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- 1** - gsYOUTH The Gathering
- 2** - Seasoned Sisters
- 3** - gsMEN's Game Night
- 4** - NIGHT OF WORSHIP
- 5** - gsWOMEN's Night In
- 6** - GROUP SUNDAY

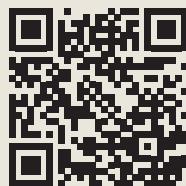
- 7** - Trauma Training
- 8** - gsLIFE Courses Start
- 9** - gsWOMEN's Studies Start
- - Thailand Serve Trip
- 10** - Alternatives Concert
- - gsYOUTH Ice Camp

FEBRUARY						
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- 1** - First Step
- 2** - gsYOUTH The Gathering
- 3** - gsMEN's Breakfast
- 4** - Membership Class
- 5** - Night to Shine
- 6** - Seasoned Sisters

- 7** - Parent's Night Out
- 8** - Ash Wednesday Service
- - Prayer Week
- 9** - In Service Baptism
- 10** - Volunteer Appreciation

Find the full calendar and extra information about these events online!
Head to gracespringchurch.org/events



A Prayer for Alignment

Father,

Give us Your eyes for the world around us. Break our hearts for what breaks Yours, and bring our lives and intentions into alignment with Your heart. Help us show Your love, mercy, and kindness to the people who are closest to Your heart where we live, work, and play.

Jesus, walk with us and lead us in Your way.

Amen.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

To Engage with Acts

READ

The Challenge of Acts
by NT Wright

Acts: Participating Together in God's Mission
by Scot McKnight

LISTEN

To Know and Make Known
by Jeremy Riddle



WATCH

Holy Spirit
by The Bible Project



bibleproject.com/videos/holy-spirit/



Dear gracespringer,

As we begin 2026 together, let me remind us of our engagement into the mission of **helping people take a step closer to Jesus**. Last fall, I encouraged us to really challenge ourselves as it pertains to the giving of our time, talent, and treasure to the work that God wants to do in and through us at gracespring. Each person was challenged to fill out commitment cards, keeping one at home as a mark of remembrance and turning one into the church to be prayed over. Thank you to those who turned them in so that we could pray along with you in your commitment! If you haven't taken part in this, and feel led to do so, you can find a Vision Initiative Commitment Card at The Hub in the lobby at gracespring.

It takes a unified front of participation to become the **growing current** that is to bring life and healing to dry and dead places. So, if you find yourself not yet serving, may you take the next step and commit to meeting a need, as we always have spots to fill. May the Lord stir a momentum that reaches beyond our walls, into our community and into the world, for the glory of Christ Jesus our Lord. In the meantime, I ask that you continue to pray for church leadership as we seek the Lord in providing more long-range clarity in how we sense God leading us into greater intentionality and bold steps of faith!

In His Grip,
Pastor Bryan

THE BOOK OF ACTS

BASE CAMP: EMPOWERED TO BEGIN

We are so excited to jump into the book of Acts for most of 2026. Like many journeys, hikes, and adventures, we'll begin by spending some time at base camp. During this time, we'll look at the provisions we need, prepare ourselves for the journey, and pack up for what lies ahead. In Acts 1-5, the disciples are in a similar position. Jesus ascended and told them to stay and wait for His power to come upon them. This period of preparation would be crucial for the journey before them.

In this season, we'll have the opportunity to focus on His presence, prepare our hearts for His mission, and plan how we might join Him in spreading the Gospel to the world around us—where we live, work, and play. We hope you'll consider joining us for a special worship night on January 14th as we step into this season together.

We hope you'll consider joining us for **A NIGHT OF WORSHIP** on JANUARY 14TH as we engage with Acts this season.



24 HOUR PRAYER WEEK

In 2026, we are excited to kick off our 24-Hour Prayer Week with a Night of Worship on Ash Wednesday (February 18). Our desire for our annual 24-Hour Prayer Week is to engage our entire congregation in a week of non-stop prayer from home, in our Prayer Room—from wherever you are.

We have been asking the Lord over the past few years to make us a *Praying Church*—not just a church that prays. A Praying Church is a local church submitted to the work and guidance of the Holy Spirit. A Praying Church is a church body that experiences life transformation within authentic community. A Praying Church is a group of believers growing to live in a “naturally supernatural” way—which means we want to be approachable to our neighbors and co-workers while also being a *people set apart* for Jesus and His purposes.

Would you consider joining us for an hour (or more) of intentional prayer during our 24-Hour Prayer Week (February 18–24)? Gather your LifeGroup, a few friends, or your family, and let's cry out to the Lord on behalf of those He has placed in our lives where we live, work, and play.

Finally, remember: prayer changes things—and it also changes us. May our hearts and minds be attuned to the will of our Father, our Savior, and our Lord.

Sign up for Prayer Week by visiting the Events page on our website!



We at gsYOUTH would love to invite you to participate in Parent's Night Out. The goal of Parent's Night Out is two-pronged: first, to minister to families by giving parents a chance to enjoy some time together while we care for their kids in a Christ-centered environment; and second, to support our gsYOUTH students as they prepare for their Mission Trips in the summer of 2026.

What can you expect? An evening filled with fun, games, music, and a Gospel presentation as our students partner with gsKIDZ to give the kids a one-night VBS experience!



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SANCTITY OF LIFE

The sanctity of life has been important throughout history in many religious and philosophical belief systems, and is a central tenant of both Judaism and Christianity. Beginning in 1984, Human Life Sanctification Day was issued by presidential proclamation in the United States to bring awareness to abortion. It has since been recognized on the Sunday closest to January 22. This year Sanctity of Human Life Day is January 25, 2026.

We recognize and are amazed that each one of us is made in the image of God, and therefore every human life has intrinsic worth to be treasured and protected. We are so thankful for a Heavenly Father who is compassionate and generous, loving and kind. He promises hope in a world where sometimes only fear and darkness seem present. We are filled with Holy Spirit power to love and demonstrate tender mercy to others (and ourselves) beyond what we think we can do and be as He prepares the way to rescue and restore the lost.

He may call us to be a rescuer or show us we need His rescue. We are made in the Image of God but we are not God. He reminds us of His strength and hope when He says “fear not.” He is trustworthy. He loves each one of us. He is life. And He invites us to be ambassadors of His hope to love, care, and protect the sanctity of life. “You came near when I called on you; you said, ‘Do not fear!’” Lamentations 3: 57 ESV

Alternatives Care Centers is a gracespring partner who offers assistance in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. Their mission is to promote the value of human life by serving the unborn and their families with the love of Jesus Christ.

Alternatives is hosting “A Night of Community Prayer and Worship BENEFIT CONCERT” celebrating the Sanctity of Human Life.

Featuring worship led by a multi-church worship team and Christian artist Mark Schultz, the concert will be held at gracespring on January 29th. Doors open at 6:00PM, and the event will begin at 6:30PM.

Learn more here!
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