

# GIVING

04.05.26

General Offering	\$18,868.40
Building Fund	\$1,588.29
Uganda	\$190.00
Benevolence	\$170.00
Total	\$20,816.69
Attendance	272

“ The most vital question to ask about all who claim to be Christian is this: Have they a soul thirst for God? ... Is their life centered on Him? Do they press forward more and more that they might know Him.

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones ”



**VISITORS + MEMBERS**  
 For ALL church announcements, our church calendar, ministries for serving and small groups to join, please see our Church Center app.



Welcome to  
 Grace Harvest  
 Bible Church

04.12.26

## 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-4<sup>th</sup>)

## WEEKDAY EVENTS

Trail Life  
Mondays 6:30pm

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

Women's Book Study  
Mondays 7:00pm

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  
9:00am, 6:30pm, & 7:00pm

# Pastor's Pen

From Shame to Salvation!

**"And Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar."**

Matthew 1:3

Have you ever wondered why certain stories are included in the Bible? When you read the story of Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38), you might question how this can be beneficial to God's plan of salvation for His elect.

The tragic story of Tamar and Judah highlights that God does not base His redemptive plans on human virtue, which is fragile, but on the solid foundation of sovereign grace. In Genesis 38, we see sin that is neither excusable nor admirable—Judah's hypocrisy, Tamar's desperation, and shame that should have ended the line forever. Yet, when the Spirit of God leads us to Matthew's Gospel, we discover that this very story is included in the genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here we learn that the Bible does not flatter God's people, but exposes them, so that the mercy of God might appear all the more magnificent. Judah's failure did not hinder God's promise, and Tamar's brokenness did not cancel God's purpose, for from their ruin God brought forth Perez, and from Perez came David, and from David came Christ, proving that redemption is not the reward of the righteous but the rescue of the ruined.

The Lord neither approves of their sin nor hides it; instead, He works through it, showcasing a grace that overcomes human corruption and a sovereignty that directs even our worst failures toward His holy purposes. This challenging story itself becomes a lesson: the Savior did not come from a flawless lineage but from one of sinners—wounded and wayward—so that every trembling soul can be assured that no past is too dark for His mercy, no failure too great for His grace, and no broken sinner beyond His reach.

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

# Grace Gems

Original Sin- (Charles Simeon)

**"Surely I was sinful at birth—sinful from the time my mother conceived me!"** Psalm 51:5

David's account of himself in this verse was true, and it is equally true of all the human race. Just so, Paul declares of himself, as well as all the rest of the human race that, **"We were dead in our transgressions and sins . . . Like the rest, we were by nature children of wrath!"** Ephesians 2:1, 3

Why is it that every child, from the first moment that he begins to act at all, manifests corrupt tempers and dispositions?

Since this has been the state of every child that has been born into the world, we are constrained to acknowledge that our very nature is corrupt; and that, as David tells us, we are estranged from the womb and go astray as soon as we are born! Psalm 58:3

Further, how can we account for the sufferings and death of infants, but on the supposition that they are partakers of Adam's guilt and corruption? Sufferings and death are the penalty of sin; and we cannot conceive that God would inflict that penalty on millions of infants, if they were not in some way or other liable to His wrath.

Paul notices this, as a compelling proof that all of Adam's posterity fell in him, and through him are partakers of guilt and misery. **"Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin; and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned."** Romans 5:12

We find no intimation in the Scriptures that any are saved without faith in Christ. Christ is the only door by which we must enter into Heaven. He is the only way to the Father; nor, as long as the world shall stand, shall any come unto the Father but by Him!

**"I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved!"** John 10:9

**"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me!"** John 14:6

**"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved."** Acts 4:12