

GREETER & ELDER SCHEDULE 2026

Greeters Please Be On Station by 10:15am. *Roving Greeter* will remain in Foyer & available for Roving throughout Morning Service.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ROVING GREETER (In Charge)</i>	WELCOME CENTER & INDOOR GREETER	ELDER OF DAY/or PRAYER PARTNERS
Apr 5	Jay Allen	Thandi Chawinga	Jay Allen
Apr 12	Nick Barror	Chris Robinson	Keith Crews
Apr 19	Jay Allen	George Sioukiouoglou	Jay Allen
Apr 26	Dave Paone	Jeanette Chatman	Dave Paone
May 3	Nick Barror	Michael D Wright	Joe Swaim
May 10	Dave Paone	George Sioukiouoglou	Dave Paone
May 17	Jay Allen	Chris Robinson	Jay Allen
May 24	Nick Barror	Thandi Chawinga	Ben Robinson
May 31	Dave Paone	Jeanette Chatman	Dave Paone
June 7	Nick Barror	Michael D Wright	Joe Swaim
June 14	Jay Allen	Chris Robinson	Jay Allen
June 21	Dave Paone	Leslie Hatcher	Dave Paone
June 28	Nick Barror	Michael D Wright	Ben Robinson

{ ***Dress Appropriately*** - Look your best.

{ ***Be In The Foyer By 10:15 AM!*** - We can't emphasize this enough. People begin arriving by 10:30 and often visitors coming to church for the first time will come early. You need to be there to greet them! The coffee venue is available beginning at 10:15am. Please encourage the crowd to enter the service just before the beginning of the morning worship service.

{ ***The Stations That Need Manning:*** *Outside, weather permitting; and indoors in the Foyer. A total of 2 people should be able to handle these duties.* One of these greeters will remain on during the service and serve as the Roving Greeter. Look to the Roving Greeter for modifications that morning.

{ ***Greet Every Person Warmly And Direct Them To A Bulletin In The Foyer*** - You are the first impression new folks will get of GBC. Smile and greet every person warmly, say "Good Morning" or "Welcome". Go up to any you may recognize as visitors without waiting for them to come to you, greet them, and offer to assist any who may need it in finding the coat tracks, nursery or childcare areas, bathrooms, etc. Think how you feel when you visit a new church for the first time and make them feel at home.

{ ***Keep The Doors To The Sanctuary Closed As Much As Possible*** - We would like the prelude to be a quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship. This practice not only keeps the noise out but gives those coming in a sense of the need to be quiet. Do not prop doors open before the service, unless directed by pastoral staff. Plus the sanctuary temperature control is affected adversely; *an exception would be during nice cool weather.*

{ ***Help Latecomers To Find Seats*** - Those who arrive after the service has begun may be hesitant to enter the sanctuary and you may need to help them to find unoccupied seats and to enter at an appropriate time. Offer to lead them in

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and seat them if they wish. Reassure them that we are glad to have them and that we don't mind them entering while the service is in progress.

Instructions For Those Who Serve As Roving Greeter

{ **Remain In The Foyer or 4th Level Landing During The Service When Not Roving** - Do pay attention to the service and enjoy it but be ready to help any who may leave the sanctuary with needs. They may need help finding the bathrooms or children's church areas. They may not feel well and need assistance. Also try to notice children who leave for the bathroom and don't return. They may be wondering, hiding or playing in other areas and need to be helped back into the service.

{ **Visitors with Children (Nursery - 5th grade)** - need to know where in Level 1 (right below Sanctuary level) their children should go. **There level 1 map locations at the Welcome Center.** First time visitors should be escorted to proper location where their children should be. Introduce them to staff, make them feel safe, escort them back to Sanctuary. They will want to claim their children following the service at the same location. Feel free to ask one of our congregants familiar with the building to escort them to ministry locations and to lead them back to the Foyer. The **Nursery** (room 201) is located on level 2.

{ **Lock all exterior entrances** with the exception of the Foyer doors by around 11:00am or as directed by circumstances. The exterior doors include the two entrances facing Weldon Avenue (four doors), the ramp bottom door (1 door) facing Keswick Avenue, and the rear double doors leading to the parking lot. The only doors open to the public from that point in the service would be the Foyer doors.

{ **Turn off gym lights** which may have been left on during the pre-service hour. The key light is located in the chair closet. If you are not familiar with location & operation of key light, see the Head Usher.

{ **Take Attendance** of those attending in the Sanctuary, and separately, the count of all the childcare classrooms and fill in these attendance totals inside the church office, in the bulletin board.

{ **Roving Ushers/Childcare Volunteers: As we continue to think about childcare safety, obtain cell phone numbers from each student teacher so they can contact the Roving Usher at any time in case of an emergency.**

{ **Lock all interior classrooms where children are located** including the nursery (Room 201), both doors, and 2-5 yr old (Room 105); (K-2nd grade, 106/107); (Grades 3-5, room 103) within 10 minutes of Worship Service starting. Please unlock these rooms just before the conclusion of the service. **NOTE: Generally, K-5 will meet in the gym, July – through and including Labor Day Sunday.**

{ **Open The Sanctuary Doors After The Service** - Open them to the "stay open" position for easy exit. Remain in foyer if pastoral staff is not available and greet people as they exit, thanking them for coming! You are relieved when The Pastors and / or Elder of the day return to the Foyer. Pay particular attention to new folks or first-time visitors. They may need assistance in finding their way back to childcare services for pickup or other directions. If nice weather, we might decide to open Foyer doors sooner.