

# STATE OF THE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS, 2025

# GLBC'S MINISTRY PRIORITIES

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- ✘ **Edification**—establish the saints of all ages in Pauline sound doctrine and the principles of the Grace Life (II Tim. 1:5; 3:16).
- ✘ **Be the Body (One-Anothering)**—seek to build up and support our one another in both triumph and tragedy (I Cor. 12:25-26).
- ✘ **Train Faithful Men**—identify and train faithful men who will be able to train others also (II Tim. 2:2).

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- ✘ **Enlist**—identify willing men who are established in the faith to aid in the edification, encouragement, and establishment of other saints, i.e., elders and deacons (1 Tim. 3:1, 12; Titus 1:5-9).
- ✘ **Evangelism**—properly edified and mature saints will have a heart for evangelism and seeing lost souls get saved. It is by doing the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5).
- ✘ **EVERYTHING WE DO AS AN ASSEMBLY NEEDS TO BE TIED INTO ONE OF THESE 5 SCRIPTURAL PRIORITIES.**



# REFLECTING ON 2024 (17<sup>TH</sup> YEAR)

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- ✘ Aging Church
  - + Wayne & Jill
- ✘ Teen Service Sunday & Sunday Fun Day
- ✘ Published one book.
  - + *The Myth Of Verbatim Identity: How God Actually Preserved His Word*
- ✘ Grew the size of our streaming ministry.
  - + YouTube—12/4/21 (2,148 subs)—1/22/23 (2,789 subs)—**1/29/2025 (3,957)**
  - + Rumble—12/4/21 (163 subs)—1/22/23 (289 subs)—**1/19/25 (488)**

# REFLECTING ON 2024 (17<sup>TH</sup> YEAR)

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- ✘ Fellowships
  - + Grill Outs
  - + Easter & Christmas Fellowships
- ✘ Bible Conference
- ✘ Summer teaching mentorship program.
  - + Dwayne Stephenson
- ✘ Continued supporting Des Strydom's mission work in Africa.
  
- ✘ **New In 2025**—Daryl & Charity Have Resigned Their Positions @ GLBC.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

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- ✘ Board Organization
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# **GLBC Congregational Meeting Highlights**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**





# UNIQUE CHURCH

- ✘ Hybrid Church
  - + In person
  - + Online
- ✘ Regional Church
  - + All over West Michigan
- ✘ Unique challenges regarding fellowship & one-anothering
- ✘ Breakfasts, Lunches, Dinners, Grill Outs, Fellowships, Conference, & Events



# Personal Situation

- 47 Years Old
- Mandatory Time
  - Family/Household
  - Work
  - 2 Weekly Studies, Board Meeting, Mid-Week Video, Emails, Comments, Website, Phone Calls
- Wild Card Time
  - Questions, Counseling, Weddings, Funerals, Visitation, Writing
- Stress is affecting our health.
  - Nutritionist
  - Breaks-Get Aways
- Unable to do more than I am currently doing.



# PASTORAL MINISTRY CONCERNS

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- ✘ II Timothy 4:10—the Demas effect.
  - + Taking the ministry for granted.
- ✘ Ephesians 4:14-15—Paul is speaking to believers.
- ✘ Ephesians 4:16—our approach has been based upon the concept of self-edification.
  - + Romans 12:5
- ✘ Working Together, Current Ministries, & Help
  - + Avoiding Burn Out
  - + Will Need Help To Continue Current Programing
- ✘ Doctrine vs Drama



# MINISTRY NEEDS & UPDATES FOR 2025

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- ✘ Children's Ministries Overseer

- + Charity will serve through the end of January.

- + Will Kemperman will take as the interim while we determine next steps.

- ✘ Help is always needed.

- + Children's Church, Greeters, Kitchen, Etc.

- + Security

- ✘ Participate in opportunities for fellowship:

- + Men's Breakfast

- + Ladies Fellowships

- + Fellowship Meals & Grill Outs

- + Bible Conference

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- ✘ Ideas and help for extending one-anothering.
  - + Please speak up if there are needs moving forward.
- ✘ Blog new in 2025.
- ✘ Summer Logic Class.
- ✘ Keep the main thing the main thing in 2025.



# Monthly Board Meetings

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**
- **Open Portion 9-10 AM**
  - **Financial Report, Minutes, New Proposals, Old & New Business**
- **Closed Portion 10-11 AM**
- **Please submit new ideas/proposals in writing or in person at the meeting.**
- **I have too many things on my mind Sunday morning to remember everything or provide good feedback.**
- **Be prepared to help make new initiatives happen.**



# HELP PROMOTE OUR MINISTRY

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- ✘ Use social media to promote GLBC.
  - + Website
  - + Live streaming
    - ✘ YouTube, Facebook, Website
  - + YouTube & Rumble
- ✘ Talk to your friends and family about the gospel of grace and invite them to church.
- ✘ Embrace the need for fellowship and support of likeminded saints.

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