

Rev. Dr. Steve Dodson will speak at our GIC Kickoff Dinner on Friday, February 27.



Steve Dodson is currently the senior pastor at Thomson First Methodist Church in Thomson, GA. He is a fourth-generation Methodist preacher and has led churches in various communities across North Georgia and in Tennessee.

Steve is a graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC where he earned honors as the outstanding graduate in the Department of Religion. He furthered his education by earning the Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Later, Steve earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

In his three decades of ministry, Steve has developed a reputation as a vibrant Biblical preacher and a strategic visionary leader. He has contributed to Homiletics (a journal for pastors), written and filmed a video Bible study series (by Bristol Books) and participated in a pilot project of Christian to the Core.

As a mission-minded pastor, Steve has served on the Board of TMS-Global (formerly The Mission Society), traveled on preaching/teaching missions to multiple nations in Asia, Africa, Central America and Australia, and facilitated the formation of an urban Christian Academy.

Steve is married to Susan (40 years this June), is the father of one daughter, Liz, and proud grandfather of two grandsons (Karson, age 12 and Walker, age 8).

Joy Griffin will lead our GIC Faith and Life Commitment Service on Sunday, March 1.



Joy Griffin is no stranger to Norcross First — our church supported Joy and her husband Wes for many years during their ministry with International Leadership Institute (ILI).

Joy currently serves as president of **Operation Beautiful Feet**. This ministry takes the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the places where the Gospel is needed most, by sharing Jesus and serving with ministries of compassion. The ministry is named from scripture, Romans 10:15—"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News of the Gospel."

Joy has preached and taught in more than 80 nations across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the USA. Key areas of emphasis include intimacy with God through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, Biblical leadership, discipleship and missions.

Joy attended Asbury Theological Seminary, graduating with a Masters of Divinity degree. She is a Connectional Elder of the North Georgia Global Methodist Church, and also serves on the boards of Indian Springs Holiness Campmeeting and the Francis Asbury Society.

Joy's personal testimony is one of miraculous healing. After a devastating athletic injury, medical science deemed her condition impossible and incurable. But God.....!!!!!!!

Global Impact Celebration



Global Impact Celebration 2026
February 27-March 1
Lamentations 3:22-23

February 27-March 1, 2026

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Dear Friends and Church Family,

Our 22nd annual Global Impact Celebration is just around the corner, February 27-March 1. Our theme for this year's celebration is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Our scripture focus is from Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (NRSV)

We love having our missionaries and families come "home" to share exciting stories of how the outpouring of God's love is working in their lives and ministries and I am sure we will see and hear just how their hope in Jesus Christ has led them since we last saw them. Many of our missionaries, agencies and schools—from those serving in our local community to those who serve around the world—will join us for this special weekend. As we listen and see where God is working in their lives, we will also prayerfully consider what our role as individuals, and collectively as a church family, will be this year through our gifts of time and financial resources as we go forth into 2026.

Our time together during GIC weekend will also include two meals, so make your meal reservations online by using the link on our church website (www.norcrossfirst.org), by emailing rae@norcrossfirst.org, or by calling the church office 770-448-4142 ext. 1008.

We look forward to seeing you at GIC 2026!

Serving together,

Rev. Eddie Bradford
Senior Pastor

2026 Global Impact Celebration

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

18 Hour Prayer Vigil

Begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday and continues non-stop until 12:00 noon Friday.

All Prayer Vigil participants will Pray from their Homes!

Sign up in the Narthex.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Missionary Arrival and Kick-Off Covered Dish Dinner

3:30-4:30 p.m.	Missionary Registration and Display Setup	<i>Gathering Area</i>
4:30-5:15 p.m.	Social Time for Missionaries	
5:15-6:45 p.m.	Missionary Orientation & Greeting Time	
6:45-8:30 p.m.	GIC Kick-Off Covered Dish Dinner* (BBQ provided by Ricky Busbee)	
	with speaker Rev. Dr. Steve Dodson	<i>Family Life Center</i>
8:30-9:00 p.m.	Missionaries at Displays	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Church-wide Breakfast* and Missionary Gathering

9:00-11:30 a.m.	All are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our Men of the 'CROSS men's ministry and hear missionaries share details of their experiences on the mission field.	<i>Family Life Center</i>
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SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Church-wide Missionary Gathering

9:15 a.m.	All are invited to join us in the Family Life Center to hear missionaries share details of their experiences on the mission field.
11:00 a.m.	Faith and Life Commitment Service with Keynote Speaker Joy Griffin

Sanctuary

**Reservations are needed for Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast.*

There is NO COST for either meal!

To make your reservations, please e-mail rae@norcrossfirst.org, register online at www.norcrossfirst.org or call Rae at 770-448-4142 extension 1008.