GIVING 03.08.26

General Offering	$11,393.70
Building Fund	$1,567.04
Uganda	$140.00
Benevolence	$50.00
Total	$13,150.74
Attendance	240

> "Thankfulness becomes the song, the overflow, of the Christian — turning our gaze to God and away from ourselves and our circumstances."
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> — Alistair Begg

VISITORS + MEMBERS

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Welcome to Grace Harvest Bible Church

03.15.26

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES
9:00am

Elders- 1 Samuel
Sanctuary A

Bereans- Luke
Upstairs C

Young Adults- 1 Corinthians
Downstairs B, Gray Room

Surge (5th & 6th)
Upstairs C

Youth (7th - 12th)
Basement A

Children's SS
(Birth-4th)
Downstairs C

SUNDAY SERVICES
10:30am

Worship Service

Children's Church
(Birth-4th)

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Trail Life
Mondays 6:30pm

Men's Book Study
Mondays 7pm/Fridays 6am

Worship Team Practice
Tuesdays 7:00pm

Awana
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Surge (5th & 6th)
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Youth (7th - 12th)
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Men's Alliance
Wednesdays 7:00pm

Family Groups
Every other Thursday
6:30 and 7:00pm

Women's Book Study
Mondays 7:00pm

Pastor's Pen

Drinking From The Saucer

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ," Ephesians 1:3

Have you ever observed how a cat drinks? When their bowl is full, they lap from the edge. But when it's empty, they might even drink from the saucer below. Sometimes, life resembles this. We hope for blessings in abundance—full bowls. Yet, often, God's blessings arrive quietly and subtly, in ways that seem minor.

Paul reminds us in Ephesians 1:3 that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. All the blessings we need for life and godliness are ours in Him — not just sometimes or in small measure, but completely. Still, we may feel discouraged if we think we're not getting enough. Often, we focus on the bowl being half empty instead of recognizing that the saucer itself is a gift.

God's blessings are not always obvious. Spiritual growth, patience, perseverance, wisdom, and joy often arrive in small, almost imperceptible ways. These "saucer moments" remind us to drink deeply from gratitude, even when life feels like it's offering less than we hoped. Every blessing, large or small, is from the same hand that gave the fullness of salvation in Christ.

Here are five practical ways to appreciate God's blessings:

1. Give Thanks in Prayer: Acknowledging God in prayer cultivates gratitude for His blessings. ***"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*** — 1 Thessalonians 5:18
2. Praise God with Your Words: Verbal praise reinforces awareness of God's goodness. ***"Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!"*** — Psalm 107:8
3. Share Your Blessings with Others: Generosity helps you see God's blessings multiply through acts of love. ***"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."*** — Proverbs 19:17
4. Live in Obedience: Appreciation is shown through faithful living according to God's will. ***"If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land."*** — Isaiah 1:19
5. Reflect and Remember: Take time to meditate on what God has done; remembering strengthens gratitude. ***"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."*** — Psalm 103:2

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Everything short of Hell - is a mercy!- James Smith,
("Profitable Portions For the Lord's Day" 1865)

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud - but gives grace to the humble!" Peter 5:5

The humble man may have anything from God. Who are the humble? Those who have a proper sense of their guilt, emptiness, and utter nothingness before God. Divine teaching has...brought them into the dust, stopped their boasting, cropped their pride, and softened their stony hearts.

Pride is one of the most mischievous things in creation! It appears to have been the cause of the fall of angels, and it certainly was the cause of the fall of our first parents. Pride does more evil in the world, in the church, and in the domestic circle - than anything else; while humility is one of the most beautiful, beneficial, and pleasing of the graces. Humility pleases God, approves itself to man, and prevents a world of mischief and misery!

"The humble" have low views of themselves. They see so many sad defects on the one hand, and so many glaring inconsistencies on the other - that they are obliged to lay low before God in shame and self-abhorrence. With Job, they cry, "Behold, I am vile!" Or, with Agur, "So foolish was I, and ignorant, I was as a beast before You!"

"The humble" know that...their every grace is imperfect, their every service is polluted and defiled, and even their very prayers need to be cleansed in the blood of Jesus.

"The humble" have a vivid and abiding sense of their deserts. They know that if God were to deal with them in pure justice - they must be sent to Hell. They deserve nothing better. Everything short of Hell - is a mercy! They realize this, and it humbles them, it makes them willing to take the lowest place. They feel that all the difference between them and the most depraved person on earth - is to be traced to the free, sovereign, and distinguishing grace of God. ***"By the grace of God - I am what I am!"*** 1 Corinthians 15:10

They have a humility of disposition, so that they do not complain of the Lord. He tries them. He strips them. He weans them from the world. He... baffles their schemes, frustrates their designs, and often cuts off their hopes! But they justify Him, and say, "It is the Lord! Let Him do what seems good unto Him!"

"The humble" do not cavil at God's Word. They receive the doctrines, promises, and precepts of the Word, just as God has revealed them.