GSL CHURCH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL
WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2021
TOP 10 CHECK LIST

1) **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS** are made according to each individual’s grade and ability, with an effort to make the teams as even as possible.

2) By tradition, recreational league coaches are **VOLUNTEER PARENT COACHES**. If needed, we make every effort to equip coaches with knowledge and assistance in order to provide quality coaching.

3) **PRACTICES** may begin first week in April and are most often held at the GSL and Tobey Fields. Coaches generally have one/two weekly pre-season practices and typically drop practices once the season begins. Please contact Christi Authement at 901-825-7353 if you have not heard from your coach by April 1st.

4) **COACHES EXPECTATIONS:** as part of the commitment to play, coaches expect players to make practices and games a priority and be on time for both. Playing for a team is not only an individual commitment but also a team commitment. Coaches may have a “Parent Meeting” at the beginning of the season to discuss the expectations of coaches and parents and to review team rules, etc.

* **IMPORTANT:** Parents, please advise your coaches about your summer vacation plans. This will affect team planning.

5) The **SEASON** is May 3- May 28. There are two games per week (Mon/Thur or Tue/Fri) at 5:15/30 PM or 6:15/6:30/45 PM. Game Schedules will be available at the end of April. GSL Home games are at the GSL Field (2233 Harbert Ave).

6) **TEAM PHOTOS** - at the GSL Field, time TBA. Rain-out location is in the GSL Gym. Photos will be distributed by the coaches at the end of the season.

7) **UNIFORMS** are provided by GSL and will be distributed by the coaches to the players a week before the season begins. **Uniforms MUST be returned to the coaches at the end of the season.**

8) **GSL RECYCLES UNIFORMS** each year to keep the uniform replacement costs low. We ask that players **return the baseball/softball/t-ball pants, jerseys and belts (players may keep their socks and hats/visors). Coaches will collect uniforms at the end of the season.**

9) **TROPHIES** are provided by GSL. Coaches will distribute the trophies at the end of the season.

10) Many teams have an **END OF THE YEAR PARTY**, which is organized by the parents. This is a great opportunity for coaches to distribute pictures, trophies and collect all uniforms!

**PLEASE LOOK AT OUR GSL SPORTS WEBSITE (UNDER YOUTH AND SPORTS) FOR CURRENT INFORMATION:** [WWW.GRACESTLUKES.ORG](http://WWW.GRACESTLUKES.ORG); or Contact Christi at 901-825-7353 if you have any questions.

* **Mandatory Baseball Skill Assessment** - March 20 & 21 at the GSL Field. Times TBA. Rain out date -TBA