

The Importance of a Place 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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1. Our church is a place to _____
(1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)

- a) We carry on the work of _____ (vs. 3)
- b) We fulfill our labor of _____ (vs. 3)
- c) We join together in steadfastness of _____ (vs. 3)

You have the opportunity to serve in the _____ of God at GBC.

2. Our church is a place to _____
(1 Thessalonians 1:5-7)

- a) The power of God's word and the Holy Spirit allow us to be _____ of the Lord (vs. 6)
- b) The power of God's word and the Holy Spirit allow us to be an _____ to others (vs. 6)

You have the opportunity to participate in _____ growth at GBC.

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3. Our church lets us share in _____
(1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

- a) We take God's message into our _____ (vs. 8)
- b) We take God's message into our _____ (vs. 8)

You are a part of proclaiming the _____ of God at GBC.

INSIGHT FOR LIFE

I will ask God to reveal my _____ in the ongoing ministry of God in this place.

- *We need ongoing participation from God's people in service, growth and proclamation*
- *We need prayers for our building plans to be received with favor by the county officials*
- *We need prayers for "low cost" and "high quality" work to be performed on all of the elements of our project*
- *We need people to join us in a First Seeds Offering – April 11, 2010*
- *We need people to join us in a 3 year campaign of gifts and pledges – 2010 - 2013*
- *We need people to join us in a Faith Promise to God – 2010 – 2013*
- *We need people to be actively involved in prayers of Praise and Supplication during our 3 year campaign*

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1. Our church is a place to serve

(1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)

- a) We carry on the work of faith (vs. 3)
- b) We fulfill our labor of love (vs. 3)
- c) We join together in steadfastness of hope (vs. 3)

You have the opportunity to serve in the ministry of God at GBC.

2. Our church is a place to grow

(1 Thessalonians 1:5-7)

- a) The power of God's word and the Holy Spirit allow us to be imitators of the Lord (vs. 6)
- b) The power of God's word and the Holy Spirit allow us to be an example to others (vs. 6)

You have the opportunity to participate in spiritual growth at GBC.

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3. Our church lets us share in proclamation

(1 Thessalonians 1:8-10)

- a) We take God's message into our community (vs. 8)
- b) We take God's message into our world (vs. 8)

You are a part of proclaiming the good news of God at GBC.

INSIGHT FOR LIFE

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