

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES (9:15-10:15am):

12/28 11. The Kinsman Redeemer – Ruth 3:1-4:22 John

1/4 12. Reviewing Key Principles Matt

1/11 An Introduction to 1 Samuel Matt

1/18 1. Hannah's Vow – 1 Samuel 1:1-2:21 John

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## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD & PRAYER:

PRAISE	SCRIPTURE READING	CONFESION	THANKS/REQ.
12/28 Adam Winkelvoss	Matthew 3:1-17 Lincoln Widder	Franklin Broadwater	John Carey
1/4 Larry Rock	Proverbs 1:1-7 volunteer	Jeff Clevenger	Matt Widder
1/11 Jess Carey	Proverbs 1:8-19 Larry Rock	Matt Widder	John Carey
1/18 Harvey Hershberger	Proverbs 1:20-33 volunteer	Johnny Carey	Matt Widder

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES - 9:15AM - SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30AM

G R A C E C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H  
28 DECEMBER 2025 <sup>†</sup> L O R D ' S D A Y 52

Call to Worship | Revelation 21:4

*Song | Joy To The World*

Prayers of Praise Adam

Welcome

Scripture Reading | Matthew 3:1-17 Lincoln

*Hymn #216 | Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Offering

Kids Message | 2 Thessalonians 3:1 Jaden

Reading of The Law | Proverbs 16:3

*Song | Hallelujah*

Prayers of Confession & Silence Franklin

*Song | The Gospel Song*

Scriptural Assurance | The Lord's Supper

*Song | Jesus Thank You*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Request John

Sermon Text | Psalm 127:1

Sermon | "All Glory Be To Christ"

*Song | All Glory Be To Christ*

Benediction

THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS CHRIST SAVES SINNERS.

*So then: Repent, Believe, and Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.*

CALL TO WORSHIP - REVELATION 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

SCRIPTURE READING - MATTHEW 3:1-17

<sup>3:1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

KIDS MESSAGE - 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,

READING OF THE LAW - PROVERBS 16:3

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

## This Week in Church History

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### 28 December 1741

English revivalist George Whitefield wrote in a letter: "Redeem your precious time: pick up the fragments of it, that not one moment of it may be lost. Be much in secret prayer. Converse less with man, and more with God."

### 29 December 1170

Archbishop Thomas à Becket is murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by knights of King Henry II.

### 30 December 1892

Death in Glasgow of Andrew Bonar, who had been moderator of the Scottish Free Church and authored many books, including a biography of Robert Murray McCheyne.

### 31 December 1770

America's first-known "watch-night" service is held at St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

### 1 January 1519

The Swiss Reformation begins when Huldrych Zwingli assumes his duties as priest of Zurich and begins preaching through the Bible.

### 2 January 1971

A team of Israeli scholars announced the discovery in Jerusalem of a 2,000-year-old skeleton of a crucified male. Found in a cave-tomb, it was the first direct physical evidence of the well-documented Roman method of execution.

### 3 January 1521

German Reformer Martin Luther, 38, was excommunicated by Pope Leo X for challenging Catholic Church doctrine. Luther soon after began translating of the Bible into the German language.

## Announcements

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Mission gifts given in December will benefit:  
Our Deacon's Fund.



Save the dates for....  
**Emerald Crossing** Vacation Bible School 2026

An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23  
Sunday-Thursday - June 21-25, 2026  
(6:00-8:30pm)



### Mid Week Bible Study Videos

To help keep you in the word while we are on break from normal mid week gatherings... short Bible Study videos are available on the church website:  
[www.grantsvillechurch.com](http://www.grantsvillechurch.com)

Look under the MEMBERS tab at the top. If you do not know or have forgotten the password to the Members section please feel free to ask any Elder or Deacon.

### THE CALENDAR:

Tue. January 6 Epiphany

Sun. January 18 LIFE Sunday

Sun. January 18 VBS Team Meeting (noon)



### COFFEE BREAK SCHEDULE:

12/28 - Emily Widder	1/18 -
1/4 - Allison Broadwater	1/25 -
1/11 -	2/1 -



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

12/21	Piper Wilt
12/29	Sherry Carey
1/2	Ruth Yoder
1/5	Steve Hershberger
1/11	Jeff Clevenger
1/21	Emmett Llewellyn



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

1/25	Megan Carey
1/28	Jaden Carey
1/30	Larry Rock



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

12/31	Jess & Michele Carey
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## Prayer List

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### Pray and memorize this week:

#### Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

### Pray using prayers of the Puritans - Openness:

Expel from my mind all sinful fear and shame, so that with firmness and courage I may confess the Redeemer before men,

### Pray using our Prayer Points for this week:

#### MONDAY

\*Resolutions for spiritual growth.

#### TUESDAY

\*For obedience to our King.  
\*For loving relationships.

#### WEDNESDAY

\*Conversions.

\*For loyalty to our King.

#### THURSDAY

\*for a fruitful new year.  
\*to be thankful.

#### FRIDAY

\*for inviting friends.

\*for those battling addiction.

#### SATURDAY

\*for church tomorrow.

\*for the unchurched.

### Pray for our fallen world & global concerns:

The call & response of the lost. Matthew 18

The end of abortion practices & the close of the abortion mill. Exodus 20:13

The sins of sexual rebellion. Genesis 1:27

Peace in Israel & Nigeria. Psalm 25:22

### Pray for those serving our country:

Isaiah 41:10  
Nathan Brenneman (and the family)

### Pray for those in nursing homes:

1 Timothy 5:1-3

Helen Bender

Shirley Bender

### Pray for health/comfort for:

Psalm 121:1-2  
Kari Galica (friend of Johnny Carey)

Fred Holiday (friend of the Broadwaters)

Becca Kilgus (friend of Linda Upole)

Bri Llewellyn & baby girl.

Sandy McKenzie (friend of the Broadwaters)

Patty Rice

Richard Stanton (brother of Linda Upole)

Lewis Vrankovich (family of Amanda Carey's sister)

Ruth Yoder

### Pray for those battling cancer:

John 14:27  
Nick Brown (young local boy)

Linda Handwerk (daugh. of the late Wanda Sheffield)

Steve Hershberger

Shelbi Knauer (friend of Hannah Hershberger)

Daisy Murray (friend of John Carey)

Cindy Widder (family of the Widders)

George Winkelvooss (father of Adam Winkelvooss)

Wyatt Wilkens (friend of Jack Carey)

Indy Yoder (local 4-year-old)

Gay Ziegler (friend of Linda Upole)

### Pray for those mourning the loss of:

Doug Stone (father of Rebekah Clevenger)

Lauretta Maust (mother of Jen Hershberger)

Bill Murray (family friend of Michele Carey)

### Pray and prepare for the upcoming preaching of God's Word:

12/28 Psalm 127:1 "All Glory Be To Christ"

1/4 Matthew 1:1 "A New Hope"

1/11 Matthew 1:2-17 "Fourteen Generations"

1/18 Matthew 1:18-25 "God With Us"

1/25 Matthew 2:1-12 "Another Way"

## A Commentary on Psalm 127

FAMILY WORSHIP BIBLE GUIDE - REFORMATION HERITAGE BOOKS

1. This psalm calls for a balance between hard work and trusting God. Both are essential. Work without trust is self-sufficiency; trust without work is presumption. As Christians, we must recognize that nothing in life can succeed, whether business or family, without the Lord. Trusting God does not make the believer passive or inactive. On the contrary it should make him faithful, diligent, and hopeful in his calling, believing that the will to work as well as our abilities, opportunities, and successes are gifts of God.

*In which direction are you tempted to become unbalanced?*

*What can you do to help keep the balance in focus?*

2. If manual labor and physical procreation cannot succeed without the Lord, how much more do we need His grace to build the living house of the Lord, construct the city of God, and multiply the family of God! Apart from Christ we can do nothing (John 15:5).

*What reasons can you give why Christian service requires both prayer and work?*

Jonathan Edwards, the 18th-century revivalist, sat down at age 17 and penned 21 resolutions by which he would live his life. He added to this list until, by his death, he had 70 resolutions. He put at the top of his list: “Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God’s help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these resolutions... Remember to read over these resolutions once a week.” Edwards didn’t casually make New Year’s resolutions with an expectation of eventually breaking them. Each week he did a self-check. He regularly summed up how he was doing and sought God’s help in the process.

*Resolved: that every man should live to the glory of God. Resolved second: that whether others do this or not I will. - Jonathan Edwards*

## Sermon Notes

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Psalm 127:1

## *“All Glory Be To Christ”*

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.



# The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>1563</sup>

## LORD'S DAY 52 - OF PRAYER

### Question 127. What is the sixth petition (in the Lord's Prayer)?

Answer: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION; BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. That is: Since we are so weak in ourselves, that we cannot stand a moment;<sup>a</sup> while our deadly enemies, the Devil, the world and our own flesh, assail us without ceasing,<sup>b</sup> be pleased to preserve and strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit,<sup>c</sup> that we may make firm stand against them, and may not sink in this spiritual war, until we come off at last with complete victory.<sup>d</sup>

- a. John 15:4-6; Psalm 103:14.
- b. 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:11-12; Romans 7:23; Galatians 5:17.
- c. Ephesians 1:17-23; Ephesians 3:16.
- d. Matthew 26:41; 1 Thessalonians 3:8, 13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.

### Question 128. How do you close this Prayer?

Answer: FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. That is: All this we ask of You, because as our King, having power over all things, You are both willing and able to give us all good,<sup>a</sup> and that thereby not we, but Your holy name may be glorified for ever.<sup>b</sup>

- a. Romans 10:12-13; 2 Peter 2:9.
- b. John 14:13; Psalm 115:1; Philippians 4:20.

### Question 129. What is the meaning of the word: AMEN?

Answer: AMEN means: So shall it truly and surely be. For my prayer is much more certainly heard of God, than I feel in my heart that I desire these things of Him.<sup>a</sup>

- a. 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Timothy 2:13.

## Psalm 52

*The Steadfast Love of God Endures*

*To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."*

Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?

The steadfast love of God endures all the day.

Your tongue plots destruction,

like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

You love evil more than good,

and lying more than speaking what is right.

*Selah*

You love all words that devour,

O deceitful tongue.

But God will break you down forever;

he will snatch and tear you from your tent;

he will uproot you from the land of the living.

*Selah*

The righteous shall see and fear,

and shall laugh at him, saying,

"See the man who would not make

God his refuge,

but trusted in the abundance of his riches

and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

But I am like a green olive tree

in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God

forever and ever.

I will thank you forever,

because you have done it.

I will wait for your name, for it is good,

in the presence of the godly.