

Welcome!

- ✓ ***Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.***
- ✓ ***Say hello to someone you don't know.***
- ✓ ***We'll gather at 10:20am.***

www.goodnewschurchga.com



Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Psalm 103:1-5, 8, 10-12

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me,
bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And
forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your
iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who
redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns
you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

*Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger,
and abounding in mercy. He has not dealt with us
according to our sins, Nor punished us according to
our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the
earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear
Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has
He removed our transgressions from us.”*

GOODNEWS

101

Overview

1. Why are we here? (Purpose / Vision)
2. What are we all about? (Mission)
3. What do we believe? (Beliefs)
4. What do we do? (Behaviors)
5. What is the Good News? (Motivation)

Vision & Verse

Vision – to experience and express LOVE from God to others

- **Verse** – *“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”*
– Galatians 5:6b

Mission

Mission – to connect with people and build relationships through community workshops, neighborhood-focused ministry, serving local needs, mentoring, and worship.

The Good News

G.R.A.C.E. = **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." - 2 Corinthians 8:9

"God made him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." - 2 Corinthians 5:21

GNC Beliefs

1. I'm really broken and I need help.
2. Jesus is perfect and He is my help.
3. Jesus is the only way to healing in my relationship with God.
4. The Holy Spirit is my power to live as a follower of Jesus.
5. God calls me to submit to His authority and serve His Church

Submission (def):

to **yield** oneself to the authority or will of another;
to permit oneself to be **subjected to** someone or
something; willful obedience to another; **humility**

Why do we resist submission?

This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. **But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’**

– Jeremiah 6:16

Why do we resist submission?

I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts.'

– Jeremiah 7:23-24a

Why do we resist submission?

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, **but you would have none of it.**” – Isaiah 30:15

Why does God want us to submit?

Submission is the way of God (the Trinity), it's the way of love, and specifically, it's the way of Jesus.

Submission looks like:

Lifting others up

Giving away credit

Putting others first

Taking the worst seat

Going last

Why should we want to submit?

1. Protection
2. Help
3. Freedom
4. Rest

To whom should we submit?

1. Spouse
2. Children to parents
3. Government authorities
4. Boss at work
5. Jesus and His Church

Church Family

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”

– Jeremiah 3:15

“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.” – Hebrews 13:17

Church Leaders

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.

Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. – Acts 20:28

Church Leaders

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: **Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care**, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. - 1 Peter 5:1-3

Purpose of Submission

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

– Ephesians 4:11-13

Motivation for Submission

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters,
in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a
living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is
your true and proper worship. – Romans 12:1

The Blessing

from Galatians 4:9, Romans 8:15, Isaiah 49:16

As you go, remember that you have been loved before the foundation of the world, created in the image of God, and now through Jesus, you know God and are known by God. Your name is engraved on the palm of His hands. In His name, you are no longer a slave to fear, but you are a child of God.