

Community Game Night: Game On with Grace

Community Game Night: Game On with Grace is a joyful, relationship-building initiative that uses games, food, and fun as tools for outreach and connection. This intergenerational community game night brings together church members and local residents in a relaxed, welcoming environment that promotes fellowship, breaks down barriers, and opens the door for ongoing relationships and ministry opportunities.

Objective:

To create a safe, non-intimidating space where youth, adults, families, and neighbors can connect, laugh, and build community—while experiencing the joy and kindness of Christ through intentional interaction.

How It Works:

1. Plan the Night:

- Choose a large, accessible venue (church fellowship hall, community center, or local park).
- Set up game stations (board games, card games, dominoes, video game corners, and group games like Uno tournaments, Jenga, or Bible trivia).
- Offer kid-friendly spaces with crafts, face painting, blow ups if possible or simple games for younger children.
- o Include music (allow each age group to submit a playlist), snacks, and simple prizes or giveaways (ex: gift cards, custom Touch 10k water bottles, devotional books).

2. Involve the Church Family:

- o Encourage youth and young adults to serve as game hosts and greeters.
- o Invite adults to engage in intergenerational play and conversation.
- Prepare conversation starters or "connection cards" that help build friendships and gently introduce faith.

3. Add a Ministry Moment:

- Midway through the night, share a 3–5 minute word of encouragement (e.g., "A cheerful heart
 is good medicine" Proverbs 17:22), followed by prayer for the community.
- 4. Play the Grace Race Game (AdventSource.org)

Why It Matters:

"Game On with Grace" allows the church to open its doors—and its heart—to the community in a way that is fun, friendly, and full of purpose. It's not just about playing games; it's about building bridges that lead to Jesus.