

# STATE OF THE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS, 2026

# 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 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 FIVE SCRIPTURAL PRIORITIES.**

# REFLECTING ON 2025 (18<sup>TH</sup> YEAR)

- ✗ Board Transition & New Members
  - + Nate joined, Will became Treasurer
- ✗ Discontinued the Teen Class due to lack of support.
- ✗ Published one book.
  - + *From This Generation For Ever, Vol. 3 Canonicity & Transmission*
- ✗ Eclipsed 5,000 subscribers on YouTube
- ✗ Grew the size of our streaming ministry.
  - + YouTube—12/4/21 (2,148 subs)—1/22/23 (2,789 subs)—**1/18/2026 (5,044)**
  - + Rumble—12/4/21 (163 subs)—1/22/23 (289 subs)—**1/18/2026 (580)**



# REFLECTING ON 2025 (18<sup>TH</sup> YEAR)

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- ✗ Blog Articles
- ✗ Logic Class
- ✗ Established a Safety Team
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- ✗ Fellowships
  - + Grill Outs
  - + Easter & Christmas Fellowships
- ✗ Bible Conference
- ✗ Continued supporting Des Strydom's mission work in Africa.





# 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



# MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2026

- ✘ Nate Kooienga has agreed to take a new role at GLBC as Assistant Pastor.
- ✘ Leadership Responsibilities
  - + Continued oversight of Children's/Youth Ministries
  - + New ministry initiative of your choice—aimed at church growth
- ✘ Assisting Responsibilities
  - + Default first choice for filling the pulpit for Pastor when he needs to be away
  - + Preach every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - + Sharing of Sunday School with Pastor
  - + Help with visitation & people care as needed

# FINANCIAL REPORT

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- ✕ Will Kemperman—Treasurer

- ✕ Board Organization

- + Bryan Ross—Pastor/Teaching Elder

- + Nate Kooienga—Assistant Pastor & Children's Ministry Overseer

- + Mark Grooters—Secretary

- + Will Kemperman—Treasurer



# PASTORAL MINISTRY CONCERNS

- ✗ 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 Programming
- ✗ Doctrine vs Drama

# MINISTRY GOALS & UPDATES FOR 2026

- ✗ Goal 1: Children's Ministries Superintendent
  - + Work with Nate—freeing him up to explore new ministry opportunities.
- ✗ Goal 2: Participate in opportunities for fellowship
  - + Men's Breakfast & Dinner, Ladies Brunch & Fellowships, Easter & Christmas Fellowship Meals, Bible Conference
- ✗ Goal 3: Continue our current ministries
  - + Always need volunteers
- ✗ Goal 4: Increase our support for the Mission work in Africa
- ✗ Goal 5: Quarterly Q&A every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday
  - + Submit questions in writing.



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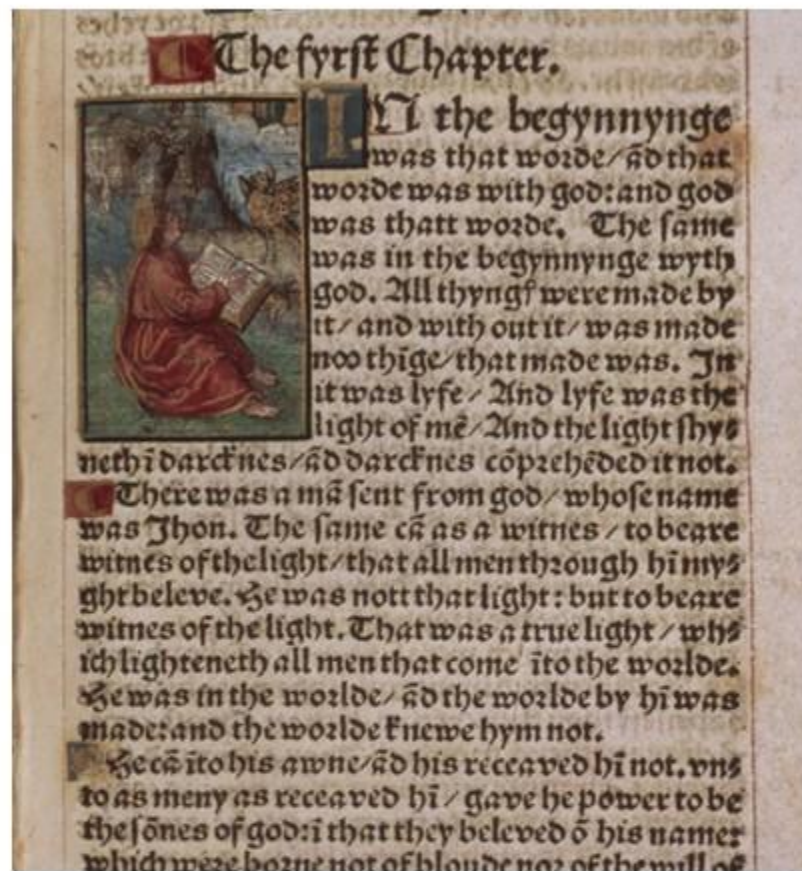
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- ✕ Ideas and help for extending one-anothering.
  - + Please speak up if there are needs moving forward.
- ✕ Keep the main thing the main thing in 2026.

# Monthly Board Meeting

- **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.**





## William The Translator: Celebrating The 500th Anniversary of The Tyndale New Testament

2026 West Michigan Grace Bible Conference  
October 16-18  
Grace Life Bible Church—Grand Rapids, MI



# 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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Thank You  
&  
Appreciation