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Monthly Devotional May 2026

“New Mercies for a New Year”

SCRIPTURE READING

“A Life Faithfully Lived”

Scripture

“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” — Matthew 25:23 (ESV)

Faithfulness is often seen most clearly not in moments of recognition, but in the quiet consistency of a life devoted to the Lord. Scripture reminds us that God values not merely visible success, but steadfast obedience. A faithful servant is one who walks with God daily, serves willingly, and trusts Him fully—whether seen or unseen.

As Grace Baptist Church, we thank the Lord for examples of that kind of faithfulness among us. This season, we rejoice in His work in the life of Deisy Arreola as she graduates from Criswell College. This accomplishment is not simply academic—it reflects a deeper commitment to grow in the knowledge of God’s Word and to serve Him more faithfully.

Deisy has already demonstrated what Scripture commends. Through her service, her humility, and her devotion to Christ, she has been a blessing to our church family. Her life reminds us that preparation and service go hand in hand. The Lord shapes His servants not only through study, but through daily faithfulness in the life of the church.

Her graduation is a moment of celebration, but it is also a testimony. It points us to the God who equips His people for every good work. As Paul writes, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6, ESV). What God has begun in her life, He will continue to sustain and use for His glory.

For all of us, this is both encouragement and invitation. Faithfulness is not reserved for a few—it is the calling of every believer. Whether in seasons of learning, serving, or leading, the Lord calls us to be steady, humble, and devoted.

As a church family, we give thanks for Deisy and pray that the Lord will continue to guide her steps, deepen her faith, and use her life for His purposes.

Prayer

Gracious Father,
We thank You for Your faithfulness in the lives of Your people. We praise You for the work You have done in Deisy Arreola and for bringing her to this moment of graduation. We ask that You would continue to guide her, strengthen her, and use her for Your glory. Help Grace Baptist Church to be a people marked by faithful service and steady devotion. Teach us to walk humbly with You and to serve wherever You place us. May our lives reflect the joy of belonging to You.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

May 2026 Memory Verses

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Week 1 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 (ESV)

18. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Prayer:

Lord God, We thank You for the message of the cross. Though the world may see it as foolishness, we know it is the very power of God for our salvation. Keep us from ever growing casual about what Christ has done.

Humble our hearts so that we would not trust in our own wisdom, but in Your saving truth. Help us to cherish the cross, to proclaim it boldly, and to live in light of its power each day.

Let Grace Baptist Church be a people who hold fast to the gospel, finding our hope, our identity, and our strength in Jesus Christ crucified.

In His name we pray, Amen.

Week 2 John 1:1-2 (ESV)

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. He was in the beginning with God.

Prayer

Lord God, We worship You as the eternal Word—present in the beginning, with God, and truly God. Before all things, You were, and through You all things hold together.

Strengthen our faith to rest in this truth: that our Savior is not merely a teacher, but the eternal Son, full of power and glory. Help us to trust Him more deeply, follow Him more closely, and proclaim Him more boldly.

Let Grace Baptist Church be anchored in the truth of who Christ is—unchanging, sovereign, and worthy of all our worship.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Week 3 Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV)

5. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

6. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

A Prayer:

Gracious Lord, You call us to trust You with all our hearts, and we confess how often we lean on our own understanding. Forgive us for relying on our plans instead of seeking Your ways.

Teach us to acknowledge You in all that we do—in our decisions, our work, our relationships, and our ministry at Grace Baptist Church. Give us humble hearts that submit to Your wisdom and patient faith to follow where You lead.

Direct our paths, Lord. Make them straight—not according to our desires, but according to Your perfect will. Help us walk with confidence, knowing that You are guiding every step.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Week 4 1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (ESV)

16 Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

A Prayer:

Holy God, We stand in awe that You dwell among Your people. Your Word reminds us that we are Your temple and that Your Spirit lives within us. What a sacred calling and responsibility You have given.

Forgive us when we treat lightly what You have made holy. Guard our hearts, our lives, and our church from anything that would dishonor Your presence. Purify us, shape us, and set us apart for Your purposes.

Help Grace Baptist Church to live with reverence and unity, knowing that we belong to You. May our lives reflect Your holiness, and may our fellowship be marked by love, truth, and faithfulness.

Keep us mindful, Lord, that we are Yours—set apart and sustained by Your Spirit. In Jesus’ name, by the power of the Spirit, Amen.

Week 5 Psalms 121:1–2 (ESV)

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

2. My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

A Prayer:

Faithful God, We lift our eyes to You, the Maker of heaven and earth. In a world filled with uncertainty, You are our sure and steady help. You are not distant or unaware—you are present, powerful, and faithful to Your people.

When we feel overwhelmed, remind us where our help truly comes from. Guard us from placing our trust in lesser things, and fix our eyes on You alone. Strengthen our hearts to rest in Your care and to walk in confidence, knowing You are watching over us.

For Grace Baptist Church, we ask that You would be our help in every need—guiding, protecting, and sustaining us as we follow You. Let our lives reflect a deep trust in the God who never fails.

We look to You, Lord, our help and our hope. In Jesus’ name,

Amen.