

STATE OF THE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS, 2026

GLBC'S MINISTRY PRIORITIES

- ✖ **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 (I 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 (18TH 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 (18TH YEAR)

- ✖ Blog Articles
- ✖ Logic Class
- ✖ Established a Safety Team
 - + Garth
- ✖ 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 5th Sunday
 - + Sharing of Sunday School with Pastor
 - + Help with visitation & people care as needed

FINANCIAL REPORT

- ✖ 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

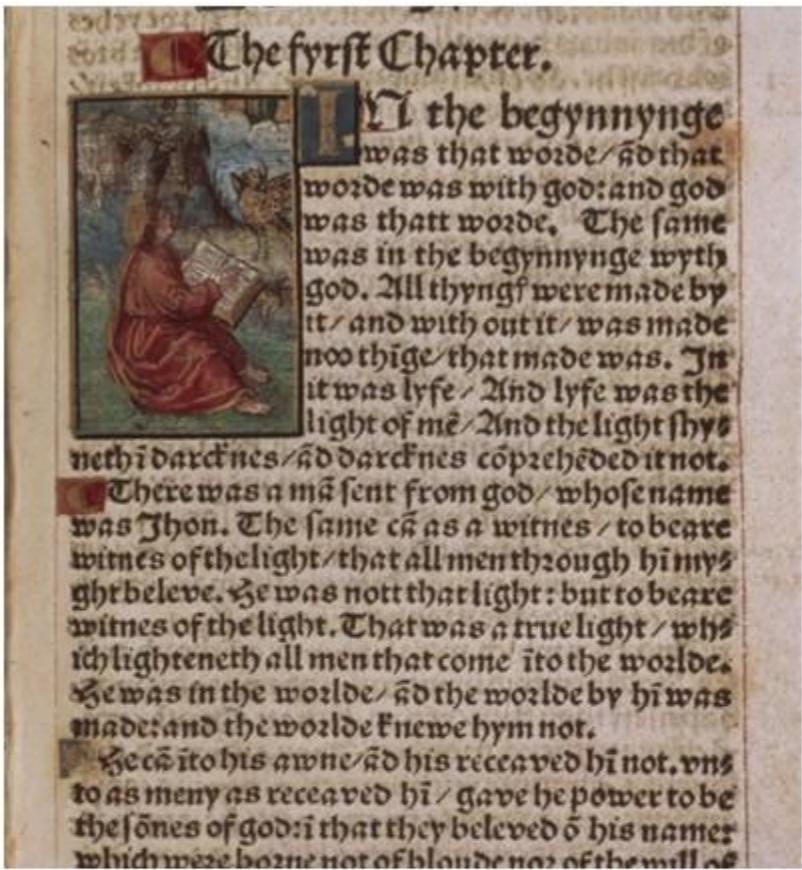
- ✖ Goal 1: Children's Ministries Superintendent
 - + Work with Nate—freeing him up to explore new ministry opportunities.
- ✖ Goal 2: Participate in opportunities for fellowship
 - + Men's Breakfast & Dinner, Ladies Brunch & Fellowships, Easter & Christmas Fellowship Meals, Bible Conference
- ✖ Goal 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 5th Sunday
 - + Submit questions in writing.

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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

- 2nd 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

- ✖ 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.

Thank You
&
Appreciation