



“AND SARAI SAID TO ABRAM,
‘BEHOLD NOW, THE LORD
HAS PREVENTED ME FROM
BEARING CHILDREN. GO IN TO
MY SERVANT; IT MAY BE THAT
I SHALL OBTAIN CHILDREN BY
HER.’ AND ABRAM LISTENED
TO THE VOICE OF SARAI.”

GENESIS 16:2

GET
CONNECTED



GET
INVOLVED



GIVE
GENEROUSLY



CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

King of Kings

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*1689 LBCF:
Ch. 06, P. 03 &
Ch. 14, P. 03*

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*All I Have is Christ
(Hymn #389)*

*Come Behold The
Wondrous Mystery
(Hymn #184)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Children dismissed.

*Christ Our Hope
in Life And Death*

PREACHING

Genesis 16:1-6

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*I Set My Hope
On Jesus*

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

DOXOLOGY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89

*Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?*

**Congregation: Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?**

*Leader: O Lord God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?
You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.*

**Congregation: You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your
throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

*Leader: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.*

**Congregation: For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
For our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

PROFESSION OF FAITH

1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith: Ch. 06, P. 03 & Ch. 14, P. 03

Leader: By God's appointment, Adam and Eve were the root and the representatives of the whole human race. Because of this, the guilt of their sin was accounted, and their corrupt nature passed on, to all their offspring who descended from them by ordinary procreation. Their descendants are now conceived in sin and are by nature children of wrath, the servants of sin, and partakers of death and all other miseries—spiritual, temporal, and eternal—unless the Lord Jesus sets them free.

Congregation: “Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.” – Romans 5:18-19

Leader: Faith may exist in varying degrees so that it may be either weak or strong. Yet even in its weakest form, it is different in kind or nature (like all other saving graces) from the faith and common grace of temporary believers. Therefore, faith may often be attacked and weakened, but it gains the victory. It matures in many to the point that they attain full assurance through Christ, who is both the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Congregation: “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” – 1 John 5:4

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

All I Have is Christ (Hymn #389)

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the Light of life has come
Look to Christ, Who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold**

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes**

Song by: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from
His command
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the
troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and
goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when
fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring
us nigh
Unto the shore? The rock of Christ

Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will Heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 16:1-6 // The Cost of Control

Bad Examples and Cultural Norms

Manipulative Plans Enabled by Passivity

Multiplying Problems that Inflamm Pain

Christ’s Example and God’s Purposes

SERMON NOTES

Genesis 16:1-6 // The Cost of Control

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

I Set My Hope On Jesus

**When this life of trials tests my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus**

Chorus

**I set my hope on Jesus
My rock, my only trust
Who set His heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus**

Chorus

**When the echoes of His promise fades
I set my hope on Jesus
Then impatience wants to make a way
I set my hope on Jesus
When my barrenness buds unbelief
And my efforts breed resentment
My God will work in spite of me
I set my hope on Jesus**

Chorus

**Though the world call me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
'Till I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus**

Chorus

EQUIPPING HOUR NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• EQUIPPING HOUR CLASSES

A new round of classes starts today. Choose from one below:

- Cultivating Spiritual Growth // Sanctuary
- How To Do Theology // Community Center
- Creation and Covenant // Library
- The Dawn of Christianity // Conference Room
- Grace Distinctives (New Members) // Podcast Room
- Middle School // Students Room
- Pastor's Bible Study // Community Center Room with double doors

• 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!

• FOSTER CARE SUPPORT TEAM

A ministry team with the goal of supporting, praying for, and serving the foster families and children of Calhoun County. Contact Averi Dutton (256) 275-1424.

• 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.

- **LEWIS FAMILY**

Pray for the Lewis' as they minister to the small town of Cat Lake, Canada. Pray that God will strengthen them in such a dark place. Pray that God will call partners to go and work alongside them.

- **DAVIS FAMILY**

Pray that the doctors will figure out what is wrong with Wells' glucose levels. Pray that he will be able to come home soon. Pray that God will give Jadon and Jordan energy and wisdom as they care for him.

- **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.

- **DONNA SHAMBLIN**

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

- **NEW HOMEGROUPS**

Praise the Lord we have new homegroups! Pray that God will use these to grow the community within Grace Fellowship, and that individuals will grow closer to the Lord through their group.

- **BUILDING PLANS**

Praise the Lord that we can start the building process. Pray that all things go smoothly and that the project will be done well and efficiently.

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 // October 05, 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	October 5, 2025
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Actual Giving:	\$23,083
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Budgeted Giving:	\$20,888
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Difference:	\$2,195
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10.51%

Year to Date

Actual Giving:	\$626,723
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Budgeted Giving:	\$835,523
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Difference:	-\$208,800
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-24.99%

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ANNISTON, ALABAMA

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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