ Proverbs 31:10-31 ◊ Matthew 25:14-40 ◊ 1 Corinthians 12:4-27 PROMPT: Draw or write about your God-given talents and interests—and ways to use them to glorify God and serve others.	NOVEMBER GRATITUDE  ◊ Joshua 4 ◊ Psalm 136 ◊ Luke 17:11-19 ◊ Colossians 3:12-17 PROMPT: Draw or write about unexpected blessings God has given you—including seemingly "bad" situations or circumstances he has worked out for good.	DECEMBER JOY  ◊ Psalm 30 ◊ Luke 1:46-55 ◊ Luke 2:1-20 ◊ 1 Thessalonians 5:5-28 PROMPT: Draw or write about the physical, emotional, and spiritual joys you experience throughout the Christmas season.

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GCA Reflections

Quarterly Newsletter of Grace Christian Assembly

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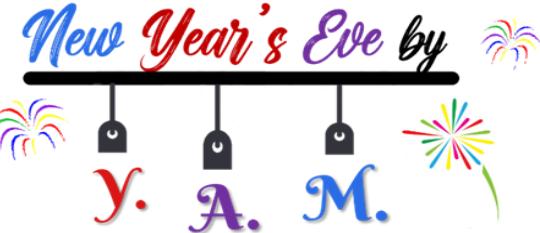
By Gavin Lawson

GCA hosted the annual Unity Conference organized by the Grand Old Gospel Fellowship (GOGF) Ministries on Saturday, October 24, 2025, with the theme "Reaching the Next Generation." It was a day of worship, fellowship, and fun among the various participating assemblies, friends, and guests. The day's music worship was led by Mosaic, a men's singing group from the New York City area.

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By Gerardine Elie



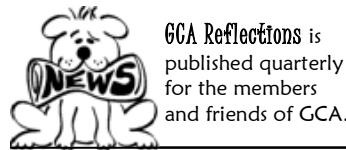
For the past few years, the Young Adults Ministry (Y.A.M.) has had the privilege of curating the New Year's Eve service. In a time where going out and partying is nominalized, our goal has always been the same: coming together and gathering in the house of the Lord with His people to ring in the new year!

The Young Adult team hand-picked people to give testimonies about what the Lord has done for them in 2025. Each testimony was not only uplifting but encouraging, and we deeply appreciate each person that was willing to answer the call. As we gathered on New Year's Eve to close out the year, our church family came together for a meaningful time of worship, reflection, and thanksgiving. The evening was filled with heartfelt praise, reminding us of God's faithfulness throughout the past year and His promises for the year ahead.

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The Purpose of this Newsletter

This ministry newsletter is intended to support the vision of the church—to be Christ-centered, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build lives that glorify and worship God by emphasizing the Word, Evangelism, Discipleship and Caring for the whole man. We hope this newsletter will play an important role in encouraging the members of our assembly to fearlessly stand closer together, for the cause of the gospel of Christ.



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A special thank you to all who contributed to this issue of GCA Reflections.



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Pastor Rechab Gray, of New Creation Church in Orlando, FL, challenged the crowd, young and old, to increase their commitment to God and to live right before Him. It was inspiring to hear from this pastor who spoke with such passion and conviction, showing his own commitment to the Lord.

Briana Golden from CRU and GCA's very own Nick and Rita Grant led youth leadership workshops sharing their respective campus and church youth group experiences. It was great to hear about the Lord's work being done with young people and the participants were again inspired to be aware of their own opportunity to connect with young people for the Lord.

GOGF's Pioneer Award was given to Dr. Richard (Dick) Bott of Bott Radio Network for his longtime service in radio broadcasting. Rich Bott, Jr received the recognition on behalf of his father.

Additionally, two very faithful staff members of GOGF were recognized for their longstanding service to the ministry - Ms. Darlene Ogun and Pastor Sam Butler. Pastor Butler has served on staff for more than 30 years, currently contributing as the producer of the radio program. Ms. Ogun serves as the office manager and has been with the ministry for more than 25 years. The Board of Directors took a few moments to thank these wonderful team members for their commitment to GOGF and seeing lives changed through the work of the Lord.

The silent auction did not disappoint again this year. Among several prizes offered during the day was the coveted homemade cheesecake made by Brother Irv Farmer of Montco Bible Fellowship. It went to Sister Carolyn Saunders also from Montco Bible Fellowship. I have tasted that cheesecake before, and it is worth its weight in gold!

Please remember GOGF in prayer and giving, as the Lord leads you. The ministry is seeking to continue spreading the gospel in 2026. In the will of the Lord, the 2026 Unity Conference will be on Saturday, October 31, 2026 and will feature special guest speaker Dr. Steve Price, an elder at the Bible Chapel of Shawnee and a member of the Board of Directors of Emmaus University. Dr. Price is a physician and full-time commended worker. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is sure to be another fantastic event-not to be missed. ♣



By Margaret Aitcheson from Jamaica

When I did the article for the Newsletter, I was also in the middle of writing a poem for our Watchnight Service Banquet. This was a first for us where we invited our members and our community to dine with us free of cost. There were a program and an Evangelistic message.

SO HERE WE ARE ON THE EVE OF A BRAND-NEW YEAR. IT CAME SO QUICKLY, I CAN HARDLY CATCH MY BREATH. SO MANY PLANS TO PURSUE, SO MUCH TO DO. AND ME, ALWAYS FEELING LIKE I'M WALKING ON A TREADMILL ALWAYS WANTING, NEVER ACCOMPLISHING, NEVER SATISFIED.

I TELL MYSELF, NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER. I SEEM TO BE DOING THIS YEAR AFTER YEAR FOR THE LONGEST TIME. I'M CAUGHT IN A RUT, TRAPPED IN THIS CYCLE OF FUTILE EXISTENCE. BUT IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, THE RESULT WILL ONLY BE THE SAME, DISCONTENTMENT AND QUIET DESPAIR. I NEED TO MAKE A RADICAL CHANGE, SOMETHING TO TRANSFORM ME, HEART AND SOUL.

MY FRIENDS ACROSS THE STREET HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR ME, THEY TELL ME I NEED JESUS IN MY LIFE; THAT HE REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. WELL, I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE, FROM GRANDMA ON HER KNEES, ALWAYS PRAYING FOR ME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, TEACHING THAT JESUS SAVES AND I DO BELIEVE IT'S TRUE, BUT ALONG THE WAY I BUILT UP WALLS AROUND MY STONY HEART TOO DIFFICULT TO PENETRATE, TO GIVE IN. I WANT TO TRUST IN MYSELF ALONE, IN MY ABILITIES, THE SECRET PRIDE THAT TELLS ME I CAN DO IT ALL, I NEED NO ONE ELSE.

I EVEN KNOW SOME SCRIPTURES; I KNOW THEM WELL. TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATH STRAIGHT. YOU KNOW, I'M ASKING MYSELF, WHY DO I KEEP RESISTING? I SHOULD SURRENDER TO HIM, ESPECIALLY WHEN I SEE THE MESS MY OWN CHOICES HAVE CAUSED. BUT I DO FEAR NOT BEING IN CONTROL. WHEN I COME OUT OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND YIELD MY WILL TO HIS.

COME TO ME ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND WEIGHED DOWN BY BURDENS AND I, THE LORD, WILL GIVE YOU REST. THIS REFRAIN CALLS REPEATEDLY TO MY HEART, A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD TO ME. WHY AM I SO RELUCTANT TO SAY YES? I AM TIRED OF RUNNING, JUST TIRED OF HIDING, AND THIS TIME, THERE IS NO HIDING PLACE, FOR HIS INESCAPABLE VOICE HAS ECHOED WORDS OF TRUTH AND AWAKENED A STRONG DESIRE IN MY HEART, A PULL I CANNOT IGNORE. I BELIEVE IT'S THE SEED OF FAITH SO SURE PROMPTING ME TO BELIEVE.

SO, AS A NEW YEAR UNFOLDS, I FEEL MY DETERMINATION BECOMING STRONGER. THE DESIRE TO SURRENDER, COME WHAT MAY, I WILL SUBMIT TO JESUS, THE ONE WHO KNOWS ME BETTER THAN I KNOW MYSELF. I BELIEVE HE HAS MADE PLANS FOR ME, NOT FOR HARM, BUT TO SAVE AND PROSPER ME. MY PLANS, MY RESOLUTIONS ALWAYS END IN FAILURE. HE PROMISES HOPE AND A FUTURE SECURED IN HIM. I WILL GIVE UP MY OLD WAY OF SELF-RELIANCE AND FEAR. I WANT HIM TO CHANGE ME. I SUBMIT. I SURRENDER. I CHOOSE HIS PATH FOR ME. I WILL MAKE JESUS MY LORD AND MASTER. I WILL BOW FOREVER TO HIM. ONLY HIM. ♣



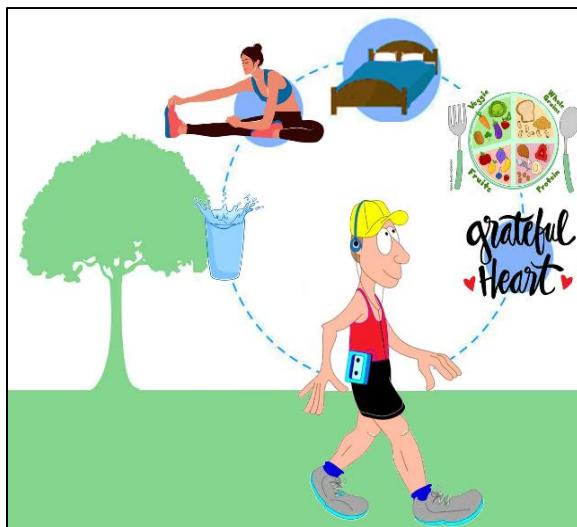
DEVELOPING SMALL HABITS CAN LEAD TO BIG HEALTHY CHANGES

By Margaret Aitcheson

Many people want to make drastic health changes as part of their New Year resolution. But did you know that great improvements in health can come from making small adjustments in your daily habits? Over time, these steps can produce great lasting results.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us. We must therefore honor God with our bodies.

We can seek to honor God by making healthy choices for a stronger, healthier body, mind and spirit. Here are some simple habits we can start today:



“... whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31 [NASB]

May your health, strength and peace get better throughout the year, one small step at a time.

Happy New Year! ☺

New Year's Eve by Y.A.M.

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Brother Peter Campbell, one of the missionaries that GCA supports as he serves in Mexico, was our speaker for the night and his message was entitled "Awesome Adventure with An Awesome God" based on Isaiah 43. He spoke on submitting to God's guidance and used an analogy of whitewater rafting to emphasize the need to submit to God, our Guide, to stay safe and reach our intended destination. He also touched on the importance of staying connected with other believers who love Jesus quoting 1 Corinthians 15:33 [NASB], "Bad company corrupts good morals." Bro. Campbell illustrated how God "prunes" believers to make them more fruitful and mature (Psalm 131). He highlighted that to truly enjoy adventure with God, we must be born again and cultivate an intimate relationship with Him (Isaiah 43:1-2). Bro. Campbell also gave us a great acronym to **WORTHY**:

W**O****R****H****I****S****P****I****T**; worship Him daily,
O**P****E****N** my heart so He can search it,
R**E****P****L****A****C****E** something bad with something good,
T**U****N****E** your ear to silently hear the Lord,
H**E****L****P** me Lord; cry out to Him, and
Y**E****S** to His will; not our will but His.

As midnight approached, the atmosphere was filled with gratitude and expectation. Together, we welcomed the new year by declaring God's goodness and dedicating the months ahead to His will. The service concluded with joy, fellowship, and a shared sense of anticipation for what God will do next.

We are thankful to everyone who participated, served, and joined us for this special night. May the new year be marked by growth, unity, and unwavering faith as we continue to walk together in God's grace. ☺



ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA
“Walk for Water-Walk for Life”
SK Walk/Run-A-Thon

Sponsored by Keiyo Soy Ministries

Making a Difference in People's Lives

Date: Saturday, March 21st, 2026

Time: Registration 7:30 - 8:45 AM
Walk/Run begins at 9:00 AM

Place: 640 Waterworks Drive, Phila, PA 19130
(Start at front of Fairmount Waterworks)

PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORM
FROM GCA OR DR. ELIJAH KORICH



Grace Christian Assembly
2026 Vacation Bible School
Monday to Friday * June 22-26th
(Pre-K to 12 years old)



Church Family Comes Together To Support Jamaica After HURRICANE MELISSA

By Mark and Dina Lawson

In the wake of the recent devastation in Jamaica caused by hurricane "Melissa", our church family felt called to respond with love and action. We are incredibly grateful to share that through the generosity of many kind and compassionate individuals, we were able to **collect enough donated supplies to fill 18 barrels for those in need.**

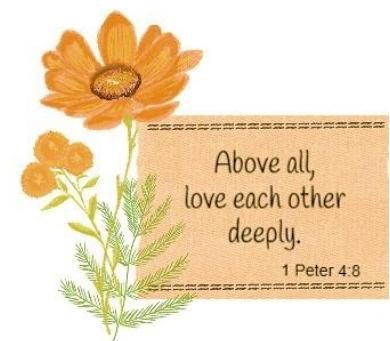
The outpouring of support was truly inspiring. Donations included essential food items, toiletries, diapers, flashlights, and many other necessities that will provide comfort and relief to families as they begin the long process of recovery. Each item represents a tangible expression of care and hope during a difficult time.



We would like to extend a special "thank you" to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help pack and prepare the barrels. Your willingness to serve behind the scenes made this effort possible and reflects the heart of our church community.

It is truly amazing to see what God can do when His people come together in unity and compassion. As these supplies make their way to Jamaica, we ask that you continue to keep the nation and its people in your prayers as they work to rebuild their homes and communities.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ. ♡



By Cressia Brown

On September 9th, we joyfully launched our 2025 fall season with a wonderful evening of fellowship, learning, and ministry on the Mission House lawn,

Community Connections offered three adult classes (both virtual and in-person), a lively Kids Club, a vibrant Teen Ministry, and a delicious dinner prepared by our kitchen team. By faith, we stepped into this new season ready to serve and ready to grow.

Tuesday nights at GCA feel like the church is alive in every corner; volunteers moving with purpose, children and teens filling the halls, and conversations of grace echoing throughout the building. All of this activity is driven by one mission: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I was reminded of the privilege it is, not only to attend but to serve. Sharing the gospel requires dedication, time, generosity, and above all, dependence on the Holy Spirit. I praise God for our leaders and for a church family willing to go above and beyond to reach the next generation. Jesus calls us to make disciples, and Community Connections gives us a beautiful opportunity to build relationships and pour God's love into our community.

One of the greatest blessings this season was witnessing the fellowship among those who served. Many came after long days of work, offering their time, energy, and heart. Their joy in serving, their care for the children, and their willingness to help wherever needed, was a testimony of Christlike love.

There are many things in my life that bring satisfaction, but few compared to being part of a community that serves together for the Kingdom of God. I am grateful for Community Connections and honored to be part of it. If you haven't joined us yet, we warmly invite you to be part of this ministry. Let me know. The next session starts March 24th. ♡



Grace Christian Assembly
Community Connections



COMING SOON!

Tuesday Evenings
March 24 to June 9, 2026

Join us in any of the following events:

- FREE Family Dinner 5:15 p.m.
- Kids Club (ages 6 to 12) 6:00 p.m.
- ESL Class by ZOOM 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- Adult Bible Institute Courses 6:45 & 7:30 p.m.
- Ladies Bible Course (Wednesdays) 8:00 p.m.

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