

WELCOME TO OUR

# Comfort Food for the Soul

*We're so glad you're here!*

## Monthly Devotional February 2026

“New Mercies for a New Year”

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 27:14 (ESV)**

**“Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”**

February often feels like a season of waiting. The excitement of Christmas has passed, the new year routines have settled in, and spring still seems far away. In God’s kindness, waiting is not wasted time. Scripture reminds us that waiting is an active posture of trust—one that strengthens the heart and anchors the soul.

David’s call to “wait for the LORD” is not passive resignation but courageous dependence. To wait is to keep showing up in prayer, to remain faithful in obedience, and to trust that God is at work even when we cannot yet see the outcome. The Lord often does His deepest shaping in seasons that feel quiet and slow.

For us at Grace Baptist Church, this season of waiting speaks directly to our shared life and mission. As we seek to follow Christ faithfully in our homes, our community, and our church, we may long to see immediate fruit—growth, clarity, renewal, or direction. Psalm 27 reminds us that God strengthens His people not only through visible progress, but through patient trust. Waiting together forms humility, deepens prayer, and binds us together in dependence upon the Lord.

As a church family, February invites us to examine where we may be tempted to rush ahead of God, or where we have grown weary in trusting His timing. Courage grows in the soil of waiting faith. God does not abandon Grace Baptist Church in seasons that feel quiet or uncertain. He is present, He is working, and He will lead His people forward according to His perfect will.

May this month be marked among us by renewed strength, patient faith, and confident hope that the Lord’s timing is always good.

#### Prayer:

*Gracious Father,*

*We confess that waiting does not come easily to us. As individuals and as a church family, we grow anxious when answers delay and weary when progress seems slow. Yet You remind us that You are never late and never absent. Teach us to wait for You with courage and trust. Strengthen our hearts when faith feels thin. Unite us as Grace Baptist Church in prayer, obedience, and hope. Help us to believe that even now You are working for Your glory and our good. We place our time, our plans, and our future in Your hands.*

*Amen.*

### January 2026 Memory Verses

#### Week 1 [Romans 10:17](#)

**(ESV) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

**(KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

**(NLT) So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.**

**A Prayer:** Shaped by the Word

Faithful God, You have told us that faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. We thank You that our faith does not rest on feelings, trends, or human wisdom, but on Your living and active Word. Forgive us for the times we neglect it, rush past it, or listen half-heartedly.

Give us ears that are attentive and hearts that are ready. As Your Word is read, preached, taught, and shared, let faith rise among us. Shape our thinking, steady our confidence, and anchor our hope in Christ alone. May Your Word strengthen the weary, correct the wandering, comfort the hurting, and call the lost to salvation.

As a church family, help us to be a people who listen well—who hunger for Scripture, submit to its truth, and live it out faithfully. Let the word of Christ dwell richly among us, producing obedience, unity, and bold witness. We trust that You will use what we hear to deepen our faith and glorify Your Son.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### Week 2 [Proverbs 15:1](#)

**(ESV) A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger .**

**(KJV) A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.**

**(NLT) A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.**

**A Prayer:** Words that heal

Gracious Father, You teach us that a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. We confess that our words are often spoken too quickly and too sharply. Forgive us for the times we have allowed pride, frustration, or impatience to guide our speech rather than Your wisdom.

Give us gentle hearts and guarded tongues. Help us to pause before we speak, to listen before we respond, and to choose words that bring peace instead of conflict. When tensions rise in our homes, our workplaces, our church, or our community, shape our responses so they reflect the humility and grace of Christ.

Teach us to speak truth with love, correction with kindness, and conviction with compassion. May our words calm troubled hearts, restore broken relationships, and point others to Your peace. Let our speech be seasoned with grace, so that even in disagreement we honor You.

We place our mouths and our motives under Your care, trusting that You will use gentle words to display Your wisdom and glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### Week 3 [Proverbs 30:5](#)

**(ESV) Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.**

**(KJV) Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.**

**(NLT) Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to him for protection.**

**A Prayer:** Trusting Every True Word

Faithful God, You tell us that every word of Yours proves true, and that You are a shield to those who take refuge in You. We praise You because Your Word is pure, tested, and completely trustworthy. In a world filled with uncertain voices and shifting truths, You alone speak without error or deception.

Teach us to rely fully on what You have spoken. When doubts arise, anchor us in Your promises. When fear presses in, remind us that You are our shield and defender. Help us not to add to Your Word or question its sufficiency, but to receive it humbly and obey it faithfully.

As individuals and as a church family, deepen our confidence in Scripture. Let Your proven Word guide our decisions, shape our convictions, and guard our hearts. May we find refuge not in our own understanding, but in the truth You have revealed.

We trust You because You are faithful, and we rest under the protection You provide through Your sure and steadfast Word. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

#### Week 4 [John 13:34](#)

**(ESV) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.**

**(KJV) A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**

**(NLT) So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other .**

**A Prayer:** Loving as Christ Loved Us

Gracious Father, You have given us a new commandment—that we love one another just as Christ has loved us. Thank You for a love that is not shallow or conditional, but sacrificial, patient, and faithful. Forgive us for the times we love with limits, choose comfort over compassion, or withdraw when love becomes costly.

Teach us what this love looks like where You have placed us—here in Quinlan, Texas. Help us to love our neighbors not in word only, but in action and truth. May Christlike love be seen in our conversations at the grocery store, in our schools, on job sites, in our neighborhoods, and within our church family. Let our love be steady when relationships are strained, generous when needs arise, and gracious when opinions differ.

Shape Grace Baptist Church into a visible testimony of Your love—a people who forgive quickly, serve willingly, and care deeply. May the love we show one another point our community to Jesus, so that others may know we are His disciples.

We ask that Your Spirit would fill us with this kind of love—one that reflects Christ, honors You, and draws others to the hope we have in Him. In Jesus’ name, Amen.