

# Reflections on Life

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My brethren, have you truly considered the ability to speak and communicate with others as gifts from God? So many people, including Christians, abuse these gifts by speaking to people in harsh, hurtful, and unkind words, and allowing their tongues to spew out lies, gossip, slander, profanity, etc. Because we are created in the image of God, the Book of Proverbs reminds us that our words have power. In **Proverb 18:21**, Solomon tells us that **“death and life are in the power of the tongue”**. The point is that we can accomplish a great deal of good, or produce much evil through what we say. When conflicts arise, God through Solomon encourages us to cultivate a gentle spirit and use soft words when someone is angry. I learned that calm responses usually defuse explosive situations and settle conflicts peacefully. Gentle words soothe and do not crush the human spirit. But heated responses fuel the flames. Therefore, do not let our words become like destructive missiles; instead, allow them to become like healing medicine.



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# Happy New Year My Brothers & Sisters in Christ!



- I. When Moses was in the tabernacle, where did God's voice come from?
- II. Where did God speak to Moses in a voice like thunder?
- III. To which church did Jesus say, "...If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him...?"
- IV. Who screamed in a loud voice, asking Jesus not to punish him?
- V. Who heard God's voice in the temple in the year that King Uzziah died?



# The Informer

Senior Adult Ministry

**B.A.S.I.C. BUNCH**  
 BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST



## B.A.S.I.C. DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, January 20th, 6pm  
 in the Fellowship Hall

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

**EMMETT JOHNSON, VOCALIST**

MENU:

*HAM, CORN, & TOMATO SOUP; SALAD; & DESSERT*

### RESERVATIONS REQUESTED

Sign up on the Sunday bulletin tear-off or call the church office by noon on Monday, January 19th to reserve your spot.

**THIS MONTH'S BASIC ACTIVITY**  
**WAVELAND GROUND ZERO**  
**HURRICANE MUSEUM**  
 PLUS A STOP AT BUC-EES IN PASS CHRISTIAN, MS  
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2026 - LEAVE GMBC AT 9AM  
 MUSEUM COST: FREE  
 LUNCH: CUZ'S IN BAY ST. LOUIS

# FEBRUARY Birthdays

|                |      |                   |      |
|----------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Walker Marsh   | 2/3  | Pat Perrien       | 2/21 |
| Effie Gauley   | 2/5  | Judy Spizale      | 2/22 |
| Don Weldon     | 2/9  | Dawn Stokes       | 2/22 |
| Jo Ann Pilcher | 2/11 | Agnes Kudji       | 2/23 |
| Fran Barousse  | 2/11 | Rick Johnson      | 2/24 |
| Carole Fowler  | 2/13 | Carmen Williamson | 2/26 |
| Ron Rauh       | 2/18 | Chester Mock      | 2/27 |
| Lenny Brown    | 2/20 |                   |      |

## WHO'S WHO & WHERE'S WHERE IN THE BIBLE NATHANAEL

First mentioned: John 1:45

One of the 12 Disciples of Jesus, Nathanael didn't think much of Jesus at first. "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael, after the disciple Philip told him where Jesus came from. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46)

His opinion changed when he met Jesus. That's because Jesus said He saw Nathanael sitting under a fig tree before Philip arrived. Astonished, Nathanael declared that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus promised that Nathanael would see even greater evidence. Some scholars say Nathanael and Bartholomew were the same person.



**GOSPEL CONCERT**  
WITH AWARD-WINNING  
ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST  
**NICK PERKINS**  
Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - 5pm  
Admission is free - A love offering will be taken  
NICK-PERKINSENTERTAINMENT.COM



WOULD YOU LIKE MORE  
**GRACE**  
IN YOUR MARRIAGE?  
grace marriage PART 1  
**STARTS FEB. 1ST**  
Sign-up by January 25<sup>th</sup> on  
your bulletin or by calling  
Walker at: 985-445-3393



WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW  
**PEEPS**  
to join the GMBC Choir & Orchestra  
for our 2026 Easter Musical!  
Join us Wednesday Nights for Rehearsal:  
Choir at 6:45pm | Orchestra at 7:45pm

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Every Sunday @ 5:00pm**

**GRACE UNIVERSITY**  
On Winter Break  
Will resume Sunday, February 1st

**Every Tuesday @ 6:00am**

**Men's Breakfast/Bible Study**  
Led by Bro. Jerry Smith — Fellowship Hall

**Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm**

**Bible Study: The Revelation to John**  
Led by Bro. Jerry Smith — Fellowship Hall

**Every Thursday Morning @ 6:30am**

**All Men Meet for Breakfast and Bible Study**  
LA Pines on Robert Blvd.

**1st & 3rd Wednesday each Month, 10am**

**Greenbriar Care Center Ministry**  
(Next Ministry Opportunities: January 21st & February 4th)

### UPCOMING B.A.S.I.C. EVENTS AT GMBC:

#### ◆ STEAK NIGHT

**Tuesday, February 10th | 6pm | Fellowship Hall**  
(instead of our regular meeting night due to Mardi Gras)  
Cost: \$10 per person. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**  
Fun Photo Op area available for your enjoyment.  
Come out and enjoy great food and fellowship!

#### ◆ MOVIE NIGHT "AMISH GRACE"

**Friday, February 27th | 6pm | Fellowship Hall**  
Pizza & Tea provided.  
Bring comfy chairs and a snack to share!

### ANSWERS TO TRIVIA

- I. Above the Ark of the Covenant (*Numbers 7:89*)
- II. Mount Sinai (*Exodus 19:19*)
- III. Laodicea (*Revelation 3:20*)
- IV. The Gadarene demoniac (*Mark 5:7*)
- V. Isaiah (*Isaiah 6:8*)