



Grace Bible Fellowship

May 2026

May @ Grace...

May 1

Bonfire @ 6:30pm

May 10

Abigail Women's Center
Collection Begins

May 13

Leadership Mtg. @ 4pm
PADS Night @ 5:30pm

May 17

Prayer @ 5pm

May 25

Office's Closed

May 31

Mission's Giving (Peterson)

June @ Grace...

June 7

Graduate Sunday
Church Picnic

June 14

Prayer Service @ 5pm
Leadership Mtg. @ 6:30pm

June 20

Women's Brunch @ 9-11am

June 21

Abigail Women's Center
Collection Ends

June 28

Mission's Giving (Detwiler)

Pray the Bible: Why the Psalms Are So Good For Prayer

Last month, we asked the question, "Where is the meaning?" in relation to how we read the Bible. We answered that the meaning is found in what the author intended to say, not in how we respond to or feel about the text. Continuing in our key themes of 2026 of Read the Bible, Pray the Bible, and Preach the Bible, my continued goal is to encourage you in our mutual commitment to God and his words. This month, we will look at the theme of Pray the Bible by looking at the Psalms as being particularly well-suited for the spiritual discipline of praying the words of Scripture. This seems a fitting discussion as we recently wrapped up our first 12 weeks in the Psalms for our Wednesday night Bible study. One goal of that study is to encourage the use of those Psalms in our prayer life. But why are the Psalms so good for prayer? There are at least three reasons.

The first, and perhaps most obvious reason, is that the Psalms are inspired Scripture. They are words given to us by God to speak about God and to God. As with all books of the Bible, we are to go to them as God's own words for our instruction (2 Tim. 3:16). If we are to be trained for righteousness, which includes an active prayer life, we need God himself to teach us. This includes the very words we ought to say. This doesn't mean that we refrain from speaking out of our heart-felt emotions or using words that aren't direct citations. God made us to be creative, emotional, and communicative people. However, all our creativity, emotions, and communications must be formed by God and his word. Therefore, as Scripture, the Psalms are well-suited for teaching us about prayer.

The second reason the Psalms are good for prayer is that they connect us to the whole church throughout time and space. From early church history up to today, Christians have used the Psalter as a guide for

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songs, poems, and, of course, prayer. In fact, many groups, especially monks, have made it a regular habit to go through all 150 Psalms every single week. Our Wednesday Bible Study made it through 12 in as many weeks! By using the Psalms regularly in our prayer lives, we become part of the history of God's church using these words in their spiritual practices. Throughout the world there are Christians reciting Psalm 23 as they go to sleep, singing the praise of Psalm 150, and praying Psalm 119 before undertaking a Bible study. Let us join them in these practices!

Finally, the third reason to pray with the Psalms is one that is specific to this book. While every book of the Bible is inspired and used by Christians everywhere and in every time, the Psalms are uniquely suited for the feelings and circumstances that so often birth the occasions for prayer. Consider the current season of your life. Are you suffering? Are you feeling great happiness? Are you lonely? Are you excited to gather with the saints this Sunday? There is a Psalm for each circumstance and more. Every Psalm is designed by God for his glory in the enrichment of the depth and breadth of our affections and emotions. They are there for our learning, especially in the practice of prayer. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick a Psalm right now and let its words guide you to talk with God in this very moment.

In Christ, Pastor Nathan

Praying for Our Family...

- Pray for Pastor Nathan, Eric Bjerkaas, Jeff Schenck, and Don Faux, and Dan Kleinau 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 all those sick in body in the congregation.
- Pray for Christiane Cherny as she continues to carry new life inside her as well as the whole Cherny family as they prepare for their daughter's arrival in late June/early July.
- Pray for the planning of and those preparing to teach and preach at the Women's Retreat here in July. Pray for all those who will attend.
- 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.

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 – Don Faux, Dan Kleinau, & Jeff Schenck

Ministry Volunteers

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

Teachers

Pastor Nathan, Jason Lafferty, Dan Kleinau: Adult
Yessie Yanez: 2nd-4th grade
Amanda Lafferty & Rylee Miller: Pre-K – 1st grade
Dan Kleinau & Renee Kim: Children's Church

2026 Special Events & Dates

May

1: Bonfire
10: Abigail Collection Start
13: PADS
17: Prayer Service

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

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

2026 CGN Women's Retreat: The Voice of Wisdom

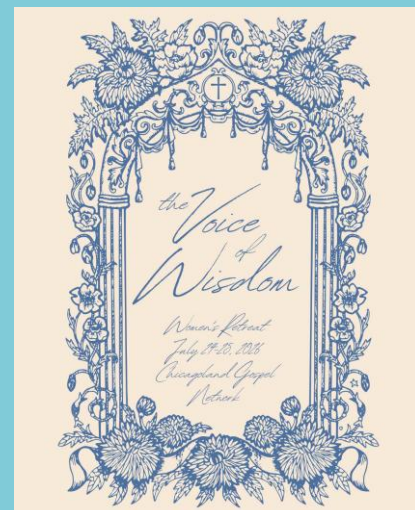
Registration is now open for the 2026 CGN Women's Retreat! The retreat will be July 24-25, here at Grace Bible Fellowship and check-in begins at 4pm. This two-day gathering is designed to give women of all ages time and space to fellowship, reflect, and be strengthened in the Lord.

Registration is open only until July 5.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-cgn-womens-retreat>



More information on schedule and speakers is on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Kid's Corner...

2nd-4th Grade:

Ms. Yessie's class will begin to meet with the adult class (although they will still sit as a class) on May 24 as they hear about and learn the importance of creeds and confessions and then study the 1689 London Baptist Confession.

Pre-K-1st Grade:

Mrs. Lafferty's class will continue as they have been in their study of the Pentateuch. Rylee Miller (Ms. Rylee) will take over teaching this class starting May 24. Please be in prayer for Rylee as she prepares for teaching the little ones.

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 BONFIRE @ 6:30PM	2
3 SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM	4	5 PASTOR @CGN	6	7	8	9
10 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM ABIGAIL COLLECTION STARTS	11	12	13 LEADERSHIP @ 4PM PADS @5:30PM	14 MILLER VACATION		
17 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM PRAYER @ 5PM	18 MILLER VACATION			20	21	22
24 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM	25 OFFICES CLOSED	26	27 PIANO TUNING @ 10AM	28	29	30
31 SUNDAY SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM MISSIONS GIVING (PETERSON)						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4TH - ANGIE FAUX
 5TH - JILL SCHENCK
 18TH - FELICIA WHITED
 24TH - MARK KRAMER
 28TH - DELTA KRAMER
 31ST - JEFF SCHENCK

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10TH - NATHAN & RYLEE MILLER
 22ND - DAN & CHRISTINE KLEINAU
 25TH - PAUL & RENEE KIM
 27TH - MARK & KRIS WALLIN