



# Grace Bible Fellowship

## February 2026

### February @ Grace...

#### February 4

Bible Study Resumes @ 6:30pm

#### February 7

Men's Breakfast 8-10am

#### February 8

Prayer @5pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting @ 6pm

#### February 15

Bridal Shower @ 12:30pm

#### February 21

Women's Brunch @ 9-11am

#### February 22

Chili Cook-Off

Mission's Giving (Peterson)

### March @ Grace...

#### March 1

Karl Peterson Visit

#### March 6

Game Night @ 6:30pm

#### March 8

Prayer @5pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting @ 6pm

#### March 21

Spring Clean-Up @ 8-Noon

#### March 27

PADS Service @ 5:30pm

#### March 29

Detwiler Giving

### **Pray the Bible: Whitney's Method Revisited**

Last month I shared with you something of what Paul wrote to Timothy, “while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” (1 Tim. 4:8) I had hoped that this verse and the rest of the newsletter encouraged you to seek training in godliness throughout the year, particularly in reading the Bible. I want to continue this encouragement in all my newsletter articles. We'll cycle through three key themes this year: Read the Bible, Pray the Bible, and Preach the Bible. This month we're looking at praying the Bible by revisiting Donald Whitney's method.

Over the past several weeks of Sunday school, I've made mention of a book by Donald Whitney called “Praying the Bible.” In our studies of the spiritual discipline of prayer, we've had the opportunity to practice some of his suggestions. I hope that this is a helpful refresher of what Whitney believes is the problem in our prayer life, the solution to making it easier to pray, and the possible benefits that result from his recommended practices.

The problem, according to Whitney, is that so many Christians just don't feel like praying. You might feel this burden. Shouldn't we, faithful children of the Father, love to approach him in prayer? Why then do we feel like prayer can be such a burden sometimes? Whitney says that it's because we “tend to say the same old things about the same old things.” Notice what he's not saying. It isn't that we can't pray about the same issues or concerns every time or even that we sometimes pray written prayers. Rather, it's that we use the same language about those very same topics over and over again. We run out of words.

What is Whitney's proposed solution? Pray the Bible! He argues that the lack of “inspiration” we perceive in our prayers can be filled with the truly inspired words of God. These words are intentionally given by God so that we can rightly know him and speak about him. Why wouldn't and

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couldn't we use these words in our prayers as well? The method is to pick a passage of scripture, potentially a Psalm, and to use those words to guide the very words you use to pray. Entrusting the process to the Holy Spirit, you will likely have people or issues come to the forefront of your mind through the specific words of the Bible.

The results that come from this particular discipline are manifold. For me, it has been such a sanctifying practice to use the words of scripture itself to form my own language. Whitney lists several testimonial tidbits in his book: "My mind didn't wander," "My prayer was more about God and less about me," "The Time was too short," "It seemed like a real conversation," "The Psalm spoke directly to my life situation," "I thought more deeply about what the Bible says," "I had greater assurance that I was praying God's will," "I prayed about things I don't normally pray about," and "I prayed about normal things in new and different ways." Perhaps these words can be yours too! I pray that you will allow the Word of God to guide your prayers in the years to come.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Nathan*

## Praying for Our Family...

- Pray for Pastor Nathan, Eric Bjerkaas, Jeff Schenck, and Don Faux as they continue in faithful leadership of the church.
- Pray for Pastor Nathan as he weekly prepares for the Sunday School, preaching the Word, and shepherding the body.
- Pray for Kailee Keighin and Adler Schreur as they prepare for their wedding on March 14. Pray the Lord would bind them together and be their focus and anchor as they begin life together as one.
- Pray for Don Faux as he continues to suffer in body. Pray the Lord would grant him long-suffering faith.
- Pray that as we hear the Word preached, our hearts and lives would be changed. Pray that we would be desiring God's Word, growing in our love for one another, and seeking to serve the Lord well in our church and community.
- Pray for Wanger Campos as she continues to grieve the loss of her brother.

### Our Missionary Partners...

Sillas & Wanger Campos, Brazil  
Karl & Glynn Peterson, South Africa  
Destin & Jennifer Detwiler, To Every Tribe



## Praying for those who serve...

### Leadership

Pastor – Nathan Miller  
Elder – Eric Bjerkaas  
Deacons – Jeff Schenck & Don Faux

### Ministry Volunteers

Eric & Andi, Paul & Renée, John & Mary, Dan & Christine, Matt & Rebekah, Jason & Amanda, Jeff S., Adam & Jill, Don & Angie, Lori, Aaron, Yessie, Valerie, Patty, Kris, Kailee, Robena, Jake & Christiane, Jeff W., Ethan, Caleb, Lydia, Marcos

### Teachers

Pastor Nathan: Adult  
Yessie Yanez: 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Amanda Lafferty: Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Dan Kleinau & Renee Kim: Children's Church  
Kris Wallin & Renee Kim: Wednesday Kids

## Congratulations & Welcome!

Congratulations to Jason & Amanda Lafferty on the birth of their 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Weston Eugene Polk was born January 19, 2026. Weston is the son of Brady, Jason and Amanda's late son (killed in a motorcycle accident in October). Please pray for Weston's Mom, Zoey, and Jason and Amanda as they celebrate his birth, praise God for His faithfulness amid tragedy, and seek to share the Gospel with their grandkids.

## 2026 Special Events & Dates

### February

- 4: Bible Study Resumes
- 7: Men's Breakfast
- 8: Prayer Service
- 21: Women's Brunch
- 22: Chili Cook-Off

### March

- 1: Karl Peterson Visit
- 6: Game Night
- 8: Prayer Service
- 21: Spring Clean-Up
- 27: PADS

### April

- 3: Good Friday Service
- 5: Resurrection Sunday
- 12: Prayer Service
- 18: Women's Bible Study

### May

- 1: Bonfire

### May Continued

- 10: Prayer Service
- 13: PADS
- 17: Abigail Collection Start

### June

- 7: Graduate Sunday
- Church Picnic
- 14: Prayer Service
- 20: Women's Brunch
- 21: Abigail Collection Ends

### July

- 12: Prayer Service
- 22: Semi-Annual Meeting
- 24-25: CGN Women's Retreat  
(Details to come)
- August:**
- 9: Prayer Service
- 15: Women's Brunch
- 21: Game Night

### September

- 2: Bible Study Resumes
- 13: Prayer Service
- 20: Cookout
- PADS: TBD**

### October

- CGN Men's Retreat: TBD
- 11: Prayer Service
- 17: Women's Brunch
- 21: Bonfire After Study

### November

- 8: Prayer Service
- 18: Last Bible Study
- PADS: TBD
- 22: Christmas Luncheon/Décor
- 29: Advent Begins
- December**
- 13: Prayer Service
- 24: Candlelight Service

## Kid's Corner...

### Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

We are continuing our study of the Pentateuch (first 5 Books of the Bible). We are seeing God's faithfulness as the covenant maker and keeper, even when His people are faithless. We talked about Abraham being the man for God's plan, Sarah's lack of faith in God's plan, and the just tragedy of Sodom and Gomorrah. It's so important for you to talk with your kids about what we learn (just ask them about their coloring page or craft). They have been amazing at repeating the lesson they learned at the end of our time together when we pray. God is so good and works in me through your children. Thank you for trusting them to me! Soli Deo Gloria!!

Mrs. Lafferty

### 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

In our classroom, we continue to read our way through the book of Mark, and the many things Jesus did and taught. We learned that Jesus is a healer, who saves people who are sick at heart. The kids also learned the parable of The Sower, and that those who are planted in good soil will bear good fruit. We have finished this month in Mark 5, asking ourselves (and finding the answer!) to our question of "Who is this man?" As we learned about Jesus calming the storm and saving a man who was possessed by Legion. We continue to see the thread of the Lord's mercy and redemption for those whom he has called to himself!

Ms. Yessie

# February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM	2	3 PASTOR @CGN	4 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM	5	6	7 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8-10AM
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM PRAYER- 5PM BOARD MTG- 6	9	10	11 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM	12	13	14
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM BRIDAL SHOWER @12:30	16	17	18 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM	19	20	21 WOMEN'S BRUNCH 9-11 AM
22 SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM MISSIONS GIVING (PETERSON) CHILI COOK-OFF	23	24	25 BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM	26	27	28

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3<sup>RD</sup> - ROBIN PEARSON  
 10<sup>TH</sup> - SIMEON BJEKAAS  
 10<sup>TH</sup> - DENICE LAFFERTY  
 11<sup>TH</sup> - DEE BARRERA  
 13<sup>TH</sup> - YESSIE YANEZ  
 20<sup>TH</sup> - AARON MARSHALL  
 25<sup>TH</sup> - ANDI BJEKAAS  
 26<sup>TH</sup> - WINSTON HAYS  
 26<sup>TH</sup> - JOHN LINDEMAYER  
 27<sup>TH</sup> - OLIVIA RODGERS

## LADIES OF GRACE... YOU'RE INVITED

All ladies who attend Grace are  
 invited to a bridal shower for  
 Kailee Keighin on Sunday,  
 February 15 from 12:30-2:30pm.

Please RSVP by February 9.  
 (309) 657-6359