

Our Pursuit of the Mission

As our hearts are drawn closer to God, we are compelled to engage in the mission He has given us. Jesus’s command to “Go therefore and make disciples” is not reserved for a select few; it is for every believer. This mission begins right where you are—in your homes, workplaces, and communities. For us at Great Harwood Christian Fellowship, this is a call to be salt and light in Great Harwood and beyond.

How can you participate in the mission this month? Perhaps it begins with a neighbour who needs to hear the gospel, a co-worker who is struggling, or someone new to the church who needs encouragement. Small acts of love and obedience can open doors to disciple-making. Remember, the mission is not only about proclaiming the gospel but also teaching others to walk in obedience to Christ.

Be Encouraged: He Is With Us

We do not pursue God or His mission in our own strength. Jesus promises, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” This assurance gives us courage and confidence. As we step into 2025, let us move forward with bold faith, knowing that our Saviour goes before us and empowers us.

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship, let this be a year marked by devotion to God and commitment to His mission. Pursue Him with all your heart, and go forth in obedience, making disciples as He has commanded. May He bless our efforts and bring much fruit for His glory. Amen.

Francois Van Staden
Teaching Elder

Additional Details

Creative English Classes

Mondays, 10.00am-12.00pm

Dates to Remember

JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10.30am Morning Service 6.00pm Evening Service	10.30am Ladies Coffee Morning 6.30pm Going Bananas	7.30pm Prayer Meeting	2.00pm Equipping the Saints	10.30am Coffee Morning	7.30pm-9.00pm EPIC	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10.30am Morning Service with Breaking of Bread 6.00pm Evening	10.30am Ladies Coffee Morning 6.30pm Going Bananas	7.30pm Prayer Meeting	2.00pm Equipping the Saints	10.30am Coffee Morning	7.30pm-9.00pm EPIC	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Weekly Meetings

Monday	10.30am Ladies Coffee Morning Otto's Café, Queen Street, Great Harwood
	6.30pm-7.30pm Going Bananas Kids group at GHCF for children of Primary School age
Tuesday	7.30pm Prayer Meeting at GHCF
Wednesday	2.00pm Equipping the Saints Bible Study
Thursday	10.30am Coffee Morning at GHCF
Friday	7.30pm-9.00pm EPIC Youth group for children of High School age

Please see attached calendar for changes to weekly meetings.

January 2025

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Devotion

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Pursuing God and His Mission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20 (LSB)

As we step into January 2025, let us reflect deeply on our calling as followers of Jesus Christ and as a fellowship united in Him. The Great Commission is not a mere suggestion; it is the very heartbeat of Christ for His church. It is the mission that frames our lives, fuels our devotion, and focuses our energy. In these verses from Matthew, Jesus commands His disciples—and us—to make disciples, baptize, and teach. But notice how He bookends this command with the promise of His sovereign authority and His abiding presence. We do not go alone, beloved. We go with Christ, by the power of the Spirit, and in obedience to our Lord.

Our Pursuit of God

Before we can truly pursue the mission, we must first pursue God Himself. This is the foundation of all our efforts. Our devotion to God is the wellspring from which all ministry flows. As David writes in Psalm 63:1, “O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You.”

Do you thirst for God as you begin this year? Do you desire to know Him more, to love Him more deeply, and to walk in step with His Spirit? Pursuing God requires intentionality. It requires daily time in the Word, consistent prayer, and a heart that seeks to glorify Him in all things. The 1689 Second London Baptist Confession reminds us that God has graciously revealed Himself through His Word, and it is “sufficient to give the knowledge of God and of His will which is necessary for salvation” (2LBCF 1.1). Make it your aim this month to deepen your devotion to God. Set aside distractions, recommit to prayer and fasting, and ask the Spirit to stir in you a greater hunger for Him.