

Dear brethren, James Montgomery (1771-1854), in his reflection on Ephesians 6:18, encourages us that, *“Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire uttered or unexpressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.”* We continue to pray for you and your labours for faithfulness and fruitfulness, according to the riches of God’s grace. Please continue lifting us up before the throne of God, especially in these highlighted areas.

### 1] PULPIT MINISTRY.

We continue to receive visitors every Sunday, most of whom are yet to know Christ savingly. To target them with the gospel, I took a break from Philippians to run an evangelistic series on “Christ in the OT”. God willing, I will resume the series on Philippians next year. Last Sunday, I concluded a series of Bible Studies on the “Reliability of Scripture” by paying much attention to Inspiration, Infallibility, and Inerrancy. In these sessions, we glorified the Lord that at the heart of the Protestant Reformation was the godly desire to return to Scripture.

The Lord is graciously blessing Elder Ken with good health, something for which we are truly grateful. It has been a difficult time for him and his family. We are sincerely thankful for your intercession. He hopes to resume his Bible Study series on the “Role of Women in the Church” very soon. Please pray for him.

At 1500 hours every Sunday, we gather for an hour to meditate on the messages received throughout the day before transitioning to the evening worship service at 1600 hours. Spiritual growth is evident in the congregation. The Lord is graciously reviving and revitalising the church’s commitment to the means of grace and pursuit of holiness. Brethren are giving personal testimonies of how the Lord is graciously working in their lives by His word and Spirit. It is at such times that we are helped to remember the sobering confession of Martin Luther, “I did nothing; the word did it all.”

- Please plead for the salvation of our visitors and unconverted attendants.
- Please continue praying for spiritual and numerical fruit according to God’s gracious will.

### 2] WOMEN’S MINISTRY.

At the beginning of the month, my wife, Sally, organised and hosted the ‘end-of-year’ ladies’ fellowship.



A section of the ladies during their fellowship

Over 90% of the women in the church participated. Many of their invitees also greatly profited from the sessions. The older women, coordinated by Liz, Elder Ken’s wife, taught the various aspects of Titus 2. For the better part of the day, they immersed themselves in the theme, “Godly Womanhood.”



Carole, one of the older women, instructing and training the ladies.

Last month, we held our annual couples’ dinner which was also well-attended. We are trusting God for godly homes in the congregation.

- Please plead with the Lord to grant the women in the church the desire for godliness and holiness.
- Ask the Lord to grant that the women in the church will submit to and love their husbands.

### 3] CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.

*In Christ,*

*Tonny Karwa | Grace Baptist Church-Kisumu.*



#### VBS children and their teachers

Last week, we held the last instalment of the children's VBS for the year. Bony, one of the deacons is the coordinator of this ministry. The Lord continues to greatly bless his labours. Here is an excerpt of his brief report on this event.

We had a total of 56 children. 21 of them were invited by both the teachers and some of our own children. We looked at the theme: "The Gospel Of Jesus Christ" from the book of Luke chapters 22 to 24.

With the increase in the size of our Sunday School comes the need for a bigger facility to accommodate all of them. At the beginning of the month, I had the opportunity to train and equip the Sunday school teachers for such ministry.

- Please plead for the conversion of the children who attended the sessions.
- Pray for continued spiritual and ministerial growth of the Sunday school teachers.
- Plead with the Lord to provide a bigger facility to host the children.



Upper primary school children holding discussion during the VBS.