



2026

THE YEAR OF GREAT GAIN

RECOVERY & DISCOVERY

Grace Hill will be a church of common people with a common belief and a common culture for Kingdom building.



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WELCOME MESSAGE



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Lead Teacher

Greater Grace for Greater Works

Family and Friends, welcome to 2026, **The Year of Great Gain!** 1 Timothy 6:6 (KJV) says, “But godliness with contentment is great gain.” I am praying for each of you to receive and experience or continue in the greater grace anointing. Our ministry agrees on the **FIVE GRACE EXPECTATIONS**: 1. Prosperity 2. Trouble 3. Blessings 4. New You 5. People. Our bold expectations are firmly rooted in the promises of God. We are continuing our journey seamlessly and unshaken by the previous year’s troubles. We do not believe that our sufferings and disappointments are without great purpose and great gain. (Romans 8:28)

*Often, when we talk about “gain”, we think about the rigor and sweat equity associated with work. I want to invite you into a unique place of rest. This rest is potent with immense potential for **recovery** and **discovery**. How would you like to recover from the pain, loss, and destruction of your past? How can you benefit from your prior experiences (good or bad)? Is it possible to gain what you lost? Friends, **recovery** is POSSIBLE! In 1 Samuel 30:8 (NKJV), King David inquired of the Lord if he should pursue his enemy to overtake them. God replied, “Pursue, for you shall SURELY overtake them and without fail recover all.” (emphasis mine)*

*True recovery does not exist apart from reconciliation. Reconciliation is a fiscal term we use to describe the act of restoration, balancing, and insuring we have paid our debts. We will see the kind of recovery in 2026 that allows us to reconcile with our past and leads us into **discovery**. Resting in God allows us to trust God today, recover from yesterday, and discover what God has in store for us tomorrow. Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV) says, “Call to me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Are you ready to discover great and mighty things that you did not know? As we seek God and His righteous and as we focus of God’s kingdom, all things necessary will be provided for us. (Matthew 6:31-35) Beloved, let us rest in knowing that there is so much more. We do not get to discover that “more” until we are willing to retire our own plans to employ God plan for us. This rest does not mean that we give up nor cease our pursuit. Instead we will continue at the pace of grace and in the cadence of courage. Let’s go! GREAT GAIN...YEAR 9*



WE ARE **GRACE HILL CHURCH**

VISION STATEMENT

“GRACE HILL WILL BE A CHURCH OF COMMON PEOPLE WITH A COMMON BELIEF AND A COMMON CULTURE FOR KINGDOM BUILDING.”

MISSION

“OUR MISSION IS TO DISCIPLE THE CHURCH TO IMPACT THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. WE ENDEAVOR TO TEACH OTHERS THAT JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; THEREBY, ENCOURAGING THEM TO TRANSFORM FROM VISIONLESS LIVES TO LIVING PURPOSE-FILLED ACCORDING TO GOD’S DIVINE PLAN. WE HOPE TO BE EXAMPLES OF CHRIST IN DEED WHILE PERSONIFYING HIS LOVING CHARACTER THROUGH GRACE.”

*1 CORINTHIANS 9:27; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:11; COLOSSIANS 1:28-29,
1 TIMOTHY 1:16, 1 JOHN 4:7-10*

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MOTIVATION

“DISCIPLING THE CHURCH TO IMPACT THE WORLD”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:27; COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

MOTTO

“THE PLACE WHERE GOD HEALS...”

ISAIAH 53:5, JEREMIAH 30:17



ABOUT GRACE HILL CHURCH

After much prayer and fasting, Elder Beryl I. Cowthran shared a vision with seven people of like mind. They met often to pray and plan and would decide to organize Grace Hill Church, "The Place Where God Heals." On Thursday, August 10, 2017, the church was incorporated. Grace Hill held its first official worship service at 1211 Airport Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana on Sunday, October 8, 2017. The membership immediately grew from seven to over twenty members. During this time, the vision was expanded and expounded upon. The Vision, Mission, and Grace Expectations were shared by Pastor Cowthran and founding member, Omosefe Amen, was inspired to pray and share the Grace Agreements.

The Church remained at 1211 Airport Drive (Shreveport, Louisiana) until June 2018. In June, the church moved to 1303 Line Avenue where it continues to flourish. March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID1-19 pandemic. Immediately, Grace Hill Church pivoted to online worship. The ministry remained in cadence with the voice of God. Founding member Minister Tariq Hill continued astutely managing the business matters of the ministry while Pastor Cowthran continued attending to the spiritual needs of the membership while navigating within the space of a new virtual reality. During this time, the ministry leaders remained innovative in creating and imagining what the new virtual church needed to look like. Several members began returning to the sanctuary Resurrection Sunday, April 4, 2021.

We continue to disciple the Church to impact the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We endeavor to teach others that Jesus is the light of the world; thereby, encouraging them to transform from visionless lives to living purpose-filled according to God's divine plan. We hope to be examples of Christ in deed while personifying His loving character through grace.

NO DEED TOO SMALL

We are discipling the Church to impact the world! Grace Hill Church persists in holding our community at the center of our efforts to impact the world with printed and digital media, clothing and food distributions, support to veterans and survivors of domestic violence. With in-kind gifts and donations, along with tithes and offerings, we continue to serve and supply **The HUB Ministry, Hope Connections, and Christian Services**. Several of our local **nursing homes** received devotionals and clothing essentials. Because of donations from Grace Hill Church and other community supporters, both the **Northwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Chapter** and **C. Wright Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Project** are helping families to secure medication, pay bills, have food, and attend health appointments. The GHC Family donated household and personal hygiene packages to **Jewell House**. In collaboration with the local District Attorney's Office, GHC members gave **Project Celebration** items for survivors of domestic violence. We welcomed our community friends to shop our Pop-up store for free clothing during the **Good Friday Giving Project**. We have fostered new relationships, engaged new partnerships with new "touch points" both locally and afar. School supplies delivered to **Pastor Katrina Ward, Freedom Worship Center** who distributed them to students in **Jamaica** August 2025.

A special relationship has been forged with the the new **Ronald McDonald Home** in South Shreveport where the missions ministry collected prayer requests and served families with food and Christian media. Toys were collected to fill the Santa Shop at the **Fuller Center of Northwest Louisiana** where parents shopped with dignity at reduced and affordable costs. Staff members at **81st Early Childhood Education School** exclaimed with blended notes of excitement and gratitude when supplies were delivered to the campus. The volunteers and boys at **The Virginia House** are now apart of our ever-expanding community family. The boys were gifted coats to tackle the uncertainty of the winter months.

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Warming blankets were distributed across the city and to The HUB Ministry to help with frigid weather conditions. During the **2025 Government Shutdown**, families were impacted by long furloughs resulting in financial strain for many who serve in the armed forces and for those who work for veteran services. The GHC Family did not hesitate to respond with financial support. Downtown Shreveport was baptized with the sounds of **Jomaine Battles and Redemption** as the GHC Family partnered with **Pastor Jeremy Cowthorn** and **Vision Family of Faith** to host the **7-14 Prayer & Communal Meal**. Ministry leaders and public servants gathered to pray while volunteers served meals and provided backpacks filled with necessities and resources to support unhoused members of our communities.

It is our mission to prepare and equip students now for the future; hence, we are investing resources that will help seminary students and traditional career path students to take their faith beyond the pulpit and pews to the marketplace and marginal spaces. We eagerly invest in the successes of seminarians who are consciously focused on educating and supporting the church through advocacy and by meeting the unique needs of neurodivergent learners and individuals who are living with disabilities. We proudly note the successes of **Grace Amwe** (Princeton Seminary), **Alicia Jenkins** (Princeton Seminary), and **Elijah Strong** (Howard University School of Divinity). Our support of **Syrai Webster** (Southern University - Baton Rouge) who is pursuing a nursing degree will ensure that young, faith-filled professionals meet the moment in the marketplace. Of course, the long-lasting commitment to students of **Wiley University** continued in 2025 with toiletries, clothing essentials, and financial contributions. Our donation to **Kimball High School Basketball team** helped the state champions and their parents with travel costs. Students are not only athletically successful but also academically astute. With our partnership with Aetna Insurance, we have built a growing **food bank** to feed our community and help provide financial relief.

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What can you expect for 2026?

Expect to serve with **GREATER GRACE and GREATER GENEROSITY** in 2026! We are adding Dress For Success and local dialysis centers to our list of community friends. We invite you to come along with us!

Matthew 25: 40-45, Hebrews 13:2



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FROM INVITATION TO --- PARTICIPATION

- **January:** Collect MEN's clothing for distribution Mid-February.
- **February - March:** Submit proposal for 7/14. Collect NEW Socks & Blankets for dialysis centers. Collect NEW underwear for donation to local shelters.
- **Mid March:** Collect clothing for Good Friday Giving Project. Continue planning for 7/14.
- **April:** PASSION WEEK and Good Friday Giving Project. Continue planning for 7/14.
- **May:** Mother's Day and Graduation focus along with Veteran- centric projects. Continue planning for 7/14.
- **June:** Father's Day and continued planning for 7/14
- **July:** 7/14 Prayer and Communal Meal.
- **Mid August- Mid September:** Fundraiser for Sickle Cell Anemia donation.
- **September:** Visit nursing home.
- **October:** Focus on breast cancer education and domestic violence awareness.
- **November:** Complete nursing home tours and collect nonperishable items. Donate to Wiley University.
- **December:** Collect coats and non perishable items.

GENEROSITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2026

Greater Generosity...

From Participation to Partnership

Are you ready to contribute to our Generosity Fund? Our focus this year is around **legacy building**. Our goal is to become more educated with regard to the spiritual principles of giving and stewardship individually and throughout the ministry.

Our Part...

Members and friends are invited to make a pledge to give \$1000 toward the campaign over 12-months. Ways to accomplish your goal:

- \$1000 one-time gift
- \$250.00/quarter
- \$83.33/month
- \$20.00 over 50 weeks.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE VISION!

- Donate \$10 Gift cards for students at Wiley University (Visa, Mastercard, or WalMart).
- Donate new or gently used clothing for local colleges/universities (BPCC, LSUS, SUSLA) and for local community.
- Donate to COLLEGIATE MINISTRY in the OTHERS section on Givelify (download app) or the offering envelope. These donations will also help our seminary students.
- Donate slip resistant socks for nursing home residents
- Donate new regular socks
- Donate new bedding (for community and college students)
- Donate nonperishable food (pop-top cans and other items)
- Donate blankets

Gaining...

Discipleship

Discipline

Determination

Discernment



LET'S WORK

TOGETHER

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