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And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19



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Bible Reading Plan: Grace & Peace		
Day of the	Date	Scripture
Sunday	5-5-2024	John 1:1-28
Monday	5-6-2024	John 1:29-51
Tuesday	5-7-2024	John 2
Wednesday	5-8-2024	John 3:1-21
Thursday	5-9-2024	John 3:22-36
Friday	5-10-2024	John 4:1-30
Saturday	5-11-2024	John 4:31-54

When you give to our church, you give to the Grief Share ministry. In April, FBC completed the fourth year of this ministry utilizing the national GriefShare organization's professional materials. First Baptist Church Athens started the Athens' GriefShare ministry and in 2023 began the GriefShare partnership with Athens First Methodist Church. Now, in 2024 this partnership has welcomed a new church partner - Sand Springs Church, Athens. The mission of this community based ministry is to provide Henderson County residents with welcoming places for sharing their difficult grief journey experiences as they search for a "new normal" life through Bible based fellowship.

Participants from Cedar Creek Lake, Brownsboro, Murchison, Berryville and Athens participated in the two FBC spring GriefShare groups. To complete the 2024 GriefShare calendar year, Sand Springs Church welcomes participants from May through August. Then, Athens First Methodist Church will host GriefShare in fall 2024. FBC plans to host the fifth "Surviving the Holidays" GriefShare brunch in November 2024.

This ministry goal is to provide a safe place to discuss loneliness, fear, anger, regrets, and relationships while focusing on God's love and guidance for finding hope and finding a new normal for daily living.

Written evaluation statements made anonymously at the end of the FBC April sessions express the value of this ministry - "It is a comfortable time to express emotions with others who understand and share." "I have hesitated to tell others that it is a joy to go to GriefShare, so I use the word uplifting." Thank you for giving.





Pleasing God

Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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Summer Splash Days - Thursdays