

Living Gospel Church

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2026 Focus: My Portion Forever

Toward the end of every year I begin to seek the Lord for direction on where He wants to lead us in the coming year, and I get so excited with every stepping stone He places in front of us. I have come to know and trust His plans are good and the Word He sends forth will always accomplish the purpose for which He intends it. So let's not strive for perfection; let's simply receive the growth He desires for each of us this year and know that is enough.

No matter how long you have been walking with the Lord, there is always much He will reveal as we seek to know Him more. That is the beautiful mystery of His Word that is alive and active; the same Word spoken across the Body, can have a different revelation to each heart that receives it. The truth is the same, but our level of understanding, connecting and applying it can vary greatly depending on what we are ready for.

I have so enjoyed hearing your many testimonies of God at work in your lives as you step out in faith, apply His Word over your circumstances, and trust in His sovereignty. There is nothing that will build our faith more, than to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness, and speak of it to others. Let's continue to share our testimonies all the more as we enter a new year; they are truly life-giving to each of us!

Where is God leading us from here?

I believe He is calling us to come to greater understanding and contentment that He, above all else we can attain in this world, is our portion. He is our highest good to chase after and enjoy fully. It is one thing to talk about this on some surface level; it is quite another to have this as our guiding truth. For when we truly come to know this, we become unshakeable, we experience His joy more fully, and we serve with greater boldness

because we know we will always have our greatest treasure no matter the outcome. We don't fear our tomorrows because we know God is our portion now and forever. I pray you are excited to take this journey with me as we look to His Word and explore those who discovered God as their portion forever. You might be surprised at what is revealed and how similar our journeys are with those we study. Let us come to know this truth with fresh understanding and joy. Let us eagerly come to explore God as our portion forever.

Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

With much anticipation to see the goodness of God on display in our lives, *Pastor Karrie*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
Lamentations 3:22–24 (ESV)



Seek the Lord with all Your Heart!

Psalm 105: 2-4 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 4 Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

As children of God we are called to seek Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and as we do, we will surely find Him.

God knows how easily our confidence can be shaken, how quickly our faith fades and how consumed we can be with our ever changing circumstances. This is why we are called to seek the Lord always, to renew the courage and strength we have that comes from Him; to build our faith in Him and to keep our eyes fixed on eternal things over temporal things.

God delights in pouring out His blessings upon us and revealing hidden mysteries the world will not see or understand, as we seek to know Him. He created us to be vessels that He fills with Himself.

He created us to be one with Him, through His Spirit.

In order to receive the fullness that He desires to give us, we must seek the Lord with all our heart. We must open our hearts to receive His love and offer our love back to Him. We practice trusting Him beyond what we can see or understand. We choose daily to make Him first in our lives.

January Birthdays

Bob Breneman	January 1
Abra Denman	January 4
Bob Adams	January 7
Karrie Landsverk	January 11
Kassadie Sugden	January 22
Shari Kleist	January 25
Brigitte Buchmeier	January 27

January Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

January 18th - Board Meeting following service.

January 21st- 9am Ladies Prayer Group Meets @ Church

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