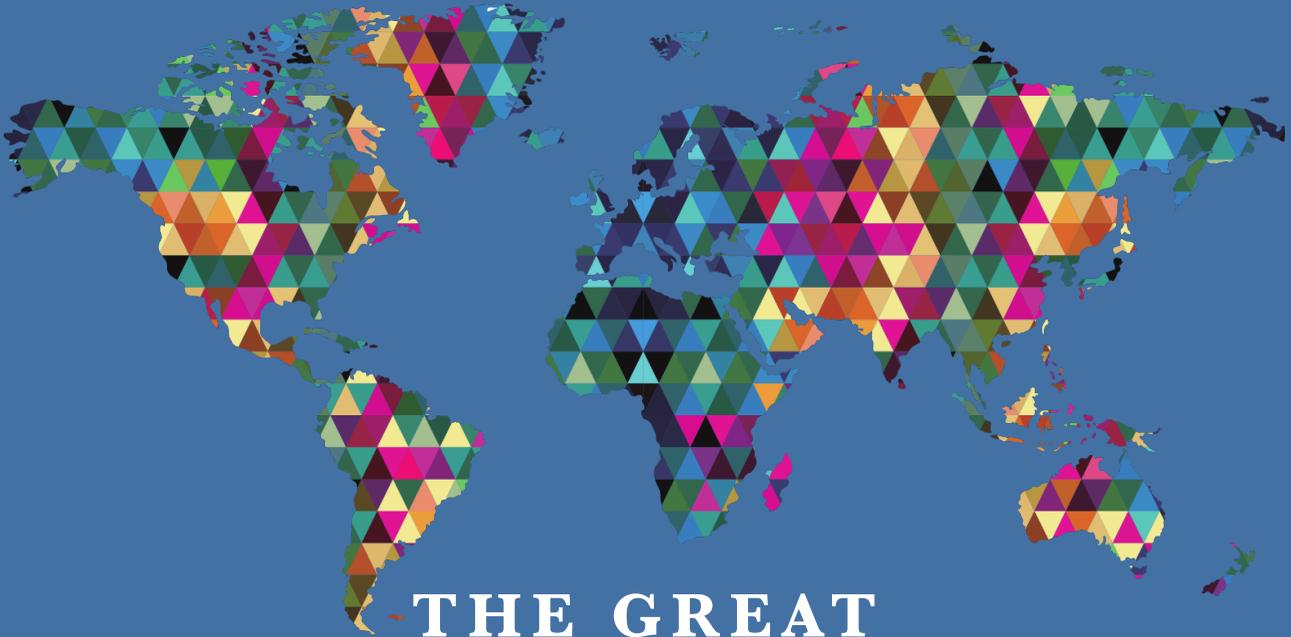


GLORIFYING GOD IN ALL WE SAY AND DO

THE GROVE

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THE GREAT
COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19-20

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!



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EDITOR'S LETTER



Dear Beloved,

This month is a time for us to gather together in prayer. While we are never to forsake our calling as followers of Christ to pray without ceasing, we have intentionally set apart this season to prepare our hearts for the coming celebration of Easter.

Our nation continues to fall deeper into despair as we witness fellow countrymen hurting one another over differences in political opinion. This is why we must never forget Christ's command to pray for our neighbors. We must pray for our brothers and sisters who feel the pressure of society to forsake the God who has redeemed us at the cost of His own blood. Pray for our church as we navigate these storm-tossed waters and seek to lovingly minister to a broken and dying world. My brothers and sisters, pray that lives would come to know Jesus as Lord.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving you as your Minister of Communications and Outreach. I long for the days when we gather to worship together. I love you deeply, in both heart and spirit, and I pray that we continue to labor alongside one another as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission.

Rev. Michael Purcell

Pastor of Communications & Outreach

verse of the month

FEBRUARY

**WE LOVE BECAUSE
HE FIRST LOVED US**

1 JOHN 4:19



2026

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Worship Practice - 6:30PM	4	5	6	7
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How Do You Say, "I LOVE YOU"?

by: Pastor Michael Purcell

If you have ever been in a high school English class, you may have heard the phrase, "The pen is mightier than the sword." This saying reminds us of the power words have. Friendships have begun and ended because of words. People have lost jobs over the things they have said. Even today, the President consistently comes under scrutiny for the words he chooses to use on social media. Words carry weight.

Because of this, it is important for us, as followers of Christ, to understand how we use words to express love to those closest to us.

Gary Chapman, author of *The Five Love Languages*, explains that there are five primary ways people express and receive love: physical touch, words of affirmation, acts of service, gift-giving, and quality time. Each person has a primary way they feel most loved. Chapman notes that words of affirmation are the most common love language. Words have the power either to strengthen a relationship or slowly tear it down.

King Solomon understood the importance of words in expressing love.

Though his life was marked by personal failures, God gifted Solomon with wisdom unmatched in Israel prior to Christ. That wisdom is evident not only in Proverbs, but also in his poetic book on love—the Song of Solomon. In Song of Solomon 1:9–14, Solomon gives us three ways our words can strengthen relationships.

Express How Important She Is to You

One of the most meaningful things I have from my wife is the collection of love letters we wrote to one another. We began dating shortly before the COVID shutdown, and during that time we wrote letters by hand. There is



something powerful about putting love into words on paper.

In this passage, Solomon speaks first, describing the woman he loves using vivid imagery. To modern readers, comparing a woman to Pharaoh's chariot horses may seem strange, but Solomon is not calling her a horse. He is saying she stands above all others. Pharaoh's horses were rare, beautiful, and highly valued. Solomon is expressing that this woman is unmatched in his eyes—she captures everyone's attention.

Husbands, Solomon reminds us that our wives are not merely attractive; they are treasures. Do not let a day go by without communicating how valuable your wife is to you. Your words affirm God's design and remind her that she is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14).

Solomon also emphasizes that gifts only have value because of the person who receives them. Jewelry is not beautiful on its own—it becomes beautiful when worn by the one you love. This is why the wedding day matters. It is a celebration of covenant love, reflecting Christ's pursuit of His bride, the Church.

Husbands, value your wives and tell them so—often. Your words have the power to build her up or tear her down.

Express How Special He Is to You

Next, we hear the woman speak. Her words reveal desire, affection, and intimacy. This dialogue reminds us that love is not one-sided. Healthy relationships require communication from both husband and wife.

She describes her beloved using the imagery of fragrance. Throughout history, scent has been closely connected to attraction and memory. Her words show that she delights in her husband and desires closeness with him. Scripture is not ashamed of this intimacy—it celebrates it.

Wives, this passage encourages you to express your love and desire for your husband. Let him know that he is the man God has given you and that you are thankful for him. This does not make him an idol; it honors God's design. Speak in ways that encourage him to lead you closer to Christ.

Express How Important God Is to You

All Scripture ultimately points us to Christ. The love displayed between husband and wife in this passage reflects the greater love Christ has for His Church.

Just as a husband affirms his wife's beauty, Christ makes His bride beautiful through redemption. Just as a wife delights in her husband, Christ

sets His people apart as His own. One day, the Church will be revealed as the Bride of Christ, redeemed by His blood and brought into His presence forever.

As we conclude, remember this: apart from Christ, we wander through a dry desert seeking satisfaction in mirages that never fulfill. Salvation is finding the oasis—rest, nourishment, and life. Christ assures us of His love, and we respond by declaring our need for Him.

The best way to say, “I love You,” to God is to proclaim it openly with our words and our lives.

Personal Reflection

1. **How have words—either spoken to you or withheld from you—shaped the way you understand love in your closest relationships?**

(Follow-up: How does Scripture challenge or reshape that understanding?)

2. **Which is harder for you: expressing love clearly to your spouse (or loved ones), or receiving love when it is expressed to you? Why do you think that is?**

3. **In what ways does your relationship with Christ model—or fail to model—the kind of love described in Song of Solomon 1:9–14?**

(Follow-up: What is one practical way you can respond this week?)

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.

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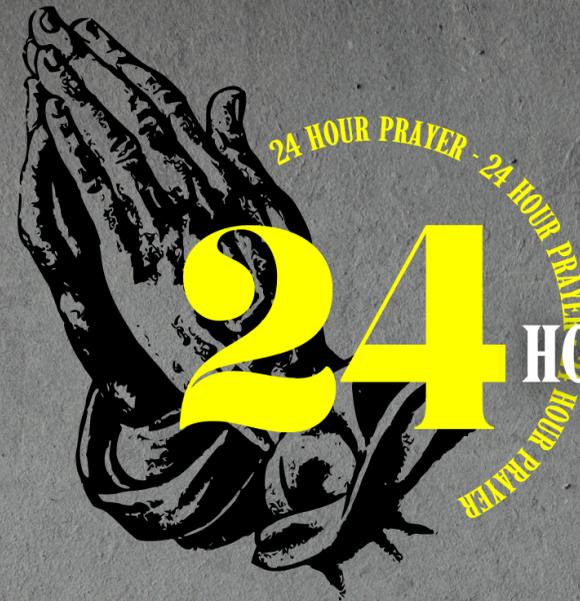
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TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FEB 13TH - 7 TO 11PM

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HOST NIGHT TO SHINE, SPONSORED BY THE TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026! NIGHT TO SHINE IS AN UNFORGETTABLE PROM NIGHT EXPERIENCE, CENTERED ON GOD'S LOVE, FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AGES 14 AND OLDER. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THIS GROWING WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH WHERE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WILL BE CELEBRATED, GIVEN THE ROYAL TREATMENT AND REMINDED OF GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM!



24 HOUR PRAYER-A-THON

SUNDAY 15TH - 6 PM

MONDAY 16TH - 6 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 24-HOUR PRAYER-A-THON THIS FEBRUARY, BEGINNING SUNDAY THE 15TH AT 6:00 PM AND CONCLUDING MONDAY THE 16TH AT 6:00 PM. WE ARE CALLING OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO COME TOGETHER IN CONTINUOUS PRAYER, LIFTING UP OUR CHURCH, OUR NATION, AND THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP FOR A ONE-HOUR TIME SLOT AND BE PRESENT AT THE CHURCH DURING THAT HOUR TO PRAY. THIS IS A POWERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK THE LORD TOGETHER AND STAND FAITHFULLY IN PRAYER FOR THE WORK HE IS DOING AMONG US.

FEB 8TH 2026

BAPTISM *Sunday*

RAISED TO WALK
IN NEW LIFE

40 DAYS of PRAYER and FASTING

Feb. 18 - April 2, 2026

- 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 4:6-7 (LSB)

PRAY FOR

1. REVIVAL	WEEK 1	<u>Favorite Drink</u>
2. F.A.I.T.H. <small>SOUL WINNING</small>	WEEK 2	<u>Sweets</u>
3. EASTER EVENTS	WEEK 3	<u>No Meat</u>
4. AG BoH SCHOOL	WEEK 4	<u>One Meal a Day</u>
5. HARVEST OFFERING	WEEK 5	<u>Fast Until 1:00 PM</u>
	WEEK 6	<u>Fast 2 Meals a Day</u>
	WEEK 7	<u>Fast Sun Up to Sun Down</u>

Fast for an entire day along with each weeks fasting.

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 Pastor Clint Lanford.

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

CONNECT

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





2 WAYS TO GIVE

1 IN PERSON AFTER SERVICE

2 GIVE ONLINE



THE GROVE



KEEP IN TOUCH

TEXT AGBC TO 84576

OR





WELCOME

HOME

SUNDAY'S

@ 8:30 & 11AM