



“WHEN THE SUN HAD
GONE DOWN AND IT
WAS DARK, BEHOLD,
A SMOKING FIRE POT
AND A FLAMING TORCH
PASSED BETWEEN
THESE PIECES.”

GENESIS 15:17

GET
CONNECTED



GET
INVOLVED



GIVE
GENEROUSLY



CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 8

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Psalms 8
(How Majestic
is Your Name)*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*1689 BCF
Ch. 07, P. 01 & 03*

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*I Will Wait for You
(Psalm 130)*

Jesus Paid It All

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Children dismissed.

*How Deep the
Father's Love for Us
(Hymn #80)*

PREACHING

Genesis 15:7-21

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Christus Victor
(Amen)*

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

1 Thess. 5:23-24

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8

*Leader: O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
You have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.*

**Congregation: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

*Leader: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

**Congregation: O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Psalm 8 (How Majestic Is Your Name)

**When I look at Your heavens
The moon and stars You set in motion, oh God
I sing all glory and honor
What is man that You are mindful
The son of man that You would care for him
We sing all glory and honor**

Chorus

**Oh Lord, our Lord
Oh, how awesome are Your ways
How majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, our Lord
May we see Your kingdom come
Father, may Your will be done in all the earth**

**In all the earth You gave dominion to Your children
And You crowned them, oh God
With glory and honor, so we'll sing of Your name
Live our lives for Your greatness, oh God
And Your glory and honor**

Chorus

**The Earth is full of the glory of God
Come make much of the name above all names
Creation cries out and every knee bows
Jesus, we crown You, oh Lord, our Lord**

Chorus

PROFESSION OF FAITH

1689 Baptist Confession of Faith: Chapter 07, Paragraph 01 & 03

Leader: Though rational creatures are responsible to obey God as their Creator, the distance between God and these creatures is so great that they could never have attained the reward of life except by God's voluntary condescension. He has been pleased to express this through a covenant framework.

Congregation: “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” – Jeremiah 31:33

Leader: This covenant is revealed in the gospel. It was revealed first of all to Adam in the promise of salvation through the seed of the woman. After that, it was revealed step by step until the full revelation of it was completed in the New Testament. This covenant is based on the eternal covenant transaction between the Father and the Son concerning the redemption of the elect.

Congregation: “Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” – 2 Timothy 1:8-9

In 1689, greater freedom was given to dissenting ministers in England and the Second London Confession was republished and signed. It is called the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

**Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord**

**Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone**

Chorus

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your Word I will rely
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied**

**So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave**

Chorus

**Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice**

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight**

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Jesus Paid it All

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

Song by: John Thomas Grape, Elvina M. Hall, & Alex Nifong

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Hymn #80)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 15:7-21 // A Bloody Promise

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CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Christus Victor (Amen)

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood, You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of Man sent for sinners
By Your blood, You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, Who died, Who rose victorious

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallulujah!
With every tribe and very tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

Song by: Brooke Volland, Travis Cottrell, & Mason Brown

EQUIPPING HOUR NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **STUDENTS MINISTRY**

This Wednesday, Students will go to Fields of Faith at Jacksonville High School at 6:00PM.

- **EQUIPPING HOUR CLASSES**

A new round of classes starts next week. Look for an email soon with more information for each one, including Elementary classes!

- **LETTERS TO THE LEWIS'**

The Lewis' have made it to Cat Lake in Canada, and are settling there. Even though there is a small church there, it is still a dark place with few believers. Isabelle Henry is asking people from King's Fellowship and Grace Fellowship to write letters of encouragement and about what God is doing in their individual lives. If you want to write them a letter, please drop it off at the church by October 27th. She will collect these and give them to the Lewis' when they are in Georgia for the To Every Tribe retreat.

- **REFORMATION CELEBRATION**

Sunday, October 26th, from 4:00PM-7:00PM we will have our annual Reformation Celebration! There will be live music, hotdogs, candy, bouncy houses, a cake walk, trunk-or-treat and more! The church will provide all candy. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, you can drop it off during the week or on Sundays on the counter in the Office (no peanut butter or nuts). If you would like to be part of the trunk-or-treat, sign up on the app.

- **FRIDAY MORNING CHAPEL**

Chapel is every Friday morning at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come!

- **SANDWICH MINISTRY**

The sandwich ministry is in need of mayonnaise, sandwich-size Ziplock baggies, and Little Debbie snacks. There is a cart in the Office for dropoffs.

- **MEDICINE BOTTLES**

Teresa Price collects empty medicine bottles or medical supplies for St. Michael's Clinic. If you have any items, there is a cart in the Office for dropoffs.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **NEESE FAMILY**

Pray for their language studies; they start language school in October. Also, pray that the friendships they have formed will thrive. Finally, pray that the gospel seeds they have been able to plant will bear fruit.

- **LIMBAUGH FAMILY**

Pray for the Limbaugh's as they transition in their move to central Alabama. Pray that God will bless their family and and Ryan's work at FCA.

- **JACOBS FAMILY**

Pray for Steve to recover fully from a brain bleed. Pray for Brenda while she takes care of him and makes decisions for his care.

- **GWENDOLYN CHARACTER**

Pray that God will give Gwendolyn comfort and peace as she prepares to have fusion surgery. Her surgery is October 30th. Pray that the surgery goes well, and that God will give her ease in recovery.

- **STUDENTS MINISTRY**

Pray that God will continue to bless the Students ministry, and that He will grow the ministry. Thank God for Joe's faithful leadership. Pray for the Vaughn family as Zac takes over leadership of the Students ministry. Pray for the Youth during this transition.

- **DAVIS FAMILY**

Wells is still at Children's Hospital. Pray God will give the doctors and nurses wisdom on how to treat him. Thank the Lord for the doctors and nurses who have taken care of him and made sure he is doing well. Pray that God will give Jadon and Jordan energy and wisdom as they care for him.

- **DONNA SHAMBLIN**

Pray for Donna as she recovers from an ankle surgery at a rehab facility.

If you have a prayer request you want added to the prayer email or bulletin, please email Ely at administrator@grace-fellowship.com.

MISSIONARY REPORT

David and Holly Porph // West Africa

The Porph family lives among the unreached in West Africa. They are currently in Alabama on home ministry assignment, but are preparing to return to West Africa at the end of the month. They are grateful for the time they were able to spend with Grace Fellowship last month. Below are some of the things they were able to share with us.

David shared more details about his work with the Basic Wolof Bible Translation project. The translation team is working to adapt the Wolof Bible (which has yet to be published in its entirety) into a more modern Wolof that the majority of the people can understand. David's role on the translation team is to ensure that the team understands the meaning of the original Hebrew text so that they can choose the most appropriate Wolof terminology for their translation of the Old Testament. The team is preparing for a final consultant check for Genesis 12-50 during the month of November. David is also involved in preaching at their local church and teaching at a local seminary. The seminary is in need of revitalization, so pray for the Lord's will to be done throughout that process.

Holly shared about her work as a nurse and lactation counselor at a local hospital. She enjoys teaching childbirth preparation classes and strives to model compassionate care and speak truth to the staff and midwifery students. She also shared about their language helper who recently heard the truth of Jesus for the first time. David and Holly were able to study the book of Luke with her as they studied the Wolof language together.

David and Holly view their four children as their primary disciples and strive to be available for them when they are home from school. The three oldest Porph children will be transitioning to a new school when they return in November. They are trusting that this new school will be beneficial for everyone, and they are trusting for the Lord to provide the extra funding necessary to cover the increase in tuition.

• PRAYER

- The advancement of the Wolof Bible translation.
- Growth for David and Holly in their use of the Wolof language and the ability to share the truth of Scripture with people in Wolof.
- Transition back to life in West Africa, including the kids' transition into a new school.
- The Lord will meet their financial needs for the kids' school tuition (\$7,143.00 for the 2025/2026 school year).
- The Lord will continue to use local believers like Esther (chaplain ministry) and Awa (kids club ministry) to make disciples among the unreached.

• SUPPORT

To support the Lewis family, scan the QR code or go to Crossworld.org/give/support-a-disciple-maker



WORSHIP IN GIVING

2 Corinthians 9:7 // September 28, 2025

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Weekly Giving	September 28, 2025
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Actual Giving:	\$12,179
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Budgeted Giving:	\$20,888
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Difference:	-\$8,709
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-41.69%

Year to Date

Actual Giving:	\$603,640
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Budgeted Giving:	\$814,635
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Difference:	-\$210,995
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-25.90%

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We are glad you joined us this morning! If you have any questions about the sermon, church, or in general, contact Elyona Vaughn at the email address below.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30AM-11:00AM

EQUIPPING HOUR

11:15AM-12:00PM

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