

**GREAT LIFE CHURCH** 





#### **HELLO FROM THE NORMANS!**

Read a short welcome message from the Norman family.



#### 2024 RECAP

We recap the amazing things that God has done at GLC in 2024!



#### **MISSIONAL IMPACT**

Read about the impact GLC has had in its missions projects.



#### LOOKING AHEAD...

Look ahead with us to the new year, as we hear what different people are believing for in 2025.



#### A WORD FROM PS. ANDREW

A special insight into where we believe God is wanting GLC to focus in 2025.



#### **GET INVOLVED IN 2025**

How you and your family can get involved at GLC next year.



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## **HELLO FROM THE NORMANS!**

#### We just want to thank you for a fantastic 2024!

We entered 2024 excited about all that God could do as we focused on His renewing love and power in our lives - and we have finished the year blown away by His goodness and grace as we navigated a year of transition and change.

When we committed to GLC, we committed to being a family within a church family - and we are so thankful for all the family members that we have gained in these last 12 months. We are stoked to see our boys grow up in a church that seeks to champion all generations, giving opportunity and space for all people.

Thank you for sticking with us as we have tried different things, settled into new rhythms, and sought God's renewal for our church in 2024.

We are blessed to know you all.

Indy, Megs, and the boys

# "DAUGHTER, YOUR AMAGE HAS HEALED YOU GO IN PEACE"



## GLC 2024 RECAP

#### What a year it has been!

Straight out of the gates, we had 7 people baptised on one Sunday! We are believing to see that multiply in 2025. We had 5 baby dedications, 2 new babies born, and 1 wedding.

We have had 5518 people worship Jesus in GLC over the course of the year. 139 people have visited GLC for the first time, and 492 people have returned to visit GLC in 2024.

We estimate that 2500 cups of coffee have been drunk, 1680 lunches served, 1832 communion cups handed out, 192 songs of praise and worship sung, 240 people have come down to the front for prayer, and Ps. Andrew has preached almost 5 hours over the time limit for the year (ha!)

We held our first ever Prayer Retreat in March, hosted a Mental Health Panel in August, and had our Family Camp in October. We have built new rhythms into our church calendar, and we are excited to continue growing as a church community.

The Geraldton Campus have their final service after 5 years of ministry, and sadly, we farewelled and honoured the memories of Vio Manica and Paul Falzun.

It has been a year that has caused us to cling tightly to the cross, as we have at times endured hardship and pain, in the midst of the eternal joy that salvation through Christ brings to us.

Every smile, every tear, every disagreement, every hug, every misunderstanding, every conversation - is all to remind us that we are a church family **brothers and sisters in Christ.** 

And how special it is to be able to walk through life together - not alone. As a crazy, Christ-loving, family!

What a year it has been...





#### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

With heavy but hope-filled hearts, we remember Vio Manica and Paul Falzun.

Although they have gone before us, we know that they are seated with Christ in heavenly places, enjoying the fulness of health, vibrance, and life that eternity promises to us.

For those who knew Vio and Paul, we will carry them in our hearts until we join them one glorious day. We are thankful for the time we had together.

We will continue to stand with and love Diah and Christine, who help carry their memory on.

Until we meet again...

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#### WHAT YOUR GENEROSITY HAS HELPED TO DO....

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We all want to see our world impacted with the Love of God.

Your generosity allows GLC to have a local, national, and global impact.

Our Missional

## LOCAL, NATIONAL & GLOBAL

#### **GLOBAL MISSION (TARAKAN, INDONESIA)**

Through your generosity, we have been able to donate over **\$12,000** to the Tarakan Mission in Indonesia. Your donations have gone to the Children's Home & the Kindy.

#### **VARIOUS LOCAL & NATIONAL MISSIONS**

In 2024, GLC has been involved with and supported **Aboriginals for Jesus** (\$2400), **YouthCare Chaplaincy** (\$2000), **Hilton Primary's Breakfast Club** (\$1120), and **Christians Against Poverty** (\$600).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** 

Together we were able to put together over 75 shoeboxes full of gifts and toys for children all around the world!

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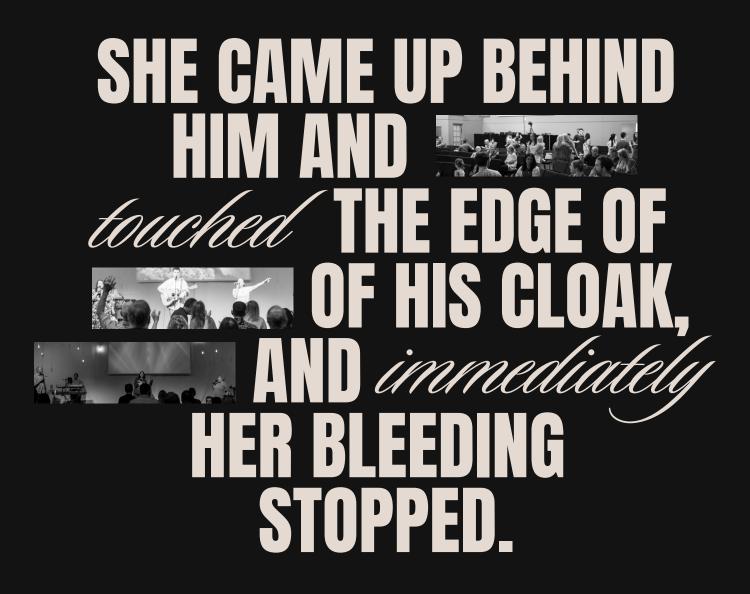
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#### **SEED OFFERING 2024**

So far, we have received **\$25,269** to go towards our building extension to be used for our growing Children's Ministry! How exciting!

#### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

This year, you donated luxury food items that made up 55 Hampers that were distributed to 9 different local schools in Cockburn and Fremantle!





We asked some the people in our church what they are believing for in 2025...



#### **PS. CHRISTINA LINDLEY**

Personally, growth spiritually - in word and prayer and in knowledge especially in the area of being able to help and walk with people through there difficult times.

For the church- that a we can empower people to their full potential - and get them to see what God sees in them. No matter the age. A place of unity, encouragement and inclusion. Empowering and encouraging people in their relationships - marriage, family, friendships. So that each is stronger, healthier and some type of tools to help work through conflict or differences.

Also in confidence in inviting people to having God conversations with those around them. So we see growth in new salvations. Making a difference in others lives.

A place in worship/service where people can connect with God so that there is an area for transformation and to draw closer to God.



#### STEVE JAN

Collectively as a church looking to see growth in the congregation and people taking root and being planted in the church calling it their home and "owning" it.

Believing people in church will grow in their own confidence and take on leadership roles to assist in the activities within the church. Believing in people stepping up, identifying and using their giftings.



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#### **PHOEBE BUTSON**

2024 was a year of change and a resetting of many facets for our small family.

In 2025 I am expectant that the Lord will bring a year of rest and renewal to the Butson household, a new season in my personal walk with the Lord as well as in my role in the youth and young adults together with Nic. Seeking rest can also mean seeking light at times and in the middle of this exciting and, at times, challenging process I am reminded that the Light of the world came to seek us. It is leading me in my calling, enabling me to steward, and bringing comfort in the midst of chaos. I pray this year will be a year of development and growth for the youth and young adults, not only in numbers but also in their own spiritual walks and relationships with God.

In this busy season, of ministry, of motherhood and of life, leaning into the strength of God will be vital to succeed in the path He has laid before us, to remain rooted in the truth of Christ, knowing that true rest comes from surrendering to the One who has already overcome all. As I grow in leadership, I pray to lead with grace, humility, and wisdom, always pointing others to the eternal rest that Jesus offers.



#### **JUSTIN MORRIS**

Faith... this year I am believing to grow and mature into the person God is creating. I want to carry His presence and grow to hold the weight of His glory and bring more people into that. I am believing that as we experience His presence, we will be made whole, healed and bringing more into the Kingdom.

2025 and leaning into Faith, I want to see a miracle, something only God can do.



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#### NYSHA JOSEPH

This year one of my church highlights was attending the GLC church camp. The devotional times in the mornings were precious and the long, unhurried days were filled with chats with people I wouldn't otherwise have had the opportunity to have fuller conversations with. To me being a part of a church community, is to make the most of opportunities to get to know one another - whether that be hearing someone's testimony over dinner at camp, serving on a team together at church or praying for each other in Connect Group.

I've found time and time again that when I step out in vulnerability, I am more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence. Next year, I want to pray more: big, scary prayers that require more faith than I think I have and 'small' prayers interspersed throughout my day - to pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all things.

I'm also looking forward to more opportunities to pray corporately with my church family: for our community, for faith that our God hears and still does miracles, to rejoice together over answered prayers, and to grieve together when the answers are not what we hoped for. To grow together as the Body of Christ here on earth.



#### SARAH BAALMANN

Personally, I'm believing in God 's promise of a family. I know he is faithful and Sovereign.

Collectively, I'm believing in renewed and stronger relationships within our church family, believing that He will continue to grow what He has started.

*What are you believing for in 2025?* Tell us by following the link or scanning the QR Code.



#### SHARE WITH US!



## A WORD FROM PS. ANDREW...

Hello Church!

It's that time of the year again! A time to reflect on the year that has been, but also to consider all that God can do in the next 12 months.

And what a year it has been! It has been exciting and uncomfortable! We have experienced amazing highs, and grief-filled lows. We have seen new people come to Christ and join our church, and we have seen old friends move on. We have celebrated with people in their victories, and cried with people in their struggles. It has been a beautiful picture of what the church should look like. And I just want to say '**thank you!**' From the bottom of my heart, I am so grateful for you all.

Looking to 2025, I have been captivated by the faith of the woman in **Luke 8:40-48.** We often read this story and glaze over it because we may feel that miracles may happen for others - *but it doesn't happen for me*. It is a confronting reality to see the miraculous happen in the bible, but not in our own lives.

#### Two things I glean from this passage:

The first thing is Jesus' **willingness** to heal the woman. We often make the woman the object of this passage - but it should be Jesus. Jesus has the power in the hem of His garment. Jesus took the time to stop, after being interrupted, to address the woman. Jesus was willing to heal even when He was already on His way to somewhere else.

#### JESUS WAS WILLING.

The second thing is the woman's desperation. The woman crawled on the ground, through a crowd to touch the hem of Jesus' garment **what did she think was going to happen?** Desperation does that you. It removes pragmatism and rationale, and causes you to try things you would normally talk yourself out of.

#### THE WOMAN WAS DESPERATE.

The takeaway here is that when Jesus' willingness and our desperation collide - **miracles can happen!** 



We often see desperation as synonymous with crisis, but I am not talking about crisis being the catalyst for faith - it can be! But what I'm talking about is seeking to live a lifestyle of hunger - that isn't ashamed to crawl on the ground to reach the hem of Jesus' garment, and isn't afraid to look foolish (desperate) in the eyes of others.

The more you know God, the more you will realise that no other bread brings true life, and no other water will eternally quench your thirst. The more you know God, the more you hunger to know God. The more you hunger to know God, the more your trust and faith in Him will grow.

Therefore, I desperately want to remind my soul that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life - in all things.

So, in 2025 we are believing for Jesus' willingness and our desperation and hunger to produce transformative fruit in our lives.

We are believing for altars full of desperate people, throwing ego, rationale, and pragmatism to the side, and reaching for the hem of Jesus' garment! We are believing that we will see a culture of faith stir up in GLC that overflows into our local communities, our workplaces, our families, and our world! We are believing that we will see souls come to Salvation through Jesus Christ! We are believing that sickness will cease in people's bodies and demons will flee at the name of Jesus! We are believing that this year will be a great year of fruitfulness in our church and our lives!

But we need to get desperate. Because Jesus is willing.

Trust me, I've prayed for people to get healed and they have not. It is disheartening. But I am determined to not let those moments dictate my faith going forward.

So, I am committing to desperate and hungry faith. Are you? I am committing to praying for miracles even if logic says it's a waste of time. Are you? I am committing to believing that God can heal, even if I have been disappointed by past experiences. Are you? I'm committing to prophesying life to the dry bones. Are you? I'm committing to staring down mountains and telling them to move in Jesus' name! Are you?

Here's to seeing people transformed by faith in 2025 - in Jesus' name!

God Bless

Ps. Andrew

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We have identified 5 transformative areas from this passage that we will focus on throughout 2025.

#### **PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH FAITH**

Like the woman in Luke 8, we believe seeking God in faith leads to transformation. We encourage deeper relationships with Him through prayer, worship, study, and trusting Him for healing and growth.

### NURTURING A CULTURE OF KINDNESS



Jesus valued the woman's act of faith, highlighting the worth of each individual. This year, we will foster kindness, serving others and sharing God's love in practical ways.



#### **BUILDING STRONGER FAITH COMMUNITIES**

The woman's healing became a testimony. As a church, we will seek God's transformation through Connect Groups, ministries, and discipleship programs, that inspire one another to live out transformative faith.

#### HEALING IN BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT



Like the woman healed after years of suffering, we believe God still heals. Our church will offer prayer, care, and resources to support healing and wholeness in every area of life.

#### FAITH IN ACTION: OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

We will share Christ's love with our community and beyond, seeking to meet needs, supporting the marginalised, and spreading the Good News to bring transformation to others.

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# AT GLC IN 2025

I Am. You Are. We Are. The Church.

When we lean into our church and bring our skills, gifts, personalities, and stories to the table - we are a more complete community.

In 2025, what can you bring to the table? Maybe you want to volunteer? Or you're ready to join a Connect Group? Or it's time to get baptised?

We need each other, because we can reach more people with the Love of God than we ever will alone.

Find out how you can get involved by clicking the button below!

#### **GET INVOLVED**







LUKE 8:40-48

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DATE	EVENT
JAN 12TH	FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE FOR 2025
FEB 2ND	21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING BEGINS (BAPTISM SERVICE)
MAR 8TH	MIZPAH PRAYER RETREAT
APR 20TH	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE
MAY 10TH	MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA
AUG 28TH	DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT - SHANE WILLARD
SEPT 29TH	ACCWA STATE CONFERENCE 2025
OCT 3RD	GLC FAMILY CAMP 2025
NOV 23RD	VISION 2026 SERVICE
DEC 24TH	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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