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Kindergarten to 7th Grade

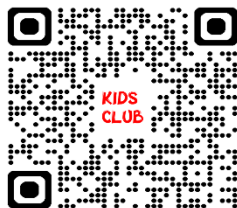
Let's have some **FUN!**

Tuesdays, Sept. 22 to Dec. 8, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Kids can participate in our 12-week program. We are offering the following electives this season:



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Brian H. Grant, Pastor

Sunday
September 27, 2026

**JOHN^{the}
BAPTIST**
**A BURNING AND
SHINING LAMP, PART 2**
Matthew 3:1-17



Order of Service

* Please do not enter or leave the sanctuary.

* Call to Worship ~ Bro. Chet Carter

♪ Praise & Worship

*♪ Ministry in Music ~ Voices of Praise

Ministry Moment ~ Dr. Elijah Korich

Intercessory Prayer ~ Dr. Elijah Korich

*♪ Offering & Cong. Hymn ~ "Nothing But The Blood"

* Scripture Reading ~ Bro. Carlton Henry

*♪ Ministry in Music ~ Voices of Praise

Message ~ Dr. Raphael Thomas

Welcome & Announcements ~ Bro. Chet Carter

Closing

Next Week ~ Pastor Paul Hemmings
of Swallowfield Chapel, Kingston, Jamaica



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

1. **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 September Missionaries

Pete & Dee Campbell - Mexico

NE Mission Conference - Jamaica WI

3. **Culinary Ministry:** Today, a short meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall for all volunteers who use the kitchen at any time. The contact is Sis. Lauren Grant.
4. **Community Connections classes** began last Tuesday but it's not too late for you to join. 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, "Bible Prophecy". 7:30 p.m. two ZOOM Bible Institute classes, "The Letter to the Romans, Part 2" and "Exodus, Part 2."** Also, an **8 p.m. Ladies-Only ZOOM Bible Study, "Satisfy My Thirsty Soul,"** on Wednesdays.
5. **Keiyo Soy Ministries (KSM) Annual Luncheon** will be held here at GCA on Saturday, Oct. 10th at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$20. Save the date and plan to attend and support the ministry in Kenya, East Africa. KSM has enabled many schools to have access to clean water and has affected the lives of many including the youth and pastors. For more information, call KSM at 267-528-8285.
6. **New Beginnings Class:** If you are interested in exploring membership or finding out more about what GCA believes, you are invited to attend this ZOOM class. You may register by calling the church office.
7. **JumpStart** is a GCA's 6-week ZOOM discipleship class designed for new Christians and those desiring to grow in their faith. For more information, you may speak to Pastor George Peters, Dr. Raphael Thomas, or call the church office.
8. **Men's Bible Study:** All men are invited to join the Bible study every Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. The topic of study is 2 Timothy. For ZOOM access, the Meeting ID is 818 6660 7264 and the passcode is 723137.
9. **Monday:** 10 a.m. **FREE food giveaway** in the Fellowship Hall.
10. **Wednesday:** 12 noon **Lunchtime Prayer Hour.** The call-in number is 774-267-4072.
11. **Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. **Men's Bible Study by ZOOM;** 7:30 p.m. **Voices of Praise choir rehearsal** in the sanctuary.
12. **Saturday:** 4 p.m. **Weekly Prayer Time.** The call-in number is 774-267-4072.



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(1) Bible Prophecy

Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 22nd to Dec. 8th at GCA and by ZOOM
Teacher: Dr. Raphael Thomas

There is much confusion and controversy in the world today about future events. This course seeks to present, in a simple manner, the outline of future events. Parts of Israel and the church are reviewed and explained. The present purpose of God is explained. Distinctions between the two resurrections are made and the rapture of the saints identified. The return of the King, the earth's golden age and the eternal state are brought into focus. Completing this course will provide the student a sound basis for both future studies of Bible Prophecy and dealing with the many different views that are proposed today. This course will help you see how the pieces of the prophecy puzzle fit together.

(2) The Letter to the Romans, Part 2

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Teachers: Pastor George Peters

Countless salvation stories, maybe even your own, have started with truths found in the book of Romans. Perhaps it is because out of all the books of the Bible, Romans provides the fullest explanation of the Gospel. In this letter, Paul helps his readers understand how the Old Testament laws find their fulfillment in Christ, and how all humanity, both Israel and every other nation, is justified by grace through faith. While the greater portion of this epistle is filled with deep truths, it ends in the last several chapters with a call to live "by the mercies of God" (Romans 12:1). Through this course, the student will be reminded of Christ's great love and be renewed to live for Him.

(3) Exodus, Part 2

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22nd to Dec. 8th by ZOOM
Teacher: Pastor Brian Grant

Toward the end of the book of Genesis, Jacob and his 12 sons (the children of Israel) had moved to Egypt, where Joseph was Prime Minister. As time passed, Jacob's family, which by then had grown to about 2 million people, were forced into slavery and were desperate to find freedom. This amazing story of how God raised up Moses to lead the Israelites from bondage to freedom, will provide an eye-opening look at God's awesome power which is available to every believer, while reminding us of the pitfalls of deliverance without discipline.

(4) Satisfy My Thirsty Soul (Ladies Only)

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Sept. 23rd to Dec. 9th by ZOOM
Teachers: Various GCA ladies

True worship is both a specific act and a lifestyle. Learn how to be with God even in the middle of a busy and complicated life. This course will teach you how to bow your thoughts, words, work, attitudes, will, and even pain to God to gain a personal intimate relationship with Him. It will teach you how to worship—to be drawn into God's holy and life-giving presence—the place where He will truly satisfy your thirsty soul.



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