

# Adults 60+ *focus*

SUMMER 2025



Changing Georgia  
**One Child at a Time**

Wed. Jul 9 | 1—11pm | Roberta, GA

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, Jul 9**, we will take two buses with 30 people 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. Additionally, we will then give each child a new pair of tennis shoes provided through our JF ministries. If you would like to serve, please register: [www.johnsonferry.org/HUB](http://www.johnsonferry.org/HUB)

## **TNC: The Next Chapter**

If you have recently retired or are considering your options, join our men for an 8-week series on finding purpose in retirement. This new men's group launches Tue, Aug 19 from 7-9pm in the Landing. Registration opens Jul 1. For more information, contact Mitch Verdell, 770-795-2975.

## Save the Date

- Jun 18—Picnic Pavilion | 6-8pm
- Jun 23-26—VBS
- Jul 9—Camp Grace Mission Trip | 1-11pm | Roberta, GA
- Jul 15 & 16—Grand Camp
- Aug 6—Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities Begin
- Aug 14—Adults 60+ Thursday Bible Study | 9:30am | Magnolia Room
- Aug 19—TNC: The Next Chapter Men's Group
- Aug 21—Hymn Sing Chapel | 6-7pm
- Aug 22—By Design Mission Workshop | Landing | 9:30am-12pm



- **Grand Camp.** Grandparents are invited to bring a grandchild (or grandchildren), aged 3 through completed kindergarten. Grand Camp offers a special morning of activities centering around a favorite Bible story. Activities include worship time, Teeny Tykes & Tunes, crafts, games, and more! All are designed for grandparents and children to do together. This year, we offer two distinct camp experiences: Register for Tuesday, Wednesday, or BOTH! Registration is open: [www.johnsonferry.org/HUB](http://www.johnsonferry.org/HUB)  
**Grand Camp Leaders** are needed as Homeroom captains, Craft leaders, Snack and Outreach center leaders. If you would like to serve at this special event, please call our office, 770-794-2968.
- **Adult Pickleball.** Drop-in play on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-12:30pm will continue throughout the Summer.  
JF Sports announces a NEW **Adult Pickleball League** that will run on Monday Evenings. The league draws partners and court assignments each week.  
Registration is required for the League games, \$10/season, and is now open at: [www.johnsonferry.org](http://www.johnsonferry.org)

- **Vacation Bible School, Jun 23-26.** Volunteers are needed. [www.johnsonferry.org](http://www.johnsonferry.org)
- **Summer Evening Picnic Fun.** Please join us for our Adults 60+ Picnic on Wed, Jun 18 from 6-8pm at the Pavilion. Bring your own picnic dinner. We will provide beverages and desserts. Also, feel free to bring your favorite outdoor game. Whether you enjoy playing games or being a spectator, you are guaranteed to have a great evening! For planning purposes, please let us know that you are coming. [www.johnsonferry.org/HUB](http://www.johnsonferry.org/HUB)
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study.** All adults 60+ are invited to join us on Thursday mornings starting Aug 14. Mitch Verdell will lead on the 14th, followed by John Farish starting on the 21st. Our fall focus will be on the minor prophets. We gather at 9:30am in the Magnolia Room. Registration is not required.
- **Assisted Living Weekly Bible Study.** Leaders/facilitators are needed. We are celebrating a recent baptism and are making arrangements for a second. We would like to be established in all 17 nearby homes. If you would like to know more about this meaningful ministry, please call our office, 770-794-2968.
- **Hymn Sing.** Join us Thursday evening, Aug 21 at 6pm in the Chapel for an old-fashioned hymn sing. Pick out your favorite hymns and bring a friend to join us!
- **By Design.** A mission-minded women's group that meets monthly to create washable feminine hygiene pads & provide them to women internationally. You do not have to be able to sew to participate. Our first fall session is Fri, Aug 22 in the Landing (272/275) from 9:30am-12:30pm.

## Mitch's Mentions

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Hello Adults 60+,

In 1958, The Jamies released a song entitled, "Summertime, Summertime" (google it and enjoy a blast from the past). In this song, it repeats the word summertime over and over again, "Summertime, summertime, sum, sum, summertime, summertime, summertime, sum, sum, summertime...." It was a hit then and you can still hear it used occasionally, even now.

Why did I bring that up? **Because it's summertime!** I know the days are getting longer and the temperature is climbing which is a sure sign that summer is approaching. Isaiah 40:31 reads, *"But those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint."* Let's renew our strength this summer, while at the same time, stay connected to our Lord and each other. We may not be meeting together as often as we do during the rest of the year, but we will have a few touchpoints during this season. Take a look at this newsletter; find a place to connect; and get involved with what is happening here at Johnson Ferry this summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at church this summer. **Let's do this together!**