



2025

THE YEAR OF GREATER GRACE & LEGACY

*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



Greater Grace for Greater Works

Family and Friends, welcome to 2025, **The Year of Greater Grace & Legacy!** Acts 4:33-35 (KJV) says, *“And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”* I am praying for each of you to receive and experience this greater grace anointing. Our ministry focuses on John 14:12-14 as one of our core scriptures. Here, we are challenged to allow the Holy Spirit to perform greater works *through us*. Our commitment to do so through numerous challenges in past years, has prepared us for the greater grace as we continue greater works.

Dr. Beryl I. Cowthran
Founding Pastor
Lead Teacher

James 4:6-8 (NASB) says, *“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, ‘GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.’ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”* Beloved, let us with a shared singleness of mind draw near to God and present ourselves with pure hearts and holy intention. We know according to Romans 5:20-21 that grace is greater than sin (Romans 5:20-21) and that Jesus Christ has led us from the bondage of sin and unworthiness into superior grace with the Father. There is liberty here. **Imago Dei!** As we fast and pray, our desire is to possess more of the likeness of God and to house his nature. As we continue to serve God, our fellow sisters and brothers, as well as our greater community, let us display God’s light and demonstrate His love. Our belief statement speaks to a legacy of love and grace to do greater works. This legacy of love is what Jesus has “gifted” us in John 15:13, “No greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” Grace Hill Church Family will be intentional regarding three (3) areas of **legacy: preservation, perseverance, and perpetuity**. Therefore, it is with greater grace that we move forward to share with the world that the Lord is good; his mercy is *everlasting* to all generations (Psalm 100:5). May we with profound urgency seek to **preserve** the Gospel message in our own hearts while spreading it everywhere we go. May we fearlessly **persevere** when the hour seems dark and drear. And, we will trust God to carry out the blessing of his promise of **perpetual** blessing to generations to come.

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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 COVID1-9 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 started 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.

SERVING WITH GRACE

What a blessing Grace Hill family has been to our local community. In 2024, we supported students at Wiley University with clothing, gift cards, and a financial contribution. With the collaborative efforts of our friends at Fab Finds Boutique, we have continuously donated clothing to the Cavalier Student Center at Bossier Parish Community College. Our outreach efforts have led us to serving and/or supplying the Hub Ministry, Hope Connections, Christian Services, and various nursing homes in our area. Students in Caddo Magnet High School's Black Study Program traveled to the nation's capitol and members of Grace Hill supported a high school student to attend the tour. Spring Semester 2024. Students were also permitted to use the building for practice in preparation for their debut African American History Program. With Tiffany Epps, our 2024 Missions Director, leading the way, we were introduced to Faith & Fostering and Five Loaves and Two Fish.

WE ARE TURNING UP THE HEAT ON SERVING WITH GRACE! Yes, we want to be of **GREATER** service to our schools and community. Here's how you can help:



- Donate \$10 Gift cards for students at Wiley University (Visa, Mastercard, or WalMart).
- Donate new or gently used clothing local colleges/universities (BPCC, LSUS, SUSLA).
- Donate to Wiley University in the *OTHERS* section on *Givelify* or the offering envelope.



Community Contributions

- New socks
- New bedding
- New or gently used clothing
- Nonperishable food
- Blankets

ENHANCING THE GRACE EXPERIENCE

We want to enhance our Grace Experiences with greater praise and greater worship. How?

- Always listening to the Holy Spirit and being obedient to follow.
- Intentionality and thoughtful preparation to incorporate seasonal themes in adherence to the Holy Spirit.
- Incorporation of foundational hymns in the Grace Experiences.
- Building a robust Praise and Worship Ministry.
- Recitation of our mission statement, vision statement, expectations, and agreements within the worship service.
- Participation and engagement of non-ministerial members in the Grace Experiences
- Enhancement and consistency of the virtual experience.
- Outdoor worship experiences quarterly and for 7/14.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2025

Greater Giving

Are you ready to contribute to our Sustainability 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. We will explore the **3 P's** of legacy building in 2025:

Legacy

Preservation

Perseverance

Perpetuity

- **Preservation**- This is very different from hoarding, selfish ambition, gatekeeping, stinginess, and or control-seeking behavior. Preservation helps us in our model of sustainability by minimizing wastefulness and maximizing what we have.
- **Perseverance**- Let's go debt-free! Achieving your financial goals is impossible if you do not have any. Set financial goals and expedite a plan with a monthly budget. Remember that your budget is a written vision for your finances.
- **Perpetuity**- Both your family and the Grace Hill Family deserve to live without financial struggle. Create generational wealth and continue to give to others. Proverbs 13:22

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!



LET'S WORK

TOGETHER

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