



Christian Sympathy

Grady Hill, 87, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 24th, 2025.

Grady's funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 30th.



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Wanda Thomas went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, December 26th, 2025.

Wanda's graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 17th at 3 PM at Lakeland Memorial Park.



Online Worship

Keep sharing our live-streamed Sunday worship services & recorded Wednesday messages to further reach more people for Christ!



Spring Yard Sale

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 25th! We will begin accepting donations sometime during late March or early April.



January 4, 2026

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
there your heart will be also.

LUKE 12:34



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Sunday, January 4 2026

When Your Finances Fall Short

Luke 12:13-21; 21:1-4

The Point: Trust in God is far richer than any financial prosperity.

The Bible Meets Life: The story plays out repeatedly. The multimillionaire lives in a beautiful home right on the beach. Wow! That's living! But he's diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and suddenly all the externals can't cure what's happening inside him. A young lady has a portfolio that soared to heights she never thought possible. But a pirate on a computer across the ocean gets her personal information and passwords. In a matter of hours, it's all gone.

There are so many things that can change our status—wildfires, market crashes, bad choices, addictions, illnesses, or even just plain ignorance. There is one certainty. At the end of our lives, we all leave this earth with empty pockets. The only account that matters is your connection to God.

People see money as an asset. Jesus views money quite differently. He sees it as a barometer. How we manage our money reflects our values, motives, and even our faith. Will we pass the test, even when finances fall short? It's not a money issue; it's a heart issue.

Live It Out: Investigate: Take a dive into your checking account and make a note of how much you give and how much you waste. **Pray:** Ask God to give you the determination to give sacrificially and valiantly.

Sacrifice: As you begin a new year, take the leap into the realm of generosity through tithing. If you aren't tithing, what are you waiting for? Trust God to provide for your needs (Phil. 4:19). If you've been tithing, challenge yourself to sacrifice an area of spending so you can give radically.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Limited Resources, Limitless God

Sunday, January 11 When Your Confidence Falls Short
(1 John 3:21-4:6)

Compelled to Act

Sunday, January 18 Special Focus: Compelled to Act
(Job 31:13-23)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:30 AM Living Streams
Worship Center

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship
Resumes 1/7

6:30 PM Youth *Resumes 1/7*

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance



Sunday, December 28

Indoor: 51

Online: 293

Wednesday, December 31

No Online

No Youth

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson

Dianne Avery

Sue Bruce

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Mike & Renee Helms & Family

Grady Hill's Family

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Debbie McKnight

Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Wanda Thomas's Family

Irene Welch

Happy
New
Year!

2026

Bible App

Follow along in today's Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with your phone:



Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

December

Offering

To Date:

\$12,985.18



LMCO:

\$490.00

