

# Pastor's Pen

Come See What God Has Done!

**"Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man." -Psalm 66:5**

On September 2, 2009, a small group of believers gathered in my living room and signed the Grace Harvest Baptist Church Charter. After 15 years, we celebrate what God has done through his people here at GHBC. I wanted to share the Charter that was signed 15 years ago and hangs in the Church office.

The Grace Harvest Baptist Church Charter  
The Grace Harvest Baptist Church Charter God, who at various times, and in different ways spoke in times past to our fathers, revealing His glory, calling all people to salvation and establishing His church; has now also spoken to us, expressing His purposeful intention to redeem His dearly loved creation through the ministry of the Grace Harvest Baptist Church. We solemnly and joyfully accept His commission to reach out to the unsaved and the un-churched, disciple those who know the Lord, and minister to our fellow man. In all of our activities, we seek to become all things to all men, to win them to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and see them equipped by grace to be our multiplying fellow laborers in the global harvest.

We honor the work being done in many communities by Godly men and churches of good will, and gratefully align ourselves with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. We seek to express the truth that the diversities of global societies call the body of Christ, while remaining faithful to the scriptures, to find new and compelling ways to welcome into the kingdom of God those who are not reached by existing forms and congregations.

We prayerfully and carefully seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, trusting that the power of God, effective for salvation, will effectively give us the desire and ability to do His will.

We eagerly submit to the discipline of the word of God, enlivened by the Spirit of God. We will treasure God's word in our hearts as our protection against sin and live transparently with accountability to our God, our families, our community of faith, and our world. We will express the power of God transforming our lives as we connect with the unregenerate world around us, empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit to be kindly affectionate, fervent in spirit, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, steadfast in prayer and given to hospitality as we are God's channel of mercy to meet spiritual and physical needs of people and communities around the world.

We recognize that the family is a Divine institution that precedes the church. Therefore, our ministries and activities shall find foundation in our homes, and our families participating jointly in worship, prayer, transformational Bible study, and ministry. In solemn assembly, we commit ourselves and our families to seek the holy power of God to express the intent of this Charter in our daily lives, and through the life of our community of faith, the Grace Harvest Baptist Church. Affirmed by the undersigned this Second Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Six:  
**"... behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest"**  
**John 4:35b**

I look forward to serving and ministering alongside each of you as we continue to go-gather-grow-go.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"The Church is the Church only when it exists for others- not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others."  
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

# Grace Gems

If I had my deserts!  
(James Smith, "An Antidote" 1857)

There are some things that we should never forget: what we were before God called us by His grace; what we might have been—but for His sovereign mercy; what we certainly would be—if left wholly to ourselves.

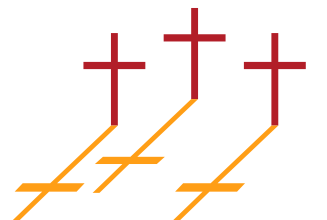
We were . . . rebels against God's government, traitors to His cause, and doomed to an eternal Hell!

Everything short of Hell—is mercy! If I had my deserts—I would be in Hell today! I would be feeling its fierce flames, enduring its scorching torments, and horrified by its dreadful inhabitants! I was enmity against God by nature. I would be enmity against God this day—if it were not for His glorious grace. I deserve Hell most justly—and would have been in hell—but for His kindness! "Look unto the rock whence you are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence you are dug!" Look at the horrible pit from which He raised you, and the miry clay from which He extricated you.

Look—and admire!

Look—and love Him!

Look—and praise His thrice blessed and most glorious name!



# Weekly Gatherings



## Bible Classes

New Testament  
Sunday School  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Bible Study



## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM @ Royall's  
Every other Thursday @ 7PM  
@ Patrick's & Cox's



## Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.



## Youth Study

Wednesdays @ 6:30PM  
Youth Study  
AWANA @ 6:30 starting 9/15/21



## Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM  
Children's Church @ 10:30AM

Giving from service on 09/05/2021

General Offering .....	12,078.36
Building Fund .....	2,890.60
Uganda .....	150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15,118.96</b>

Attendance .....	124
Sunday School .....	93
Online .....	27

## Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org  
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org  
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org  
Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org  
Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org  
Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org  
Youth Ministry-youth@ghbcva.org  
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