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# THE GROVE

GLORIFYING GOD IN ALL WE SAY AND DO



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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### Anthony Grove Family,

God's beloved,

I want to thank you for allowing me another month to share this newsletter with you. I pray that God blesses you through it as much as it blesses me to create it. As we stand on the eve of this year's final month, I want to reflect on all that God has revealed to us—the many baptisms, the new members who've joined our family, and the incredible work He's done through His servants. Some have followed His call to go and continue growing the Kingdom of Heaven, while others have joined us to help fulfill the Great Commission.

Though we mourn the loss of loved ones, we also celebrate the hope we have in Jesus—the hope they now know fully and truly. May we never stop praising God's name for all He has done for us.

This November is an especially busy month. We prepare to give thanks with our families and friends, and our church family prepares to present the Gospel through our Christmas presentations—both from our children and our worship team. Please continue to pray for our ministry staff as we seek to faithfully lead you closer to the cross of Jesus, the Messiah.

I love you all and thank God for the privilege of serving you.  
God bless,

Rev. Michael Purcell

Pastor of Communication and Outreach



# WORSHIP WITH US

WE'D LOVE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT EITHER OF OUR TWO SERVICES—8:30 AM OR 11:00 AM.

EACH SERVICE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC, SPIRIT-FILLED WORSHIP AND BIBLICALLY GROUNDED PREACHING THAT SPEAKS TO THE HEART AND SOUL. WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN WALKING WITH JESUS FOR YEARS OR ARE JUST BEGINNING TO EXPLORE FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY, AND ANYONE IN NEED OF THE HOPE AND GRACE FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AT ANTHONY GROVE, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO WORSHIP WITH YOU!

AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS! JOIN US AT 5:30 PM FOR A DELICIOUS DINNER—JUST \$5 PER PERSON—WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. THEN STICK AROUND FOR OUR MIDWEEK SERVICE AT 6:30 PM AS WE GATHER FOR A TIME OF WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD TOGETHER. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!





# Update Your Calendars

11/9 CHURCH COUNCIL  
SUN MEETING - 4 PM

11/16 SECURITY TEAM  
SUN MEETING - 4 PM

PRAISE TEAMS  
FRIENDS-GIVING - 5 TO 6PM

11/23 LAY MINISTERS  
SUN MEETING - 4 PM

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE  
TUE - 6:30 PM



# CHURCH EVENTS

NOV 4th ELECTION DAY  
GO & VOTE

NOV 11th VETERANS DAY  
THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE

NOV 13th GoodTimers  
Meeting 6 PM

NOV 20th MAX JONAS  
COMMUNITY  
KITCHEN COOKING  
4:30 - 9:30 PM

**HARVEST  
OFFERING**  
NOV. 23 during 1st & 2nd  
Service

ANTHONY GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**HARVEST**  
*Offering*

TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD WHAT GOD HAS BEGUN.

NOV 23RD



**OVERFLOWING**  
*with* **PRAISE**

**NOVEMBER 23rd**  
**6PM**

**ANTHONY GROVE**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

**VERSE**  
**OF THE**  
**MONTH**

GIVE THANKS

TO THE LORD OF LORDS,

HIS LOVING KINDNESS

PSALM 136:3

ENDURES FOREVER.



# The Bible Everywhere Challenge

by: Pastor Michael Purcell

As we come to the end of another year, it's time to start thinking about the goals we'll set for the new one. To help with that, I want to ask a few questions. All I ask is that you answer honestly. Don't overthink it—just be genuine.

Are you ready? Here we go:

- What's the first thing you check when you wake up?
- What's the last thing you look at before you go to sleep?
- When something bad happens, what's the first thing you turn to?
- When something great happens, what's the first thing you turn to?
- On your way to work, what would make you turn around and risk being late to go back home for?

Hopefully, you see where I'm going with this.

How often do we start and end our days with our phones—scrolling mindlessly through reels or posts? When something upsets us, do we rush to share it on Facebook? When something amazing happens, like



finding out the gender of your baby, do we immediately post about it online?

We've handed so much of our attention and energy to our phones that they've consumed our lives. No one even notices when someone walks around glued to a screen anymore. That's why I want to challenge you as we step into a new year.

## Here's the challenge:

Take your Bible everywhere.

It sounds simple, right? You might already have a Bible app on your phone, and that's great! But no one will think twice when they see you looking at your phone—it looks

like what everyone else is doing. I'm asking you to carry a physical Bible with you wherever you go.

Now, open your Bible to three passages: **Psalm 119:11**, **Joshua 1:8**, and **Matthew 4:4**. Take a moment to read them. When you finish, let's unpack what they teach us.

## 1. Treasure the Word of God in your heart.

Psalm 119:11 reminds us to store up God's Word in our hearts. If we truly treasure Scripture, shouldn't it be the first thing we turn to in the morning? And before bed, shouldn't we dwell on it so our souls find spiritual rest before our bodies find physical rest?

Imagine calling your boss and saying, "I'll be late—I left my Bible at home and had to go back for it." That's what it means to treasure God's Word: making it such an essential part of your life that you can't go anywhere without it.

Take it to work or school. Bring it to the grocery store. Have it with you at the movie theater. Let Scripture become so treasured in your heart



that you can't imagine life without it.

## **2. Meditate on it day and night.**

If you're going to carry it everywhere, you might as well read it. Sitting in the lobby waiting for an oil change? Read your Bible. Taking a break in your car? Read your Bible. Wondering what's most important for the day when you wake up? Read your Bible. Trouble falling asleep? Read your Bible.

No matter what you face, remember that everything you need comes from Scripture. God gave us His Word for a reason! We can't neglect it just because we're busy. Reading and studying Scripture must be a daily practice.

## **3. Let the Word sustain you.**

The Bible isn't something to turn to only when life gets hard—it's what sustains us every day. Think about grocery shopping. You make a list of what you need to get through the next week or two. Without those items, you and your family would go hungry.

Our souls hunger too. We can't neglect what God made them to need. The Bible is a well of knowledge and truth that never runs dry—a source of living water that satisfies our deepest thirst. Through His Word, God speaks truth and shows us what it means to follow Him.

So, as we enter this next year, I want to invite you to a new kind of challenge. I'm not asking you to read the Bible in a year—though that's a wonderful goal. This challenge will stretch you in different ways. It'll make you rethink your daily routines. You might get some curious looks. You might even be asked why you're doing it.

But as time goes on, you'll find the "weight" of carrying your Bible becomes lighter. You'll notice God working in your heart. And who knows? Maybe He'll use it to open a door for you to share the Gospel with someone along the way.

Will you join me in The Bible Everywhere Challenge?

If you do, pray for strength to finish strong. Pray for others taking the challenge. And pray that God uses this to draw you—and those around you—closer to Him.

I love you all and pray that God blesses you through the end of this year and into the next!



# HOW TO TAKE THE BIBLE EVERYWHERE

# CHALLENGE

HOLY  
BIBLE

## 1. Take Your Bible Everywhere Go

Whether you go shopping, out to eat, or to cheer on your favorite team, take your Bible with you

## 2. Don't Start Your Day with a Phone

Instead of checking your phone in the morning, read your Bible

## 3. Don't End The Day On Your Phone

Put your phone down  
Read your Bible before you go to sleep

## 4. Use a Physical Bible Not An App

Phones are a gateway to an online rabbit hole  
The Bible is a gateway to the will of God

## NEW

## SERMON SERIES

UNFAILING  
LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

Love is perhaps the most talked-about and yet most misunderstood word in the human language. In a world where love is often equated with fleeting emotion, shallow infatuation, or conditional acceptance, Pastor Dennis embarks on a journey to rediscover the true meaning of love—a meaning anchored not in cultural trends or personal feelings, but in the enduring words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth.



# OUR MINISTRIES



**WEE KIDS** is an exciting time for our children to learn about the Bible, grow closer to Jesus, and have a great time with friends.

**CHILDREN BLAST** is where our children can worship together, hear an exciting message about the Bible, and understand how to be a part of the Anthony Grove family.



**IMPACT YOUTH** is dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of the teens in our church and the community. It might be the powerful Wednesday night message, the exciting activities, summer camp, or one of the other activities IMPACT generates. The leadership focuses teaching how to "Live It Out", even when faced with today's peer pressure.



**IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS** is dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of the college age students and young adults in our church and community. We meet to praise God, grow through the Word, and go into the world as Disciple Makers who want to see the Kingdom of God grow.

## **ADULT MINISTRIES**

**MEN'S MINISTRY** focuses on helping men grow in their walk with Christ, while using your skills and talents to meet the needs of our community. That's not all, they have wild game cook outs, fishing trips and many other adventurous activities.

**GOODTIMERS** Once you get a few years on you the fun has just begun. Whether retired, just plain tired, or active as ever, our senior group provides refreshment, ministry, and times of valuable interaction. A mentoring ministry gives older believers a chance to help disciple younger believers as we all grow in Christ together.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** is here to meet the needs of women inside and outside our congregation. They meet regularly to fellowship and support each other. They impact the lives of others by being an outreach program for military, foreign and local missions. Bonds are created in this ministry that last a lifetime.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## HELP WANTED

### BABY ROOM HELPERS

Our church is looking for people who want to work with young children and help out during Sunday morning and Wednesday night worship. If interested, please see Penny Culp for more information.

### PRODUCTION TEAM

Our media and production team is looking for volunteers to help with live streaming, cameras, and more. If you have any questions, or feel like volunteering than see James Richards.

## HELP WANTED

### BUS MINISTRY DRIVERS

Our Bus Ministry is need of a few people to help in picking up those who aren't able to come on their own to church.

### WEE KIDS VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking adults who have a calling to work with our children during Sunday morning services. Be a part of teaching, molding, and leading our kids to be closer to Christ. Please ask Marygrace Moyer and Christian Hahn

# MEET OUR PASTORS

## CLINT LANFORD

### *PASTOR OF TECH*



Pastor Clint Lanford, our Pastor of Tech and Media, is called to glorify God and serve others by leading people into worship through technology and music. His goal is to create an environment where the Gospel is clearly heard and hearts are drawn to Christ (John 4:24; Colossians 3:23).

Clint's favorite verse is Romans 5:8, reminding him of God's unwavering love. His favorite book is Psalms, and when it comes to movies—if the dog or cat dies, it's automatically his least favorite!

He's married to his wonderful wife, Audrey Lanford, and together they share a heart for serving the Lord and His people.





# CONNECT

WITH US     

SCAN  
ME! >>



Help us by liking, following,  
and sharing with others.





# 2 WAYS TO GIVE

1 IN PERSON AFTER SERVICE

2 GIVE ONLINE



# KEEP IN TOUCH

TEXT **AGBC** TO **84576**

OR







**WELCOME**

**HOME**

**SUNDAY'S**

**@ 8:30 & 11AM**