

Gospel Light Family Meeting **(12/8/24)**

Meeting began at 11:45 am

Church Covenant Reading

Prayer (James Gomez)

2024 In Review: Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Ministry Updates

Outreach (Jared Jenkins)

- 30,000 door hangers were given out in our community!
- Easter (team effort with many folks coming over from Gospel Grace)
- Plant Camp (about 200 high school and college students came to serve)
- Church in the Park
- Kids Carnival
- VBS

Youth Group

- 5 teens from GLC
- Many teens from the Burmese church have joined us and a few from the Pakistani church
- Currently going through Ephesians- "Alive in Christ"
- Leaders: Jared Jenkins, Silvas, and Sandersons
- Keep praying for teens and their salvation
- Reminder that youth group welcomes any teens 12-18 years

Community Groups (Dave Kush)

- “Caring for One Another” book study this summer
- 4 community groups launched this fall!
- Blessings of community groups:
 - Broken people move towards one another
 - People are praying for and caring for one another (physical and spiritual needs are being met)
 - Gospel-centered, grace-saturated community
 - Ephesians 4:16
- 65% of our members are currently involved in community groups
- Groups are focusing on adopting older folks who are not able to make it on Wednesday nights
- Conflicts naturally happen which give us the opportunity to grow in grace alongside one another
- Keep our community groups in prayer!

Children’s Ministry (Ashley Smith and Ben Henderson)

- Check-in system was implemented for security
- VBS decor and donations from/to other churches
- Volunteers have been caring for each other and stepping in to fill holes
- New online curriculum will be launching next year-The Gospel Project
- Upcoming kids ministry training day on January 4th, 2025
- Praise for Ashley Smith for stewarding kids ministry well and now taking a step back in the upcoming season

Women’s Ministry (Jana Kush)

- Had two ladies events
 - February (Colossians 3:16)
 - March (Amanda’s testimony/1 Peter)

- Baby shower for Lillian Gomez in October
- Other ways women have come together this year:
 - Decorated the church for various events
 - Church work day
 - Served together at VBS
 - Served in Sunday School and Nursery
 - Hospitality ministry
 - Community Groups
 - Meal trains
 - Book studies

Men's Ministry (Phil Shiver)

- Events from this year
 - Cornhole tournament
 - Cowboy's Rest retreat
 - Men's breakfast
- Strengthened spiritual bonds
- Meditated on the Word and prayed together
- Hope to build on this foundation in 2025

Special Projects and Church Life (Jame Gomez)

- God uses people to accomplish His will!
- Parking lot update
 - We have the funding but not the final cost yet
 - Construction planned for early Spring
 - Patrick Morales has been working on this
- Nursery renovation-Thankful for the Reeds and their hard work to make this happen!
- Combined multicultural service in October was a blessing to all the churches involved
- We had a baptism service in November
- Upcoming membership class coming soon

- Picnics
- Gospel Light Team Growth
 - Jared Jenkins as an administrative assistant
 - Dave Kush's ordination as a pastor in May

2024 Financial Report (Will Sutton)

- FSBCSLC.org
- Consult printed report for more details
- 92.62% portion of the year has passed
- Categories
 - Missions (more than a quarter of our budget)
 - Personnel
 - Programs (ministries)
 - Support
 - Facilities (shared among 4 churches)
- Renovations and big projects are separate from normal budget
- The church has a checkings, savings, and stock account (3 accounts)
 - Stock gets immediately sold and invested in a money market account
- Estimated year end giving total \$273, 142
- Ways to give:
 - Cash (in envelope) in boxes at the back of the sanctuary
 - Check
 - Zelle banking app
 - Church Center app
- Encourage not to put giving on "automatic" setting but to use giving as an intentional opportunity to worship
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering

Prayer (Dave Kush)

~Brief Intermission~

2025 in View: Anticipating God's Work!

Membership Review (Luke Bylsma)

- We currently have 87 members!
- Removal from membership (after much pursuit)
 - Dan and Paula Banks
 - Allison Mccune
 - Carrie Nay
- Motion to remove these individuals from membership
 - Affirmed by Amanda Higgins and Zach Reed

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2025 Proposed Budget (Luke Bylsma)

- Consult printed report for more details
- **Missions (17.81% of budget)**
 - UISBC/SBC Cooperative Program
 - SLBA-37 churches who have come together to support each other
 - Concern Center
 - NAMB
 - Jail Chaplain
 - Evangelism & Outreach
 - Church in the Park
 - Plant Camp
 - Informing (door hangers etc.)
 - New outreach initiatives
 - Benevolence
 - GLC mission trips
 - Funds to train up future leaders

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- Future church planting missionary
- Pass-Through Mission Giving
 - Utah/Idaho state mission offering
 - NAMB Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 - IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 - Global Hunger Relief
- **Personnel Salaries**
 - Luke Bylsma's salary
 - 10% from GLC
 - 90% from other supporting churches and NAMB
 - Ideal tiered plan is for GLC to take on more each year
 - Goal for 2025 is 50% support
 - Jared's salary
 - Lay pastor salary (Dave Kush)
 - Some funds will be freed up as a result of James Gomez retiring
- **Programs**
 - West Side Theology (summer ministry)
 - Conferences
 - To keep growing as a pastor and keep getting equipped
 - New Mexico preaching workshop
 - Model from 1 Timothy 4:15 "Let the people see there has been progress"
- **Facilities**
 - The church owns the house next door (Miguel Robies has lived there for 18 years in exchange for maintenance and janitorial services) but he will be moving in 2025
 - Janitorial services and costs will change
- **Giving Statistics**
 - 55 households represented in membership
 - 43 households currently give

- 12 households do not currently give
- 5 households give 40% of the budget
- Grace-giving is part of being part of the church!

2025 Proposed Budget (Will Sutton)

- Hope to increase funding for Luke Bylsma and Jared Jenkins
- 15% increase in insurance costs
- Two planned renovations/repairs
- Total proposed budget for 2025 is \$275,788 (Estimated offering for 2024 is \$273, 142)

Nominated Officers and Budget (On Ballot)

- Aashish Tsundururu (Deacon)
- Patrick Morales (Trustee)
- Claire Sanderson (Clerk)
- 2025 Budget
 - Voted via ballots
 - All were approved

Gospel Light Rhythms

- **Pathway of discipleship at Gospel Light**
 - Gather in worship, grow in community, learn in studies, serve on teams, and live on mission
 - “We exist as a church to glorify God by making gospel-centered, grace-saturated disciples of Jesus Christ”
- **Gather in Worship** (tentative upcoming sermon series)
 - Genesis 1-11
 - Discipleship Rhythms
 - Psalms
 - Philippians
- **Grow in Community**
 - Community Groups

- Prayer and praise night on January 8th
- Small Bible studies
- West Side Theology
- Bible reading plan for 2025
- **Learn in Studies**
 - New Sunday School curriculum for kids (The Gospel Project)
 - Adult classes
 - Bible overview track
 - Life at Gospel Light
 - Theology and History track
 - Missions track
 - Counseling track
 - Christian Living track
- **Serve on Teams**
 - Serve to use the gifts that God has given you
 - Encouragement to find one main area of service + one area that you serve in occasionally
- **Live on Mission**
 - Home
 - Neighborhood
 - Work
 - Advent
 - Easter
 - Rose Park Festival
 - Plant Camp
 - Church in the Park
 - VBS
 - Soccer Camp

Why are we here?

- “We exist as a church to glorify God by making gospel-centered, grace-saturated disciples of Jesus Christ”
- Spread the light of the Gospel to Rose Park (Revelation 1:20 lampstands)

Closing Prayer (Luke Bylsma)

Meeting ended at 1:18

Minutes taken by Claire Sanderson