



Grace Bible Fellowship

October 2026

October @ Grace...

October 2-3

CGN Men's Retreat @ Lake Geneva

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Small Group Bible Study @ 6:30pm

October 11

Prayer Service @ 5pm

Leadership Mtg. @ 6:15pm

October 21

Bonfire Following Small Groups

October 25

Reformation Sunday

Mission's Giving (Campos)

October 31

Women's Brunch 9-11am

November @ Grace...

November 4, 11, 18

Small Group Bible Study @ 6:30pm

November 7

PADS: Cook & Serve Dinner

November 8

Prayer Service @ 5pm

Leadership Mtg. @ 6:15pm

November 22

Christmas Luncheon & Decorating

November 26

Offices Closed

November 29

Advent Begins

Mission's Giving (Peterson)

Read the Bible: Study Resources

Last month, we considered how to imitate the Bereans of Acts 17 in responding to the preaching of the word by receiving it with eagerness, joining with others to consider the sermon, and examining the Scriptures for ourselves. 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 *Read the Bible* by considering resources to help you in the study of God's word. We are indeed blessed in our time and location with a plethora of resources concerning the Bible. One could even argue that there is almost too much to sift through! I hope to point out only a few, but they should be more than enough to at least get you started.

The first two "resources" I'll recommend to you can hardly be described as resources though they are vital to anyone's study of the Bible: prayer and the illumination of the Holy Spirit. God's word can only be understood for what it really is by the power of prayer and the Spirit working in each one of us to understand the truth about God. As you go to read the Bible, be certain that you pray, asking the Holy Spirit to grant you wisdom and understanding that you might be sanctified by the word of God. Much more could be said, but now I move to a few items that can more properly be termed as "resources."

In our digital age, it can sometimes be easiest to make a quick Google search, hit the first two or three links, and absorb whatever information is found there. However, I'd advise you to be cautious about what you find out there on the world wide web. Discernment in such research methods is key. I'll offer a few that I would generally recommend. For those interested in different versions of English translations and making comparisons between them, biblegateway.com

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and blueletterbible.org are two helpful websites. For those times when you're wrestling with a theological question or difficult passage, desiringgod.org, 9marks.org, or ligonier.org often have helpful articles that I would, once again, generally recommend.

If, like me, you prefer the feel (and scent) of a good ol' hard copy book, there are plenty of resources available to you. Truly, our church is blessed with a quality library overseen by one of our very own members. (Thank you Mary for serving as our librarian!) Included amongst the shelves include concordances, dictionaries, systematic theology books, and commentaries on books of the Bible including Boice's commentaries on Genesis and the New International Version Application Commentary on the entire New Testament. If you can't find what you're looking for there, perhaps I have a book in my own library that can assist you or you can look up works on heritagebooks.org which has so many good ones. Please ask for recommendations!

Finally, I'll add one more resource which the Lord has graciously granted unto us: the Church. Yes, perhaps another one of those "resources" that isn't really a "resource," but it is truly special to be able to read the Bible together. One of the most helpful activities when discerning the meaning of the text is to do so with a group of like-minded believers. It is an opportunity to ask questions, plumb the depths of the text, and to then apply the teaching so that we might be doers of the word and not hearers only. May we use these resources and more to the glory of God and the good of our souls.

*In Christ,
Pastor Nathan*



Praying for Our Family...

- Pray for Pastor Nathan, Eric Bjerkaas, Jason Lafferty, Jeff Schenck, 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 Lee McCullough as he continues to heal and Joyce as she cares for him.
- Pray for all those sick in body in the congregation.
- Pray for John & Mary as they press on in the battle with John's pain. Pray for Mary as she cares for John.
- Pray for the CGN Men's Retreat October 2-3. Pray for all the speakers/leaders and the men who will attend.
- Pray that as we hear the Word preached, our hearts and lives will 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 our small group Bible study. Pray we would grow in wisdom and knowledge of the Word as well as in relationship and love with one another.

2026 Special Events & Dates

October

2-3: CGN Men's Retreat

11: Prayer Service

21: Bonfire After Study

31: Women's Brunch

November

7: PADS (cook/serve)

8: Prayer Service

18: Last Fall Bible Study

22: Christmas Luncheon/Décor

29: Advent Begins

December

13: Prayer Service

24: Candlelight Service

28: Offices Closed (Christmas Observed)



2027 Special Events & Dates

January

4: Offices Closed (NY Day Observed)

10: Prayer Service

18: PADS (serve dinner)

27: Annual Meeting

February

3: Small Group Resumes

14: Prayer Service

20: Women's Brunch

28: Cookoff Meal

March

14: Prayer Service

20: PADS (cook/serve)

22: Full Carpet Cleaning

24: No Small Group

26: Good Friday Service

28: Resurrection Sunday

Our Missionary Partners...

Sillas & Wanger Campos, Brazil

Karl & Glynn Peterson, South Africa, Mozambique

Destin & Jennifer Detwiler, To Every Tribe

Praying for those who serve...

Leadership

Pastor – Nathan Miller

Elders – Eric Bjerkaas & Jason Lafferty

Deacons – 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,

Nathan & Rylee, Valerie, Kris, Kailee, Robena,

Jake & Christiane, Jeff W., Caleb, Lydia, Marcos

Teachers

Pastor Nathan: 3rd grade - Adult

Rylee Miller & Amanda Lafferty: Pre-K – 2nd grade



Kid's Corner...

3rd - 4th Grade:

Ms. Yessie's class continues to sit together with the adult class to discuss the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith.

Pre-K - 2nd Grade:

Mrs. Rylee has been joined by Mrs. Lafferty in the class, and they continue in The Biggest story with lessons the History Books from 2 Chronicles to Nehemiah. We are excited to dive into these books with the kids.

Please try to have kids to class by the start time at 9am. We start right away to make sure we get our lesson, prayer, and craft time in.

Check out their coloring page and verse and see if they can tell you about what they learned!

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
			SMALL GROUP @ 6:30PM		MEN'S RETREAT	
SUNDAY 4 SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM	5	6 PASTOR @CGN	7 SMALL GROUP @ 6:30PM	8	9	10
SUNDAY 11 SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM PRAYER @ 5PM LEADERSHIP @6	12	13	14	15	16	17
	AMANDA'S VACATION					
SUNDAY 18 SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM	19	20	21 SMALL GROUP @ 6:30PM BONFIRE AFTER STUDY	22	23	24
SUNDAY 25 SCHOOL- 9AM WORSHIP- 10AM MISSIONS GIVING (PETERSON)	26	27	28 SMALL GROUP @ 6:30PM	29	30	31 WOMEN'S BRUNCH 9-11AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8TH - JASON LAFFERTY
 9TH - HANNAH BJERKAAS
 10TH - JOYCE MCCULLOUGH
 11TH - CHRIS MISKANIS
 13TH - BETH CARSON
 22ND - ARIANNA KEIGHIN

