

GBC-KISUMU PRAYER LETTER DECEMBER- FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Brethren, I have highlighted two areas we would especially love for you to mention to our Father in heaven in your remembrance of us in prayer.

1] DECEMBER WAS A MONTH OF CONFERENCES.

KRAFCⁱ 2025.



About 450 delegates attended last year's conference.

The Charismatic Movement in Kenya has lately undergone multiple genetic mutations in its DNA such that we are no longer talking about a monolithic group. One of the implications is that we are staring at a spectrum of pneumatological heresies. Further to this, I suppose it may be difficult at this time to tell whether we are dealing with 'Christianisation' of the African Traditional Religion or 'Africanisation' of the Christian Religion, or even both. What this means is that the Reformed Community, being on the minority, is swimming upstream. It was against this background that we sought to reexamine the biblical teaching on the Person & Work of the Holy Spirit last year December.



Elder Ken moderating the QA Session

I delivered the keynote address while Pastors Sam Oluoch (Grace Baptist Church-Nairobi) and Ronald Kalifungwa (Lusaka Baptist Church, Zambia) explored the plenary sessions in depth. There was no time to deal with the many questions elicited by the robust teaching on the subject. These men spoke with so much liberty for which we thank God. You can find the recordings via the link:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLL4jT14jHBR5LdPJmdtxyH4BvfpQrkbOf&si=G9naPYDr3uFKJVuy>



Children in their Breakout Sessions

BCOKⁱⁱ 2025. I also had an opportunity to speak at last year's Youth Conference organised by the Baptist Convention of Kenya (under Southern Baptist Convention). Over 800 young people camped for a week to hear and marvel at these great truths of our faith. I had been asked to speak on the Gifts of the Spirit. There was good engagement on the truths I sought to lay bare.

- *Please plead that these teachings yield abundant results.*

- *Please pray for the true church in Kenya to be especially faithful to the Lord at this time.*
- *Please pray for this year's conference. The planning will soon start, God willing.*
- *Please consider supporting this year's conference.*
- *Please thank God for the partnership that Crossway extended to us through book giveaways.*



Yours truly speaking at the BCOK Youth Conference

2] JANUARY-FEBRUARY HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF GRIEF.

We have had to sail through tempestuous waters in recent times. The grief has been immense, but the grace has been immeasurable. First, death has visited two churches in our association in these recent times. Our

beloved brethren in Nairobi—GBC Nairobi and Bethzatha Baptist Church are dealing with grief having lost their key members. My co-elder, Ken, lost his beloved sister, Ruth. He is dealing with so much grief and sorrow having laid her to rest only last week.

Second, we had to excommunicate three men from our fellowship last Saturday as we gathered for our AGM. It was quite unfortunate that concerted efforts to lead them to repentance did not bear fruit. There was so much sorrow mingled with gloom in the room especially when the church paused and pondered over the solemn and sobering words of Christ Jesus in Matthew 18:17-20. Yet what was especially comforting to the eldership as we led the process was the patience, thoughtfulness, and unity with which the church dealt with these cases. We did not expect some young men who only came to faith recently to rise and speak with jaw-dropping maturity and authority. When Elder Ken and I retreated later, we marvelled at the blessing of deeply grounding the church in the truth. The fruits of such arduous labours manifest during such times when the church must inevitably make tough decisions for the good of the bride of Christ to the praise of His glorious grace.

- *Please pray for these three men if God would perhaps grant them repentance leading to eternal life.*
- *Kindly pray with much gratitude for the Lord to continue maturing the church in the truth.*

In Christ,

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ⁱ Kenyan Reformed Annual Family Conference.

ⁱⁱ Baptist Convention of Kenya.