



FEBRUARY 2020 GROWING TOGETHER

STAY CONNECTED WEST LAWN CAMPUS

GT KIDS OPEN HOUSE

February 2 | 9 & 11 AM

If you're a parent of a child from Birth - 5th grade, you're invited to our GT Kids Open House at either 9 or 11 AM. Come check out our spaces and experience why GT Kids is the place to be for kids!



GT IN 60

February 2 | 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Room 101A

If you've been around for a while and are ready to get connected, just checking us out, or maybe you're looking for a home church, GT in 60 is the place to start. Join GT's pastors and staff over a cup of coffee as we share our mission, history, and values. You'll also have the opportunity to learn about volunteering and sign up for First Steps, your first small group experience.

LIVE Q&A WITH PASTORS

February 5 | 7 PM | GT Live and Facebook

Tune in to GT Live or Facebook on February 5 at 7 PM as some of our pastors answer questions related to our new sermon series, Spent. You can submit your questions in the comments of the Q&A post on

Facebook.



GT KIDS BAPTISM BASH

February 9 | 9 & 11 AM

Baptism Bash is a special service where we celebrate through baptism the decisions our GT Kids have made to put their trust in Jesus as their personal Savior. Family, friends, and small group leaders all join together to help celebrate this decision in a big way! All are invited to attend on February 9 at 9 AM & 11 AM in the Warehouse.

FINANCIAL COMEBACK EVENT

February 16 | 6 PM | Worship Center

If you're looking to take the next step toward financial freedom, join Pastor Scott Kramer as we wrap up our Spent Series on Sunday, February 16th at 6 PM. He'll go over practical ways to get you started and answer your questions to help you achieve your goals.

GT SOFTBALL

Calling all Softball Players! Do you enjoy sports? Have you been looking for a different way to connect? GT has several softball teams that play in the Berks County Church Softball League which starts in mid-April, playing games on Mondays and Thursdays. If you are interested in learning more, stop by the HUB to sign up, or contact Joel Umberger at 484-636-8046. While the League is a competitive league, it is open to men and women of all ability levels.



GROUPLINK

February 23 | After both services | Atrium

Get in a group at GroupLink! Join us on Sunday, February 23 after both services for an opportunity to meet group leaders and connect with others from your area of town and/or stage of life with the purpose of finding your best GT Group fit!

SPRING CLASSES

Starting March 4 & 8 | Wednesdays at 7 PM, Sundays at 11 AM
The following classes will begin a new semester on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 PM or Sunday, March 8 at 11 AM.

The Art of Parenting — Wednesdays

Couples Class — Wednesdays

Starting Point — Sundays

Follow — Sundays

You can sign up for these classes at the HUB or at GroupLink on Sunday, February 23. For class descriptions, visit [gtchurch.online/events](#).



WHAT'S NEXT!

I FIND MYSELF ASKING GOD "WHAT'S NEXT?" OFTEN. I WANT TO PREFACE BY SAYING THAT VERY RECENTLY I HAD A VERY LONG CONVERSATION WITH GOD IN MY VEHICLE. I WAS REMINDED THAT GOD DOES NOT CALL US TO COMFORT BUT TO OBEDIENCE.



I sensed a call to missions as a teen and was not sure what that would look like for me. I always served in my community and my local church; however, I still felt that there was more that God was asking of me. It was hard to articulate to others that most of the time I felt as if I

lived in a parallel universe. As if God was saying, "What are you doing?" Fast forward many years and I look at my life and what it has been and where God has taken me as I have said yes. Afraid? Yes! Absolutely! I read a quote recently, If your dreams don't scare you they are not big enough for God!

The Lord constantly reminds me of what He spoke to me long ago. I realize more and more how obedience is such a huge component of our faith. Not comfort but obedience!

Seeing and caring for the least of these; proclaiming the Good News wherever we go; and raising up a generation that will take up their cross and follow Him – yes, that's my heart! All people – all nations! My heart's desire is that we would all be compelled to GO and be the hands and feet of Jesus here in Berks County and around the world. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit would make us uncomfortable. That we would not be okay with letting one more day go by. It's what we read about in the New Testament and the early church! They went out! They evangelized the world. It's why you and I are here today! And maybe that's you! Maybe you are reading this and you feel that your heart is jumping out of your chest. It's almost like you can't breathe. Can I tell

you, that's the Holy Spirit saying, "I'm calling you to say YES! I'm calling you to go!" And maybe that going is joining a local go group. Maybe that going is signing up for a missions trip. Maybe that going is something completely new that God is birthing in your heart. You will never know until you say YES! As followers of Jesus Christ – this applies to all of us. It's why here at GT you will hear us say, Pray, Give, Go, and Stay! Jesus commissioned us to fulfill the Great Commission. ALL OF US!!! Matthew 28:19

I'm so excited for what's next! I am believing that God will continue to raise up an army that will take the Gospel further and faster than ever before! And I feel honored to have a part in all that God will continue to do with missions here at GT as we continue to step out in faith. Let our constant prayer be "Here I am Lord, send me!" I believe that when we take a step in faith and say, "YES, Lord," we will be able to look with amazement and stand back and watch God bless the world through our faithfulness and generosity.

It takes ALL OF US working together as the Body of Christ to get the job done! Let's get our kids involved, our students involved – everyone! My heart's desire is that everyone at GT would be connected to missions through praying, giving, going (local/global), and staying! Whatever it is that God is saying to you for such a time as this, would you respond with a YES? One body, many members and together we will proclaim the Good News of the Gospel – to the ends of the earth.

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