

Spring/Summer 2024

Adults 60+

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Hello Adults 60+,

It has been a year since I began this new journey as Adults 60+ Pastor at Johnson Ferry. What a joy it has been for Debbie and me to be with you serving the Lord together!

People are always asking me if we like it here; if we are glad that we moved here; and are people treating you well? Yes, yes, and absolutely, yes! It has been a wonderful year of beginning new relationships, rekindling some old, mobilizing people for ministry, serving with people, and ministering to people in good times and in difficult ones.

Isn't it great to look back on your life and see how God was taking care of you along the way? God has been so good to me and *you* are a part of that. I am reminded of the passage in Romans 8:28, *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* Many times we focus on the good that comes to those that "love God," but forget about the second part "called according to His purpose." It's about HIS purpose. Of all the things that God has allowed me to do in ministry over the past 30 years, He has now led me to be in Marietta, Georgia at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in 2024 as Adults 60+ Pastor for HIS purpose and for HIS plan. It boggles my mind how this can happen, but I'm glad that God causes all these things to work together for good and it certainly is good to be here.

I look forward to many more years of serving with you in this great church. Look over the many opportunities that are listed in this newsletter and get involved in the Adults 60+ ministry today. I hope to see you in church.

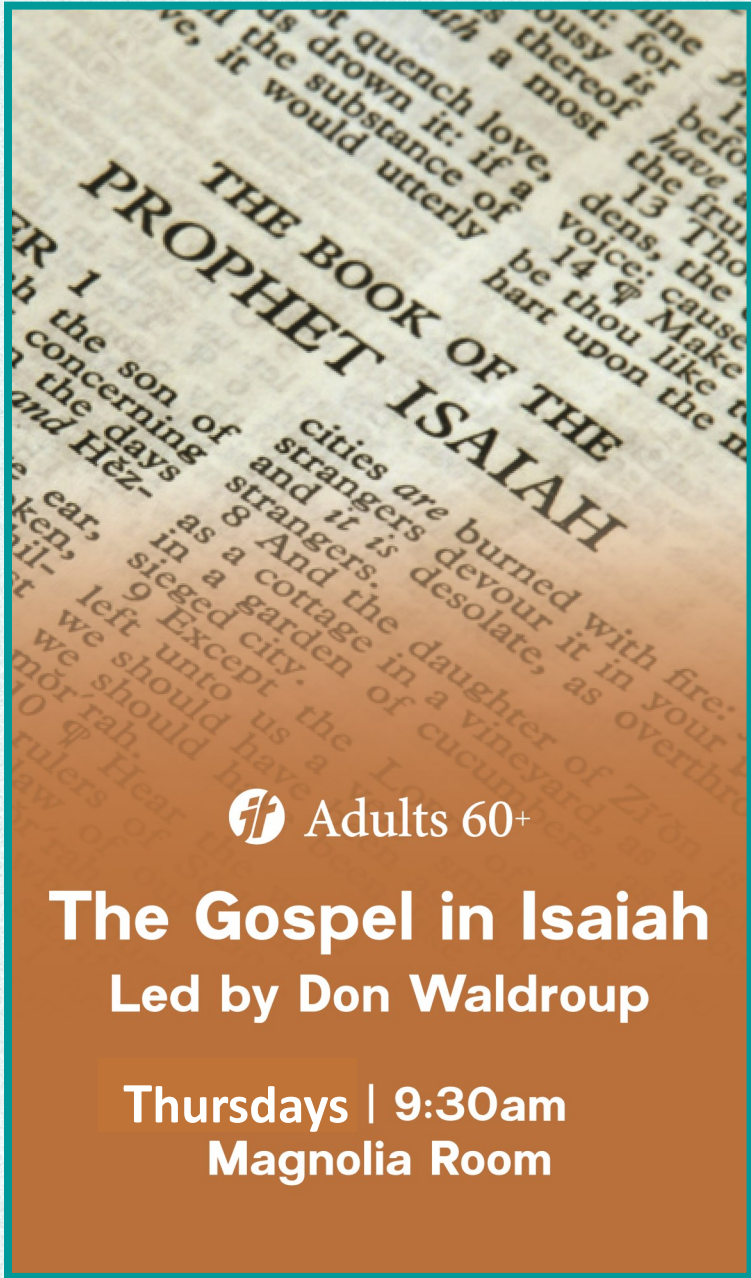
Let's do this together!

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Important Dates

- **Apr-May**—Thursday Weekday Bible Study; Gospel in Isaiah; Don Waldroup teaching; 9:30am-11am, Magnolia Room
- **May 29**—Camp Grace Mission Day, 1pm-11pm, Roberta, GA
- **Jun 8**—Pickle Ball Night, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Activities Ctr
- **Jun 20**—Noon Summer Picnic, 12pm-2pm, Pavilion
- **Jul 16 & 17**—Grand Camp: Bugs & Butterflies, 9:30am-12pm, Preschool
- **Jul 18**—Evening Summer Picnic, 6pm-8pm, Pavilion
- **Aug 15**—Thursday Morning Bible Study Launch, 9:30am, Magnolia Room
- **Oct 6**—20th Anniversary Celebration of The Magnolia Ball, 4pm-6pm, FH



 Adults 60+

The Gospel in Isaiah

Led by Don Waldroup

Thursdays | 9:30am
Magnolia Room

SENIOR FITNESS Fun

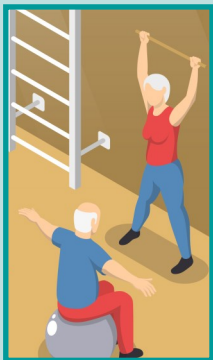
Summer Thursdays

11:15am-12:15pm | Rm 276/277

www.johnsonferry.org/hub

Offered thru Sports & Fitness

Registration is open and senior discounts apply.



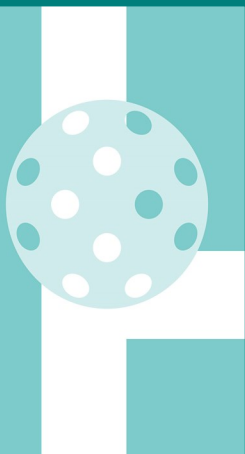
MONDAY

Bridge Ministry | 12pm-4pm
Room 108

Mondays provide more than an opportunity to keep minds active and encourage community. These bridge partners have a passion for supporting local missions and Operation Christmas Child. They welcome all who would like to play or learn! Registration is not required.
Wanda Newcity, Leader

TUESDAY PICKLEBALL

Come on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Activities Ctr and join the fun. Who knows? Mitch just might be your partner. Registration not required.



SUMMER WEDNESDAYS

Morning Crochet | 10am
Room 108 | 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Do you want to learn a new hobby this summer? Our ladies teach! They use their talents to reach out into our local community and to the state of Georgia. They provide lap blankets, afghans, and gifts to our veterans, and to residents in assisted living communities. Registration is not required.
Mary Lu Duke, Leader



Saturday Night Special: Adults 60+ Pickleball Night

SATURDAY, Jun 8 | 5:30pm-7:30pm | Activities Center

All are invited to the Activities Center for prime court time! We have all courts reserved. This is a friendly environment to learn the game or to show your skills!



Changing Georgia One Child at a Time

Wed, May 29 | 1pm-11pm

The mission of Camp Grace is to transform the lives of urban under-served youth by providing overnight camps that are grace-filled. They have found that getting Georgia's youth out of the city environment for extended overnight stays, showing them unconditional love, and speaking hope into their lives transforms the campers. Camp Grace now knows from experience that, together with its partners, they are starting to break the cycle of poverty, crime, teen pregnancy and the high school dropout rate.

Camp Grace's partners are committed to changing the environment of these at-risk youth. These leaders serve at camp during the summer and follow-up by loving and mentoring the campers year-round. The gospel doesn't stop after camp!

On **Wednesday, May 29**, our **Adults 60+ Ministry** has the opportunity to serve with this great camp as a one-day mission team. We will arrive in the afternoon and focus on camp activities and worship. During worship, we will demonstrate God's great love for these children and youth by washing their feet as Jesus modeled for us. In addition, we will then give each child a new pair of tennis shoes provided through our ministry. www.johnsonferry.org

Let's Do This Together!

Mission Minutes

PRAY *about it*

Mission Trip

Dominican Republic | May 1-9

Please pray for Janet Marshall and her team that will be traveling to the Dominican Republic to work alongside new church plants in impoverished communities. They will engage the community through medical and eye clinics to treat the body and the spirit.

PRAYING FOR A *miracle*

Mission Trip

Colombia | May 19-26

Please pray for Debbie Verdell and her team who will be traveling to Colombia, South America to support International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries. They will be engaging with displaced people groups and helping to meet their needs. Mitch will be traveling with this team as well.

My Sister's House | Atlanta

May 13 | June 6 | Jul 8 | Aug 12

On the second Monday of each month we have the opportunity to serve behind the scenes at one of Atlanta's shelters for women and children. We take a bus and serve from 10am-3pm. We may help organize the pantry, serve in the meal line, wash dishes, or where needed. For more information contact Philippe Michaud, Leader, at 770-329-3323.

Camp Grace | Roberta, GA

Wed, May 29 | 1pm-11pm

We would like to take 2 church buses for a total of 30 people to work that afternoon and evening with Camp Leadership to serve the campers. We will depart from Johnson Ferry at 1pm and return around 11pm. Dinner with the campers will be provided.

To register please go to our website at www.johnsonferry.org/HUB



Grand Camp

Bugs & Butterflies

July 16-17

Grandparent(s) with children
3 years old - Exiting K

Register at johnsonferry.org



Summer Picnics

Bring your own brown bag picnic meal and join us this summer for a time of fellowship. The Adults 60+ ministry will provide drinks and desserts. Our gathering in June will be at noon and our picnic for July will be in the evening. There is no charge since you are providing your own meal, but registration is helpful so that we can provide enough drinks and desserts.

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Noon Summer Picnic Fun

Thu, Jun 20 | Noon | Pavilion

Evening Summer Picnic Fun

Thu, Jul 18 | 6pm-8pm | Pavilion

Please let us know that you are planning to attend.



Save the Date!

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of

The Magnolia Ball

Oct 6 | 4pm-6pm | Fellowship Hall

Volunteers needed as Dancers, Servers, Table Hosts, Greeters, Set-up, and Breakdown. Call the Adults 60+ office, 770-794-2968.



Save the Date!

The 2nd Annual Adults 60+

Christmas Party

Dec 18 | 6pm-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Last year worked well with potluck finger foods. We'll plan that again! Sign-up for this event will start in late October.

Wednesday Night Dinners Continue until May 29

Menus available at johnsonferry.org

Adults (12 & up): \$8; Kids (4-11): \$6; Families: \$30; Toddlers (3 & under): Free; First time guests: Free!

GriefShare | August | 7-9pm

GriefShare is a weekly support group for those who have lost a loved one through death. Our next 13-week session will begin in August. Find comfort in being with others who are going through the same hurt and loss. Meetings will be in-person on Mondays in Room 338 from 7-9pm. Register and pay for materials online at www.johnsonferry.org/HUB under Pastoral Care. The workbook is \$20.

WINTER TRIP |

DECEMBER 11-13 | ASHEVILLE, NC

Get ready to travel for 3 days and 2 nights in Asheville, NC. Our first stop on Wed, Dec 11 is at The Cove for dinner and to hear The Martins in concert. On Thu, Dec 12 we'll do some local sightseeing and end up at the Biltmore to experience *Christmas by Candlelight*. On Fri, Dec 13 we will return to the Biltmore grounds for further exploration and then head home. Prices and further details coming in June.



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