

# Welcome Visitors!

It is a delight and a pleasure to welcome you into our fellowship today. We fervently pray that the Spirit of the Lord will so envelope you during this service that your burdens will be lifted and your spirit will be so refreshed that you will say...

**"It was good for me to be here!"**

Whether you are looking for a church home, have questions about the plan of salvation, or just need a kind ear, we're here for you! Please feel free to come to the altar, speak to a minister, or call the Church during office hours.

Remember: You are always welcome at  
**God's House Church.**

We trust that you will also attend our weekly services listed on the back of this bulletin.

*Bishop & First Lady Michael Shelby  
and the entire GHC Family*

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday

Intercessory Prayer	9:00 a.m.
Children's Church Program	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.

### Monday

### Tuesday

Bible Class	11:00 a.m.
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### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Bible Class	7:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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### Friday

Outreach Ministry Bake Sale	9:30 a.m.
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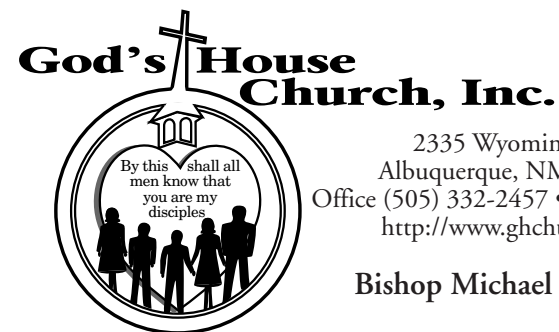
### Saturday

Jehovah's Chosen Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
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(See announcements for details on special events.)

### Office Hours

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Friday

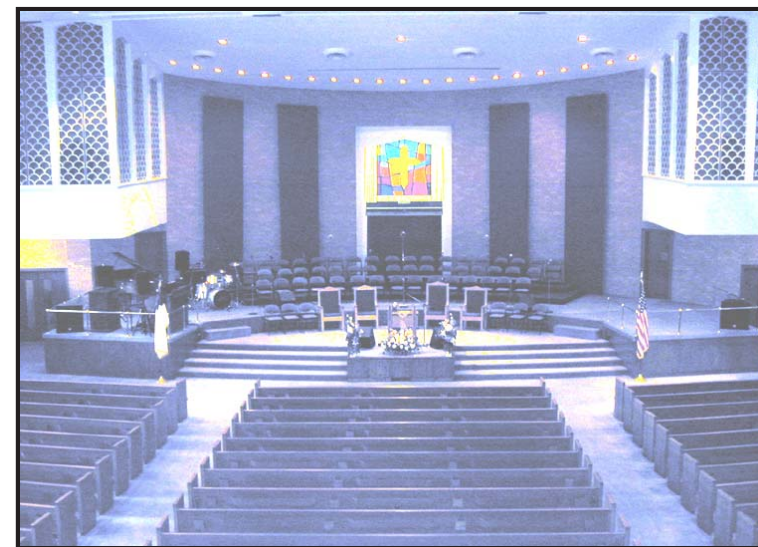


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# Welcome!

*If it had not been the Lord who on our side...*  
*Psalms 124:1*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

*To handle yourself, use your head;  
To handle others, use your heart!!*

# What Had Happened Wuz...

Jesus paid a visit to a certain young man to see if he completed some tasks that Jesus asked him to do.

Here are the man's replies to the master:

Well Lord, I meant to go to Bible Study, but what had happened wuz that I was tired and worn out from the day.

Lord, I know I promised to read from the Bible last night, but you see what had happened wuz that I had the Bible out but I started watching TV and then I had fell asleep.

Well you know Lord, I didn't mean to hurt her feelings, but you know what had happened with that wuz that she wasn't what I thought she would be.

Well Lord, about the conversation with the nonbeliever, I'm sorry for not defending you but what had happen wuz that I really didn't know what to say.

Lord, I meant to go to church today but what had happened wuz that by the time I woke up it was already too late to go.

So then the Lord, finally heard enough! The Lord simply asked him to stop. Silence entered the room.

And as this man wonders why his life is in the shape it is in.

The Lord replied to the man with the following: Remember the time when you had to face a force greater than you and you were not sure how to handle the situation?

Well son, I made provisions at the Bible study the night before, but see, what had happened wuz that you were too tired to receive the plan I had for you. I even tried to reveal it to you in my word, but what had happened wuz that you fell asleep watching TV.

Or better yet. Do you remember the time that you were so lonely and just wanted someone who would love you?

I gave you your desire but what had happened wuz that she wasn't good enough for you because she didn't give you what you wanted.

So now I ask, was it love you were after or lust?

And finally, I gave you a chance to redeem yourself but you failed me again.

This nonbeliever only needed to hear a strong witness but what had happened wuz that this nonbeliever was placed on hold because you were too weak in Me.

The message I sent to church on the Sunday you missed would have won over the nonbeliever but see what had happened wuz that you slept over so you couldn't make it to church.

Let us learn from this young man. You never know the form or fashion that your blessing may be delivered to you. When opportunity presents itself, you should always position yourself to receive Him.

Many of us have too many excuses for why we can't do this or that.

Be aware that the Lord is watching and hears all excuses. Just remember that He won't be accepting any excuses when it comes time for the Day of Judgement.

Author unknown



## Responsive Scripture Reading

St. Luke 14:14-24

**A**ND thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.  
15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out unto the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

## Sermon Notes



Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

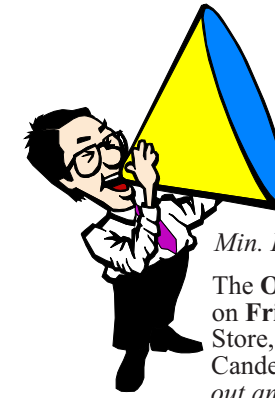
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

“TAKING IT TO THE STREETS.” The **Outreach Ministry** will meet **Today**, immediately after service. All members of GHC are welcomed to attend this informative meeting. The agenda will be T-shirts, bake sale, and the Outreach Weekend. See *Min. Brian Johns* for further information.



The **Outreach Ministry** is sponsoring a **Bake Sale** on **Friday, May 23rd**, at Bibles Plus Christian Book Store, located in the strip mall at Wyoming and Candelaria, **from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** Come out and support this Ministry! For more information

or to make a donation, please contact *Min. Brian Johns* or *Evang. Joni Fields*.

On **Saturday, June 7th, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. the Usherboard will have a Cattfish Dinner in the Fellowship Hall for \$7 a plate.** Dine in, take out or delivery for party of 6 or more. See *Usherboard members* for tickets now through *June 1st*.

You are Cordially invited to present yourself as a witness to the joining of *Bro. Lucius Gaskin* and *Sis. Kristi Mackey* in the sacred bond of Marriage, on *Saturday, June 14th., at 2 p.m. here in the Sanctuary.* The Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall at 4 p.m. *R.S.V.P. is requested for accurate provision of refreshments. Please contact Sis. Kristi Mackey at 604-0535.*

**Attention All Chefs and Great Cooks:** The **Nursery Ministry** is going to create a GHC Cookbook. It will consist of the following categories: Breads, Main dishes, Vegetables, Salads, and Desserts. Share your favorite creations by picking up a recipe card after service. Return the completed card to either *Sis. Aisha Wilkins* or *Sis. Tammy Watson*.

The **Outreach Ministry** will be selling **OUTREACH STREET-WEAR** “Favor ain’t fair” T-shirts! Please stop by their booth located in the front foyer and order your street “WITNESS” wear. Place a \$10 deposit for delivery on **Sunday, May 25th.** Let’s spread the good news together! For more information, please see *Minister Brian Johns*.

The **Scholarship Committee** will be awarding scholarships annually to members of GHC who are seeking higher education and have been accepted into a qualified program. For more information on the application and selection processes, see *Bro. Yomi Fadipe*. Please help our young people further their education by donating to the scholarship fund. Simply write “**Scholarship Fund**” on the space marked “**Other**” on your offering envelope with the designated amount of your donation. **Thank you for your support!**

**GHC Bookstore** offers a variety of Christian books, Bibles, reference and study materials, audio and video tapes, mints, snacks, jewelry and much more for purchase at a reasonable cost. The main store is conveniently located just inside the entry to the Fellowship Hall and is open on Sundays before service from 9:15 until 11 a.m. The annex, located at the east end of the foyer to the Sanctuary, is open after service on Sunday’s—audio tapes of the services are available. Stop by today and buy something!