

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed on May 17th & May 18th

The Women's Event is coming up on Saturday, May 18th, and we need help setting up and tearing down tables and chairs. Please consider helping, email Doug Donaldson for details at dougd102@yahoo.com. Set up would occur Friday late afternoon, tear down on Saturday early afternoon, each taking approximately 45 minutes.

Apologetics Mini Series

Men and women are invited to attend an apologetics mini series with Pastors Gary Campbell and Zak Stevens! Over three thought-provoking weeks, we'll dive into crucial topics such as modern heresies, the origins of the Bible, and compelling arguments for the existence of God. Women are invited to join in on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45am in with Worship Center, starting May 15th, or Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45pm in the Youth Room, on May 16th. Men are welcome to attend bright and early on Monday mornings from 6:15 to 7:30am, beginning May 20th in the GBC Breakout Room. To inquire about childcare on Wednesday mornings or for more info, email amber@grotonbiblechapel.org.

Women's Spring Event

Join us on May 18th for our Spring Conference! Turn off the noise of the world as you gather to worship and strengthen your walk with God. Dive deep into Psalm 34 with our special guest speaker, Tammie Haveman, as she shares from scripture about God's goodness, provision, and protection. The day will feature live worship by Megan Kellam as well as, breakout sessions by Lead Pastor Gary Campbell, special guest Regina Bartlett and others! Food, including lunch, will be provided throughout the day. Childcare is not offered at this event. REGISTRATION ENDS SOON so don't delay! For more information or to register scan the QR code.



Baby Bottles For Life

Today, you can pick up a baby bottle that you can fill with check, currency or coins to support ANCHOR OF HOPE (formerly Care Net). The filled bottles are due on Father's Day, June 16th.

GBC Grandparenting Ministry Social - June 8th

All GBC Grandparents are invited to the 2nd annual GBC Grandparenting Social on Saturday, June 8th from 12 to 2PM at Bethel Park in Ledyard (Rt 117, 1762 Center Groton Road) rain or shine! Let's get to know each other better, fellowship together, pray together, and hear from each other about how God is working in our intentional Christian Grandparenting! Questions and RSVP to John Frykenburg: j.s.fryky@gmail.com or text/call 323-239-6939.

GBCYTH

GBCYTH Breakaway Small Group Night - May 17th

On May 17th from 6PM to 9PM, GBC Youth will host a small groups event to encourage community building among our youth. This event will be for 9th - 12th grade students and will be catered.

GBCKIDS

Vacation Bible School "SCUBA" 2024

VBS Registration is now open for kids and volunteers! Come join us "under the sea" July 8-12 from 5:30-8pm. Go to grotonbiblechapel.org/kids to sign up!

You can also donate to VBS using our Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR code below:



Summer Sunday School Volunteering Opportunity

Help us give our Sunday School volunteers a chance to rest and recharge during the months of July and August! Let us know you're interested in volunteering by scanning the QR code below.



TOLL GATE PRESCHOOL

Job Openings

Toll Gate has openings for preschool teachers in the fall! If you are interested in hearing more about a teaching position, please contact Jane Levis, Director at tgcp@grotonbiblechapel.org.

TODAY'S SONGS FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICES

1. "Multiplied" by North Point Music
2. "The Blessing" by Elevation Worship
3. "Only King Forever" by Elevation Worship
4. "I'll Give Thanks" by Housefires

OFFERINGS & TITHES

	GENERAL FUND	MISSIONS	OTHER	BUILDING FUND	TOTAL
WEEKLY TARGET	\$35,300.00	\$3,000.00			
ANNUAL TARGET	\$1,833,983.00	\$154,173.00			
LAST WEEK	\$54,861.24	\$3,570.56	\$603.74	\$931.04	\$59,966.58
MONTH TO DATE	\$54,861.24	\$3,570.56	\$603.74	\$931.04	\$59,966.58
YEAR TO DATE	\$706,616.14	\$52,245.57	\$19,598.08	\$28,856.88	\$807,316.67

TODAY'S SERVICES

WORSHIP SERVICES — 9:00AM & 10:45AM

- Childcare for Infants to 2 year olds
- Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade
- Teen Services for Middle School & High School

Nehemiah 1-2 — The Priest & the Cupbearer

Today's Speaker: Gary Campbell, Jr.

Next Week's Speaker: Zak Stevens

MISSIONS UPDATE

Last week we shared about the devastating floods that occurred in Kenya which affected Rift Valley Academy staff, where Mark and Carolyn Kinzer serve. The rain has slowed a bit, but they are still getting nights with 2.5 inches of rain. Several communities around RVA are cut off now with little to no options for getting to the hospital or to work. Water pipes that feed communities from the springs in the forest have been swept away. The expectation is that it will be months before some of these systems are up and running again. We shared a story of Willie, the head mechanic at RVA, and how he and his family were in their home when the flooding wiped away their home and carried them almost two miles in the flooding waters. Willie lost his wife, he and his sons survived but were severely injured. Unfortunately, Willie lost everything they owned. They have no more clothes, housing, furniture, food, and even lost all their official paperwork like birth certificates and licenses. They are now trying to raise funds to pay for the funeral costs for his wife, which are about \$1,000 USD. Willie and his two boys are healing slowly. They have lost everything and don't even have decent clothes to wear to the funeral. Willie's story is happening all over the area south of RVA and affecting many of the staff from RVA. If you are interested in helping financially, online donations can be made using the QR code below. When making the donation, please check the box to "Leave a note for the finance office" and type "Flood Relief" in the notes section.



GUEST INFORMATION

WELCOME TO GROTON BIBLE CHAPEL

We're glad you are here! Our weekly gatherings are designed to bring the Good News of Christ to those who have never heard and to challenge believers to greater obedience.

Please take a moment to fill out the information below and drop it off at the Welcome Center.

First Visit 2nd or 3rd Visit Attending for over a month Update Contact Information
 Date _____ Service Attended 9:00 10:45 Phone# _____
 Name _____ Spouse's Name _____ Cell# _____
 Mailing Address _____ Street _____ E-mail _____ Apt.# _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Do you have a question, comment, prayer request, or another need or concern? Fill out the form below and drop it off at the Welcome Center and we will be in touch.

Pastoral Contact
 Prayer Request
 Comment

Name _____ Phone# _____ E-mail _____
 Comment or Prayer Need _____

PRAYER

Pray for one another

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Launch

Describe a time when you challenged someone hastily, in either anger or fear (or both) before seeking the Lord in prayer or the wisdom of others? What went wrong? OR describe the opposite scenario— how did a confrontation bathed in prayer and godly counsel go better than you expected?

• READ Nehemiah 1

Observe

- Compare Nehemiah's prayer with Jesus's in Matthew 6:9-13. What parallels do you see?
- On what basis does Nehemiah appeal to the Lord in His prayer?

Process

- What strikes you about Nehemiah's response to the news from Jerusalem? How do Nehemiah's actions and his posture demonstrate his sincerity?

Respond

- Have you ever seen a contrast in someone's words of sympathy and their actions or actual response? Have you ever been guilty of such a contrast? Explain.

READ Nehemiah 2:1-5

Observe

- Four months pass before Nehemiah approaches the king. What is his mindset in anticipating this interaction that is clear from verses 1-5?

Process

- These are some of the most vulnerable verses in Scripture. How does Nehemiah's humanity, yet bold faith displayed here, encourage you?
- What does Nehemiah's spontaneous, private prayer in verse 5 say about his relationship with God?

Respond

- Share any specific situations or opposition you're facing; someone you're scared to share the Gospel with, fears or sin struggles, or other situations that this passage speaks to.

READ Nehemiah 2:11-20

Observe

- From what does Nehemiah's bold assertion in the latter half of this verse claim as its confidence in the first half?
- How has Nehemiah's posture and tone changed from 1:1 to 2:20?

Process

- How does Nehemiah's "planning in prayer" exhibited in chapter 1, and carried out in verses 1-8 of chapter 2, lead to his confident execution of strategy on the ground in verses 11-18?

Respond

- Do you think people (yourself?) use prayer as an excuse to not take action? If so, why? Explain your answer.
- Discuss the balance we're challenged with in these chapters. When ought we pray and wait "four months" like Nehemiah? And when should we get up and take action? What other Scriptures come to mind that lend insight and Biblical instruction on these ideas?

ELDERS & WIVES

Brandon & Jenni Barnes
 Bryan & Laurie Buckley
 Bob & Cassie-Ryan Rasmussen
 Jeff & Bethany Seidel
 Jason & Lynn Wallace
 Dave & Ann Mewha
 Gary & Kristi Campbell, Jr.

Tim & Vera Lenos
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 Larry & Janet Olsen
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 Colin & Kim Pilch

SERMON OUTLINE

MAY 12, 2024

God's Deliverance Begins and Ends With Prayer

Text: Nehemiah 1 – 2:1-6, 20

"The God of the heavens is the one who will grant us success."

I. Prayer as a Response to Crisis (Nehemiah 1:1-11)

A. Personal response to corporate disgrace (verse 4)

B. Nehemiah's Prayer

1. Begins with God (verses 5-6)
2. Is Built on Confession/Humility (verses 6-7)
3. Is Petitioned on God's:
 - a) Promises (verses 8-9)
 - b) Faithfulness (verse 10)
4. Concludes with Supplication (verse 11)

Apply- *Where is there "great trouble" in my life?*

Will I "pray the Gospel of Jesus into this situation?"

II. Prayer in the Moment of Action (Nehemiah 2:1-6)

A. Waiting on God is Good Strategy (1:1a & 2:1a)

B. Prayer is not a response that justifies inaction:

1. Prayer doesn't negate human communication, assessment, & strategy (vs. 3, 5-8)
2. Prayer is a fitting response to fear-- even in the moment (verse 4)

Apply- *Where have I covered my own inaction with spiritual language?*

III. Be a Cupbearer (Nehemiah 2:20)

A. What is a cupbearer?

B. To take prayerful action:

1. Seek a clear understanding of the need
2. Adopt personal concern with the need
3. Go to God first with the need
4. Be available to meet the need

Apply- *Where am I prayerfully planning for moments of influence?*

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