



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 2026

Grace Community Church is a Holy Spirit led movement for all people to discover and demonstrate a growing relationship in Jesus Christ.

Service Every Sunday 11 am | Prayer Time 10:30 am

Fellowship meal immediately after service

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Love Matters

Words are cheap, but actions count. When something matters, we love it! The contrary is true too - if something doesn't matter, then we do not love it. People can cry crocodile tears, stomp up and down, shout from the top of their lungs that they do things in love. However, emotional responses no matter how extreme do not equal a loving heart. Scripture tells us that God is love. And, that he loved us so much that he gave his Son on the cross so that you and I might be redeemed. Jesus said that there was no greater love than when a person would give up his or her life for someone else. Giving your life is not a part time thing. Rather it is whole time.

There was an occasion where Peter got a lesson on love. Let's see what happens when Jesus teaches...

So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep (John 21:15-17).

When Jesus taught Peter about love, he did not go to Webster's dictionary or Google a definition. Neither did Jesus try to stir up an emotional response for some cause that would be here today and gone tomorrow. Jesus went straight to the heart of the matter. Jesus wanted Peter to learn that once love was fully adopted, there would be no half-hearted attempt for self-satisfaction. For Peter to love, he would have to give it all. (That is what God did, that is what Jesus did, and now that is what Peter will do.)

First Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him more than his fishing career. Then, he made it simple – Do you love me, Peter? And now that Jesus has Peter's attention sitting there by the cooking fire looking each other in the eye, He asks Peter a third time. Peter's response to all three questions were "Yes". But it was the third time that Peter surrendered his heart com-

pletely to Jesus. Now, Peter can do what matters. No more fish, no more loving when convenient. Peter will love selflessly even to his own cross. (Tradition says that when Peter was sentenced to crucifixion, he requested to be crucified upside down, because he was unworthy to even be crucified like Jesus.)

After this lesson, Jesus revealed to Peter that in his old age, people would take him where he did not want to go. Among other things, this confirmed that Peter would love Jesus all the way to his death. Not just in words, but action. Peter



would lead thousands to Christ; he would be instrumental in setting up the first Church and he would go beyond Jerusalem to encourage others in their faith walk. Peter loved Jesus so much that it overflowed into the world around him. We use the word "love" every day.

And I'm sure that most of the time we mean it in the moment. We do love our spouse, our children, our dog, our meatloaf, our job, our house, our favorite pajamas... How many of us would say, "I would die for those things I love?" How many of us would say that we would die for Jesus' sake? Paul said this to the Ephesian leaders, "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

We ask ourselves, "What do I really love?" When God loves, he gives all. What do we give for love? When Peter loved, he devoted his whole life to Jesus' calling. What is your call to love? When Paul loved, he devoted himself to "testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God." What are you devoted to in love? What would you die for?

Love matters. The question for each of us is how much does it matter to me?

Pastor Robert

The Awana program at Grace kicked off January 11, 2026. It was a great success as fourteen volunteers worked seamlessly. Everyone worked toward the



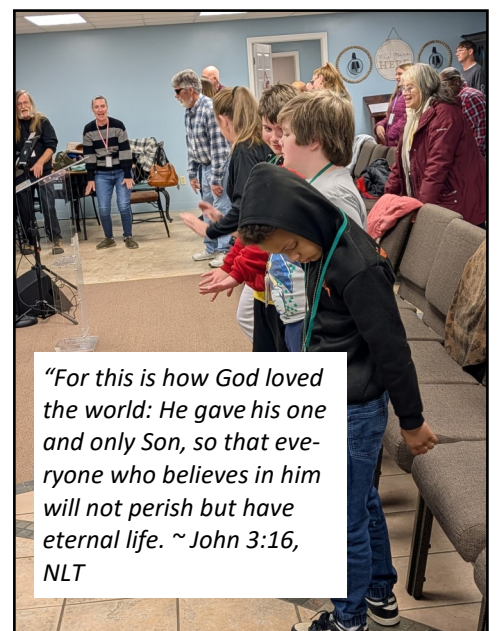
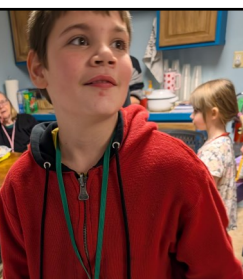
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common goal of taking care of our first nine club members (children) and set the tone for the upcoming weeks. Laughter could be heard throughout the building as clubbers and teachers shared in the love of Jesus Christ. Even the parents that hung out seemed to enjoy their time as well.

There are many components needed to execute Awana with prayer, supports, snacks, music, activities and all the sharing of the gospel. Plus, recruiting, registration, coordination and more!

February brings more robust teaching and focused direction. Some of the clubbers were not familiar with church or the gospel. In the coming months the focus will be active in those areas, throughout every aspect

Awana welcomes volunteers, more clubbers, prayers, and donations! Please see Betty Shook Grace Awana Director or Pastor Robert. Registrations are available online at connect2gcc.org or you can email us at awanasatgrace@gmail.com



"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ~ John 3:16, NLT

Submitted by Yvette Perrin

Photos taken by JoAnn Carman

FEBRUARY 2026



COMING SOON



Pastor Robert & Yvette Host
Super Bowl LX 2026
 Sun Feb 8 at GCC.
 Kick off 6:30pm!
 Night of fun, food,
 fellowship & worship

GCC TURNS 12 ON FEB. 14



BOTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COMMUNION	2	3 Worship Team Practice 4pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	4 Youth Bible Study 7am	5	6 Men's Bible Study 10 am	7
8	9	10 Worship Team Practice 4pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	11 Youth Bible Study 7am	12	13 Men's Bible Study 10 am	14
15 GCC Birthday Bash & Baptisms	16	17 Worship Team Practice 4pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	18 Youth Bible Study 7am	19	20 Men's Bible Study 10 am	21
22 Monthly Birthday Celebration!	23	24 Worship Team Practice 4pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	25 Youth Bible Study 7am	26	27 Men's Bible Study 10 am	28
<p>Awana's happens at Grace every Sunday at 5pm! If you would like to volunteer or register a child, go online to connect2gcc.org or see Yvette Perrin. Feel free to speak with Betty Shook, Grace Director of Awana, or Pastor Robert.</p>						

GCC Birthdays This Month

JoAnn Carmen, Glen Matthews, Peggy Perrin, Kimberly Rabeau, Sanja Williams

Foster Children Ministry

1/1/15	10 year old	Male
3/6/23	2 year old	Female
5/20/09	16 year old	Female
6/5/08	7 year old	Male (sponsored)
8/23/24	1 year old	Male (sponsored)
9/18/14	11 year old	Male
11/13/18	7 year old	Male
12/7/19	6 year old	Male
12/10/15	10 year old	Male

If you would like to sponsor a child see Patricia Johnson

Charlotte County Senior Needs

Grace is supporting local DSS by donating the following items: Depends sizes Medium/Large, Boost, Ensure. See Yvette for more information.

Hospitality

Our fellowship meal is an extension of our service where we gather together to share the love of Jesus. The meal is served buffet style with guests and seniors going first. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.** If you would like to help out by bringing food, setting up or cleaning up, please see Diana Matthews

Join Our Family

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Grace family, see Pastor Robert.

Supplemental Bag Ministry

Each month GCC prepares and distributes bags filled with paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items to members of our community. Help is needed to pack and deliver bags as well as donation of items. For more information, see Patricia Johnson.

GCC Online

Want to watch our sermons online? Go to www.connect2gcc.org. scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the watch or sermons link. This will take you to our YouTube channel, where you will find one years worth of sermons. Or if you prefer, go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/connect2gcc to watch live every Sunday morning or whenever you like!



February Fellowship Menu

February 1: Pasta
February 8: Chili
February 15 Anything Chicken
February 22: Potato Bar