

SOME GOOD NEWS



feeding students for Christmas

From Faithful Giving to Greater Outreach

From July through December 2025, our Grace Ministry USA members faithfully donated more than 16,000 canned food items to help neighbors facing food insecurity. This year, we are prayerfully trusting God will allow us to double that number as He expands our food ministry and enables us to reach more people than ever before in His name.

Last year alone, we served over 240 homeless children in Franklin County and more than 1,700 families across Wake, Franklin, and Granville counties. With each outreach opportunity, we prayed with and over the families we faithfully served, sharing the Gospel whenever the opportunity arose.

The Handful of Rice, which began in July 2025, gave us the

opportunity to meet the ever growing needs in a tangible way. Your faithful giving made all of this possible, and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity and obedience in caring for these families and children.

As we enter 2026, The Handful of Rice continues, as it has become clear that the need is even greater. You can learn more about this ministry on page 3, where you'll find a list of recommended food items.

"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"
James 2:15-16 ESV

Check out our webpage

Stay connected to upcoming events, ongoing Bible studies, submit prayer requests, and more. Visit graceministriesusa.org for the most up to date information

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for ways to volunteer here locally in North Carolina? We have plenty of opportunities to live out your faith in our community each and every week. Every Friday at St. Paul's Church in Louisburg there is an opportunity to help those facing food instability at 10 am. Please contact David Bennett at (919)798-9131 to find out more information about this ministry. Be sure to check back here monthly for more ways to serve.



feeding families in Louisburg

Growing Together in God's Word

More ways to study, connect, and grow wherever you are

Our Bible studies have grown, and we're excited to share what God is doing! We now offer more hybrid options, both on Zoom and in-person studies, making it easier than ever to join, no matter your schedule. Our groups are open to adults ages 18 and up. Last year alone we studied over 40 books of the Bible. We can't wait to see where God leads us this year.

One of the techniques we use in our studies is the SOAP method: Scripture, Observation,

Application, and Prayer. Each participant has the opportunity to choose a verse (or verses) from the scripture to share, reflect on what they observed, explain how it applies to their life, and offer a prayer connected to the Scripture. This approach helps to deepen understanding and encourages discussion and spiritual growth.

For more information about these studies, please contact our Lead Pastor Bert Woodburn at gmsabert@gmail.com



Upcoming Events:

- March 28th Youngsville Easter Egg Hunt
- April 16th, Annual golf tournament
- May 7th National Day of Prayer

Be sure to check out our March newsletter for more details on these events and more.

Take Up Your Cross

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" Matthew 16:24 ESV

Many people interpret the "cross" as a burden they must carry in life. Perhaps it's a health issue, a difficult relationship, or a personal struggle. But this is not what Jesus meant when He said, "Take up your cross and follow me."

In Jesus' time, the cross was not a decoration in the home or a piece of jewelry. It was not a metaphor for inconvenience or burden. The cross meant death by crucifixion. A humiliating, brutal and public execution. To take up one's cross meant to walk toward death. So what does that mean for us?

It means we must die to sin. We repent, turn from our old way of life, and fully surrender ourselves fully to Christ. Christ died for our sins, and as His followers, we die to our sins. It is full control given over to God.

To take up our cross means turning away from sinful attitudes like pride, arrogance, bitterness, indifference, and a negative view of others. It means repenting of sinful affections such as lust, greed, and our appetite for the things of this world.

Are you willing to bear your cross and truly follow Him?

Are you willing to follow Jesus if it costs you everything; your reputation, your comfort, your closest relationships, your job, or even your life?

This does not mean that following Jesus will necessarily result in losing all these things. But, we must be willing to suffer loss and still choose Him. The price is great but the reward is greater. Christ himself bore a cross. He already led the way.

Ask yourself: Is there anything you need to lay down and fully surrender to Christ? What is He asking you to surrender? Through prayer, God gave us the power to overcome.

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV



A Handful of Rice

In Mizoram, India the churches there practice “a handful of rice.” This is a way for them to fund their church and missions by simply setting aside a handful of rice at each meal to sell later on for supporting mission work.

We all can practice this idea each week during our local grocery shopping trip. Simply choose an item(s) from the list below and bring them to your bible study leader. You can also make a financial donation weekly or monthly to this ministry directly either by cash, check, online, or by scanning the QR code below. Donations go to feeding the students in our local area who experience food insecurity.

Items needed:

Hormel Compleats Meal

Pop-top cans of fruits or vegetables

Pudding cups

boxes of nutrigrain cereal bars

a jar of peanut butter

Pop-top cans of proteins (ex. ravioli, spaghetti-O's, etc)

*Pop-top cans are preferred as many of these students do not have access to a can opener.

