



# VISION

FORWARD



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## WELCOME TO 2025

A year of bold steps, deep faith, and unified purpose as we embark on one of the most significant initiatives in the life of The Glade Church. This season is centered on our collective mission to align with God's vision to deepen intentional discipleship, amplify the gospel's impact, develop leadership, and build for the future, both spiritually and physically. Together, we are stepping into a pivotal moment in the life of our church, trusting God to move in ways we've never seen before.

In **Acts 12:24**, we're reminded that "the word of God spread and multiplied." The early church was marked by a powerful multiplication of the Word as lives were transformed, disciples were made, and leaders were sent out. That same calling rests on us today. God has given us a vision to not only receive His Word but to multiply it—spreading its transformative power in our families, our community, and beyond.

**This booklet is your guide this month, January 2025, as we focus on prayer, fasting, and action to prepare our hearts and minds for what lies ahead.**

Our sermon series, 21-day prayer and fasting focus, and group Bible studies are all designed to work together to help us live out this vision. Each element is an opportunity to grow personally while joining with others to move the mission forward.

As you participate, you'll engage in:

- **Amplifying Gospel Impact:** Actively sharing the good news of Jesus, fulfilling the Great Commission, and bringing hope to those who need it most.
- **Accelerating Intentional Discipleship:** Building deeper, intentional relationships that lead to spiritual growth and the multiplication of disciples.
- **Activating Leadership Development:** Raising up and equipping leaders to expand the church's influence and effectiveness for Kingdom work.
- **Advancing Campus Development:** Preparing for long-term mission and vision, both spiritually and physically, to reach future generations.

This journey is not just about individual growth; it's about our collective impact as a church united under one vision. Together, we are building something that will echo for generations—a church that multiplies the Word of God and carries His message deep into Wilson County and beyond.

Let this season be a time where we lean into God's promises, seek His guidance, and trust His plan for our future. I invite you to fully engage in this vision, knowing that your prayers, participation, and faith will bear fruit for His Kingdom. Together, let's take the next step forward and watch as God multiplies the Word in and through us. Let's move forward in faith—together.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## **FASTING: ENCOURAGEMENT**

As we begin this 21-day journey of prayer, we want to encourage you to consider the spiritual discipline of fasting. Throughout Scripture, fasting is a powerful way to draw near to God, align our hearts with His purposes, and seek His guidance with clarity and humility. It is a tangible expression of our dependence on Him and a way to heighten our awareness of His presence.

Fasting is more than simply abstaining from food—it is an intentional time to fix our eyes on God. By setting aside physical nourishment or distractions, we create space to deepen our relationship with Him. It is a time to seek His will for our lives and our church and to pray for His transforming power to work in us and through us.

During this 21-day prayer focus, fasting can serve as a reminder of our commitment to God's vision for The Glade Church. Whether fasting from food, specific types of food, or distractions such as media, the goal is to create room for God to move in a deeper way.

The length and type of your fast can be tailored to your personal circumstances:

- Some may fast a single meal, a day each week, or abstain from certain foods or drinks for the full 21 days.
- Others may choose non-food fasts, such as giving up social media or other activities that compete for their attention.

Consistency—such as fasting on the same day each week—can help create a rhythm and unite us as a church body in this discipline. The key is to approach your fast with humility and prayer, trusting that God will honor your desire to seek Him.

## **FASTING: WORD OF CAUTION**

If you have medical conditions or dietary restrictions, please consult your doctor before beginning a fast. Fasting should never harm your body. If a traditional fast is not possible, consider other ways to abstain and focus your heart, such as fasting from entertainment, screens, or non-essential activities.

Fasting has deep roots in Scripture. Consider reading the following passages to learn more:

- Jesus fasted for 40 days before beginning His ministry (Matthew 4:1-11).
- Daniel fasted for understanding and God's guidance (Daniel 10:2-3).
- The early church fasted when seeking direction and commissioning leaders (Acts 13:2-3).

**Fasting is not about earning God's favor but about creating space for God to work in our hearts and align us with His will.**

As we fast during these 21 days, we are seeking:

- Clarity for God's vision for The Glade Church through 2030.
- Unity as we amplify gospel impact, multiply disciples, and embrace servant leadership.
- Dependence on God to guide and provide for every step of the mission.

Whether your fast is short or long, simple or sacrificial, the most important thing is to approach this time with expectation and humility. Let your hunger remind you of your deeper hunger for God's presence. Let your prayers reflect a longing to see His kingdom come and His will be done in Wilson County and beyond.

As we journey through this season of prayer and fasting, let us encourage one another to remain steadfast. Together, we are laying the foundation for what God wants to accomplish through The Glade Church. Let us trust Him to lead us, provide for us, and transform us for His glory.

Will you pray for all that God will do in and through us during this season? May this time of prayer and fasting draw us closer to Him and prepare us for the mission ahead.





## **Week 1: Prayer Focus**

This week, we set the stage by focusing on the vision God has given The Glade Church for the coming years. Through prayer and fasting, we ask God to equip and empower us for **deeper spiritual transformation** in greater Wilson County. Our prayers will center on multiplying disciples, calling and sending laborers, and planting churches to reach the lost. Together, we seek God's guidance as we commit to being a church that boldly steps into His mission, laying a foundation for lasting kingdom impact through 2030.

# Day 1: Monday, January 6

## A Heart for Transformation

### Scripture

Romans 12:2 *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

### Theme

Praying for deeper and wider spiritual transformation in Wilson County as a key part of the church's vision.

### Journal Prompt

Question: In what areas of my life do I need God's transformative power?

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Question: How can I contribute to the spiritual transformation of my community?

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### Prayer Prompt

*Lord, renew my mind and my heart today. Help me to live in a way that reflects Your will and brings transformation to Wilson County. Guide our church to be a beacon of Your transformative power.*

## Day 2: Tuesday, January 7

### Empowering Disciples

#### Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-13 *"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

#### Theme

Asking God to equip and empower disciples for His work through the church.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: How has God equipped me to serve in His church?

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Question: Who can I disciple or encourage in their spiritual journey?

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#### Prayer Prompt

*Father, equip me and others in our church to be Your hands and feet. May we build up one another and boldly live out our calling to share Your love and truth.*

## Day 3: Wednesday, January 8

### Multiplying the Called

#### Scripture

Matthew 9:37-38 *"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"*

#### Theme

Praying for more laborers to be called and sent out to reach the lost in the community.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: Who in my life needs to hear the gospel?

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Question: Am I open to God's calling to be a laborer in His harvest?

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#### Prayer Prompt

*Lord of the harvest, raise up laborers from our church to go out and share the good news of Jesus. Use me as part of Your mission to reach the lost.*

## Day 4: Thursday, January 9

### Reaching the Lost

#### Scripture

Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

#### Theme

Focusing on the mission of seeking and saving the lost as the church expands its reach.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: Who in my life needs to encounter the saving power of Jesus?

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Question: How can I intentionally build relationships with those who are far from God?

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#### Prayer Prompt

*Jesus, thank You for seeking and saving me. Help our church to reflect Your mission by reaching those who are lost and leading them to You.*

## Day 5: Friday, January 10

### Trusting God's Vision

#### Scripture

Proverbs 29:18 *"Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."*

#### Theme

Seeking God's guidance and clarity as the church moves toward the 2030 vision.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: What vision has God placed on my heart for the church or my own ministry?

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Question: How can I align my daily choices with God's vision?

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#### Prayer Prompt

*Lord, give us clarity and wisdom to follow Your vision for our church. Help us to walk in obedience as we seek to fulfill the mission You have set before us.*

## Day 6: Saturday, January 11

### Surrendering to God's Plan

#### Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

#### Theme

Trusting that God's plan will prosper the church and give hope and a future in Wilson County.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: What does surrendering to God's plan look like in my life today?

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Question: How can I trust Him more deeply with the future?

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#### Prayer Prompt

*Father, I surrender my plans and dreams to You. I trust in Your good and perfect plan for me, for our church, and for Wilson County.*

## Day 7: Sunday, January 12

### Walking by Faith

#### Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:7 *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."*

#### Theme

Praying for bold steps of faith as the church continues to grow in alignment with God's vision.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: Where in my life am I being called to take bold steps of faith?

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Question: How can I encourage others to trust God's plans and promises?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, help me to trust You even when I can't see the way forward. Strengthen our church to walk boldly by faith, trusting in Your provision and promises.*





## Week 2: Prayer Focus

This week, our prayers focus on the strategic priorities that will shape the future of The Glade Church. We seek God's guidance to **amplify gospel impact** both locally and globally, **accelerate intentional discipleship** to deepen faith within our church family, **activate leadership growth** by raising up and empowering servant leaders, and **advance campus development** to expand our ability to reach and serve the community. Through prayer and fasting, we invite God to lead us as we align with His vision and take bold steps to strengthen our ministry and mission. Let's come together as a church to seek His will for these critical areas of focus.

## Day 8: Monday, January 13

### Amplifying Gospel Impact

#### Scripture

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

#### Theme

Praying for the Holy Spirit to empower the church to increase its gospel impact locally and globally.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I allow the Holy Spirit to work through me to share the gospel?

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Question: Where is God calling me to have a greater impact for His kingdom?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Holy Spirit, fill our church with Your power and boldness. Guide us to expand our reach, both in Wilson County and across the world, to share the life-transforming message of the gospel.*

## Day 9: Tuesday, January 14

### Spreading the Word Boldly

#### Scripture

2 Timothy 1:7-8 *"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord."*

#### Theme

Asking for courage and boldness to amplify the message of Christ in all church efforts

#### Journal Prompt

Question: In what ways can I share Christ's message more boldly?

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Question: What fears or barriers do I need to surrender to God?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, give me the courage to proclaim Your truth without fear. Empower our church to boldly share the gospel in all we do, showing love and self-control as we point others to You.*

# Day 10: Wednesday, January 15

## Accelerating Intentional Discipleship

### Scripture

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*

### Theme

Praying for intentional and strategic discipleship pathways to form and flourish within the church.

### Journal Prompt

Question: Who has God placed in my life to disciple or mentor?

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Question: In what areas of my life do I need to grow in knowledge and discernment?

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### Prayer Prompt:

*Father, help our church to be intentional in making disciples who grow in their faith and share it with others. Guide us to create pathways that deepen faith and multiply followers of Jesus.*

# Day 11: Thursday, January 16

## Growing in Christlikeness

### Scripture

Philippians 1:9-11 *"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ."*

### Theme

Praying for the church to abound in love, knowledge, and discernment, growing as intentional disciples.

### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I reflect Christ's love in my relationships today?

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Question: In what areas of my life do I need to grow in knowledge and discernment?

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### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, may Your love overflow in me and in our church. Help us grow in wisdom and discernment so we reflect Your purity and righteousness to the world.*

## Day 12: Friday, January 17

### Activating Leadership Growth

#### Scripture

1 Timothy 3:1-7 *"If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task."*

#### Theme

Lifting up current and future church leaders, asking for their growth and empowerment.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I pray for and support the leaders in my church?

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Question: Has God placed a leadership calling on my life?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Father, I pray for the leaders in our church. Strengthen them, give them wisdom, and guide them as they serve. Raise up others who will lead with humility and faithfulness to Your Word.*

## Day 13: Saturday, January 18

### Raising Up New Leaders

#### Scripture

Titus 1:5 *"This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you."*

#### Theme

Praying for new leaders to be raised up who will carry forward the church's mission.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: Who in my life can I encourage to step into leadership?

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Question: How can I support the development of future leaders in our church?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, raise up new leaders in our church who will carry forward Your mission with integrity and passion. Help me to encourage and support those who are called to lead..*



## Day 14: Sunday, January 19

### Advancing Our Presence

#### Scripture

Isaiah 54:2-3 *"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes."*

#### Theme

Praying for the physical and spiritual development of the church campus as it expands to reach more people.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I personally contribute to the church's vision for growth and development?

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Question: What spiritual growth do I need to focus on in my own life?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*God, we ask for Your blessing on the physical and spiritual growth of our church. Expand our reach, deepen our faith, and use our campus to draw more people to You.*

**SERMON: Sunday, January 19, 2025**  
**Activating Leadership Growth**

Ephesians 4:11-13

*And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.*

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**Call to Action:** Discover and engage with a leadership role within the church that aligns with your gifts and passions, whether big or small.

## Week 3: Prayer Focus

This week, we focus on what God is calling The Glade Church to accomplish in the next year. Together, we will seek His guidance to **deepen our faith**, **expand servant leadership**, and **boldly share the gospel**. Through prayer and fasting, we will reflect on how each of us can grow spiritually and step into greater leadership, while also multiplying disciples and embracing the mission field around us. This is a pivotal time to align our hearts with God's vision as we move forward in faith and obedience to His calling for our church. Let's unite in prayer to make 2025 a year of transformation and impact.

# Day 15: Monday, January 20

## Deepening Personal Faith

### Scripture

Colossians 2:6-7 *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*

### Theme

Praying for each member of the church to deepen their personal relationship with Christ in the next year.

### Journal Prompt

Question: What steps can I take to grow deeper in my faith this year?

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Question: How can I cultivate a heart of gratitude for God's work in my life?

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### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, root me and others in our church deeper in Christ. Help us to grow in faith, remain steadfast in truth, and overflow with thanksgiving for all You've done.*

# Day 16: Tuesday, January 21

## Growing in Servant Leadership

### Scripture

Mark 10:43-45 *"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

### Theme

Asking God to shape the hearts of church members to reflect Jesus' example of servant leadership.

### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I reflect Jesus' servant heart in my daily life?

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Question: Who can I serve in love and humility this week?

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### Prayer Prompt:

*Jesus, thank You for showing us the ultimate example of servant leadership. Shape our hearts to serve others with humility, compassion, and selflessness.*

## Day 17: Wednesday, January 22

### Sharing the Gospel Boldly

#### Scripture

Romans 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."*

#### Theme

Praying for opportunities and courage to share the gospel with neighbors and coworkers

#### Journal Prompt

Question: Who in my life needs to hear the gospel, and how can I reach out to them?

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Question: What holds me back from sharing the good news with boldness?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, fill me with courage to boldly proclaim Your gospel. Open doors for me and our church to share Your love with those who need to know You.*

# Day 18: Thursday, January 23

## Embracing the Mission Field

### Scripture

Matthew 5:14-16 *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

### Theme

Encouraging the church to be a light in the community, impacting the local mission field.

### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I shine Christ's light in my community?

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Question: What specific actions can I take to be a witness for Him this week?

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### Prayer Prompt:

*Father, help me and our church to embrace the mission field around us. May our lives shine brightly, pointing others to You and glorifying Your name.*

## Day 19: Friday, January 24

### Walking in Obedience

#### Scripture

John 14:15 *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."*

#### Theme

Praying for an obedient heart in every member as they follow Jesus' call this year.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: What area of my life needs greater obedience to Jesus?

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Question: How can I show my love for Him through my actions this week?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, give me an obedient heart that reflects my love for You. Help our church to walk faithfully in Your ways and honor You in all we do.*



## Day 20: Saturday, January 25

### Multiplying Disciples

#### Scripture

2 Timothy 2:2 *"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."*

#### Theme

Lifting up efforts to multiply disciples and make a lasting impact on others.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: Who has God placed in my life to disciple?

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Question: How can I entrust what I've learned to others who will continue the mission?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Lord, guide me to invest in others and multiply disciples who will teach and live out Your Word. Help our church make a lasting impact for Your kingdom.*

## Day 21: Sunday, January 26

### Fulfilling God's Vision

#### Scripture

Habakkuk 2:2-3 *"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie."*

#### Theme

Praying for perseverance and faithfulness as the church continues to fulfill God's vision for the future.

#### Journal Prompt

Question: How can I stay faithful to God's vision in my own life?

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Question: In what ways can I support the church's vision and mission?

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#### Prayer Prompt:

*Father, thank You for the vision You've given us. Help me and our church to persevere with faithfulness and trust in Your timing as we work to fulfill Your*

**SERMON: Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**Building for the Future and Multiplying the Word**

Nehemiah 2:17-20

*So I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned. Come, let's rebuild Jerusalem's wall, so that we will no longer be a disgrace." I told them how the gracious hand of my God had been on me and what the king had said to me. They said, "Let's start rebuilding," and their hands were strengthened to do this good work. When Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard about this, they mocked and despised us and said, "What is this you're doing? Are you rebelling against the king?" I gave them this reply, "The God of the heavens is the one who will grant us success. We, his servants, will start building, but you have no share, right, or historic claim in Jerusalem."*

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**Call to Action:** Commit to supporting the church's physical and spiritual development, praying over specific needs, and considering ways to serve or contribute to the campus vision.



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