

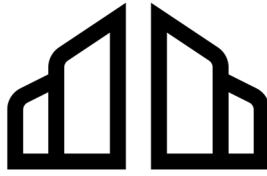
STAY SHARP



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ECCLESIASTES 10:10





LOVING **GOD.**
LOVING **PEOPLE.**

MISSION

Making More and Better Disciples

CORE VALUES

KNOW

Developing relationships with God and people

GROW

Becoming more like Christ

SERVE

Demonstrating our Faith

SHARE

Producing New Followers

VISION

Through the ministry of Greece Assembly, we see people knowing Christ, growing in Christ, serving the body of Christ, and sharing the Gospel of Christ.

STRATEGY

Strategy is the “how” of vision. There are several components to our strategy, but in this booklet we’ll highlight **EQUIP: For a Life of Ministry**. It is our desire to equip believers to unequivocally know who they are in Christ and reach their full potential serving Christ as disciple-makers. This booklet shares the purpose, vision, and structure of EQUIP at Greece Assembly.

STAY SHARP

This year's EQUIP theme is STAY SHARP. The theme verse is Ecclesiastes 10:10, "If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success."

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you feel like the person Solomon described in the text above? You're spending countless hours at your job, or simply trying to be a great parent, husband, or wife, and yet feel as though you are trying to cut a tree down with an unsharpened axe? You're in the ministry role God placed you in and you feel like you're laboring so hard with little progress...you have opportunities to engage people conversationally with the Gospel and find yourself grappling for the right words to share...you're investing so much focus, energy and time but not seeing any fruit...you feel as if you're trying to cut down a tree down with an unsharpened axe. Can you relate?

Although there are situations that require time, perseverance and patience, this may be the best opportunity for you to ask yourself the question, "Does my spiritual axe need sharpening?" Take time to pause on Wednesday evenings and allow God to sharpen your axe through the teaching of His Word. We have wonderful teachers here at Greece Assembly that are dedicated to helping you STAY SHARP.

A tool is far more valuable when the edge is sharp than when the edge is dull and interestingly, the edge of a knife is far more likely to injure you when dull than when sharp. Such is because a dull edge (as Solomon points out in Ecclesiastes) requires more force to do the job for which it was designed. Think about this in the context of ministry or in sharing the gospel or debating biblical principles with someone of a different viewpoint.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "Give me 6 hours to chop down a tree and I'll spend the first four sharpening the axe."

Do we serve the Lord in our everyday life with that mindset? Do we value wisdom like Proverbs 16:16 encourages, "How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver." If "wisdom brings success" (Eccl. 10:10), then the fruit of our life of ministry is not measured in hours of physical labor, but instead in the time spent seeking God's wisdom, counsel and truth, the time invested in sharpening the axe (Knowing Christ and Growing in Christ) and keeping it sharp (Serving Christ and Sharing Christ).

Let's uplift one another, and sharpen our spiritual axes to serve more effectively in God's kingdom.

Much love and care,

Pastor Pat

NEW T-SHIRT!



AVAILABLE STARTING OCT. 8!

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR EQUIP ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
& RECEIVE OUR '25-'26 EQUIP SHIRT!

ADULT SIZES ARE \$7 | YOUTH SIZES ARE \$5

PRE-ORDER AT [GREECEASSEMBLY.ORG/STAYSHARP](https://greeceassembly.org/staysharp)

EQUIP CLASSES

ADULTS: *VARIOUS TOPIC SERIES* (SEE PAGE 8)

EQUIP is committed to teaching a biblical worldview. A biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God. When you believe the Bible is entirely true, then you allow it to be the foundation of everything you say and do. Growing deeper in God's Word will influence our worldview, the way we view the world, and the lost. Our hearts will align more and more with God's heart. Our priorities will align more and more with God's priorities. Our love will align more and more with God's love for lost people.

Adults will meet in the sanctuary for sessions.

REFUGE STUDENTS: *LIFE ON PURPOSE*

Bible Studies For Life is an impactful teaching series. Each session takes us through a section of scripture dealing with a specific topic. It breaks down the context of the scripture as a group and allows for practical application to life. It is designed to ask personal questions, which spurs great discussion during class time and allows for students to grow together.

Each session ends with the section *Live it Out*, which really embodies the heart of EQUIP - being equipped for a life of ministry. It has three sections in *Live it Out: Christ, Community, and Culture*. These sections challenge the students to consider how they can apply what they learn in their personal relationship with God (*Christ*), within the context of their church family (*Community*), and to the lost world (*Culture*).

We will be going through the fall edition of *Bible Studies For Life*. And some weeks we will join the adult class in the sanctuary for specific topics that will deepen our knowledge of the Lord and His Word, equipping us to stand firm in our faith in today's culture.

6TH GRADE: FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Pastor Pat and Tina, along with Pastor Dan and Cathy, will spend one year with our 6th grade students – laying a strong foundation of truth as these students prepare for their passage into middle school. We desire to equip 6th graders *“to always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”* | Peter 3:15

Biblical Worldview

- Builds a framework for living biblically in every area of life

Apologetics

- Teaches 6th graders how to defend their faith

Real-Life Application

- Applies what kids are learning to today's world

Critical Thinking Questions

- Questions that connect a student's mind and faith

In the summer of 2026, the 6th grade students and their parents will be provided the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. More details coming!

AGES 0 - 5TH GRADE: FOUNDATIONS

Our children, nursery through 5th grade, will be learning through Foundation Worldview. Classes will be as follows:

- Nursery (Ages 0-2)
- Preschool
- Girls' Ministry: K - 2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade
- Boys' Ministry*: K - 2nd grade; 3rd - 5th grade (**Royal Rangers*)

Our children are constantly bombarded with content from various sources, shaping their young minds in a rapidly changing world. It is essential to equip them to pursue truth and embrace a biblical worldview. Our goal with Foundation Worldview's curriculum is to equip and transform every child's thinking from blind belief to critical, evidence-based faith. The lessons and units are designed to equip your child with biblical literacy and critical thinking skills, so their faith in Christ remains strong into adulthood.

There will be practical opportunities for them to learn what it means to love one another, serve the body of Christ, and live out the Great Commission.

EQUIP TOPICS

⇒ Salvation 101

- Why it happened: Redemption
- What has happened: Regeneration
- How it happened: Justification
 - Past - Freed from the penalty of sin
- What is happening: Sanctification
 - Present - Freed from the power of sin
- What will happen: Glorification
 - Future - Freed from the presence of sin

⇒ The Two Ordinances of the Church

- Lord's Supper
 - Why did Jesus institute it?
- Water Baptism
 - Why did Jesus command it?

⇒ The Church

- The birth of the church
- Ecclesia – “called-out ones”
- Root meaning – of people, not a building
- The body of Christ– He is the head
- The church universal
- The local church

⇒ Understanding the Bible

- The structure of the Bible
- The purpose of the Bible
- The message of the Bible
- The importance of the Bible
- The application of the Bible
- How to study the Bible

⇒ Theology 101

- The doctrine of...
 - the Bible
 - God
 - Mankind
 - Christ and Salvation
 - the Holy Spirit and the Church
 - the Future

⇒ Apologetics

- Understanding the Times
 - A Survey of Competing Worldviews
- Understanding the Faith
 - A Survey of Christian Apologetics
- Understanding the Culture
 - A Survey of Social Challenges
 - * Same-Sex Marriage
 - * Homosexuality
 - * Gender
 - * Abortion
 - * Social Justice

⇒ The Holy Spirit and You

- Work of the Holy Spirit in Creation
- The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
- Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believers Life
- The fruit of the Spirit
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The Spirit-filled life

⇒ Prayer and Fasting

- Builds spiritual intimacy
- Helps your spirit to hear the voice of God
- Brings clarity and direction
- Breaks demonic strongholds

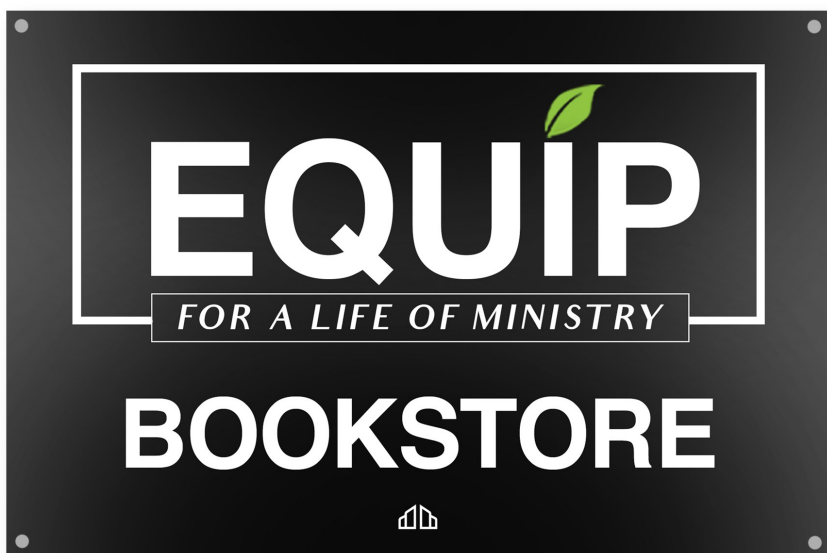
⇒ Eschatology – Study of End Times Prophecy

- Significant theme in Scripture
- Reveals God's purposes
- Shapes our view of Israel
- Shapes how we view the world
- Gives hope

⇒ Effectively Communicating the Gospel

- What is the gospel
- The purpose of the Old Testament Law
- Understanding grace
- Relying on the Holy Spirit
- The power of your personal redemption story
- How to share respectfully

All topics offered will be age-appropriate.



LOCATED IN "THE COVE"

(THROUGH BACK DOORS OF SANCTUARY)

Be sure to check out the EQUIP Bookstore in The Cove. Resources available are sold at our cost. You can purchase a book by using the QR code displayed next to each book. To see what is currently available, visit: **greeceassembly.org/equipbookstore**. Our goal is to provide you with "tools" that will help you grow in your faith and keep the axe sharp!

This year, The Cove will provide "tools" for all ages (kids, students, adults, families, etc.) to help sharpen their axe. The materials will change throughout the year in an effort to help everyone continue to keep their axe sharpened. Some of the "tools" offered this quarter will be:

- Sermon Note Journals for Kids and Teens
- Daily Journals for Devotion Time
- Study Bibles
- Family Bible Discussion Flip Calendars
- Scripture Memory Tools
- And so much more!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORMAT

SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM – Dinner (pizza, chicken & salad) – *Donations appreciated!*

6:45 PM – Transition to classrooms

7:00 PM – EQUIP Sessions Begin

8:00 PM – EQUIP Sessions Conclude

CLASS LOCATIONS:

Adults: Sanctuary

Clase en español : Room 116

Refuge Students: Room 103 (*Girls, 7th-12th Grade*)
Room 106 (*Guys, 7th-12th Grade*)

6th Graders: Room 217

Girls' Ministry: Room 102 (*3rd-5th Grade*)
Room 101 (*K-2nd Grade*)

Boys' Ministry: Room 104 (*3rd-5th Grade*)
(*Royal Rangers*) Room 105 (*K-2nd Grade*)

Preschool: Room 219 (*ages 3-5*)

Nursery: Room 218 (*ages 0-2*)

JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

PLEASE NOTE: THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
IS OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE

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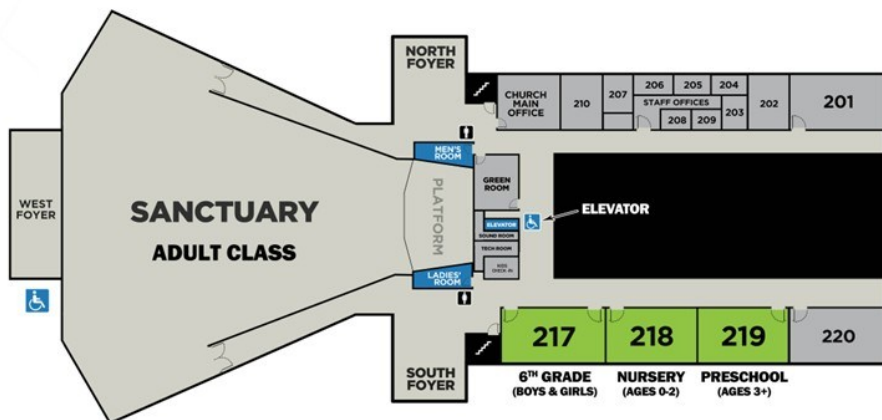
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOSPEL PROJECT & EQUIP?

Our **Core Values** at Greece Assembly are: *Know Christ; Grow in Christ; Serve the Body of Christ; Share the Gospel of Christ.* While **Gospel Project** emphasizes the core values of *Know* and *Grow*, **Equip** emphasizes the core values of *Serve* and *Share*.

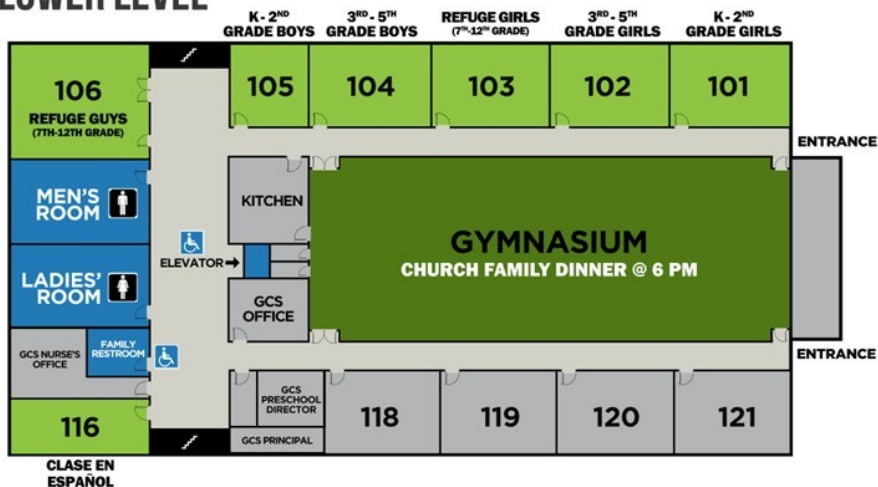
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BUILDING MAP

UPPER LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL





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