

GIVING

03.15.26

General Offering	\$7,761.66
Building Fund	\$849.53
Uganda	\$180.00
Benevolence	\$195.00
Total	\$8,986.19
Attendance	224

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“God often works and accomplishes
His will in ways that seem contrary to
human reason.”

– Martin Luther

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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

03.22.26

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

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

Not His Ways!

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares Yahweh. — Isaiah 55:8

In the story of Jacob and Esau we get a clear picture of how different God's ways are from our ways. If Hollywood were making a secular version of the story of the two brothers, Esau would be the hero, and Jacob and his mother would be considered the villains. Esau is strong, straightforward, and honorable. Jacob appears sneaky, manipulative, and undeserving. By human standards, the wrong man seems to win.

Yet Scripture reminds us that God does not operate by human logic. **"The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart"** (1 Samuel 16:7). What looks unjust to us is often God accomplishing a deeper purpose that we cannot yet see.

Paul echoes this truth when he writes, **"God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong"** (1 Corinthians 1:27). Jacob's story is not about rewarding deception—it is about God advancing His covenant promises through grace rather than human merit. If salvation were based on who "deserved it" none of us would stand. **"So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy"** (Romans 9:16).

That's what makes God's ways so unsettling—and so hopeful. He works through broken people, messy families, and imperfect motives to bring about perfect purposes. What feels unfair in the moment often becomes evidence later of His sovereign wisdom. **"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!"** (Romans 11:33).

So, when life doesn't follow the script we expect—when the "wrong" person seems to get ahead, when obedience doesn't bring immediate reward, when God's plan feels upside down—we remember Isaiah's words: His ways are not ours. And thank God they aren't. If they were, grace would disappear, mercy would shrink, and hope would fade. So today, Christian, trust the God whose ways are higher, whose plans are wiser, and whose grace reaches farther than anything we could design on our own.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

I Am Full of Confusion! - J. C. Philpot

"I am full of confusion!" Job 10:15

God is the great Ruler, Director, and Controller of all things! We must not look on the varied events that are ever taking place in this world, as a mere matter of 'chance' – a confused medley – as though these multitudinous circumstances were all thrown like marbles into a bag, and thrown back out without any order or arrangement.

God is a God of order. In the natural world, the world of creation—all is in order. In the spiritual world, the world of grace—all is in order. And in the providential world, the world of providence—all is order also. To our mind, indeed, all often seems disorder. But this arises from our ignorance, and from not seeing the whole as one definitely arranged plan.

If you were to see a weaver working at a loom and saw nothing but the threads and needles jumping up in continual motion, you would see nothing but confusion. Nor could you form the slightest conception of the pattern which was being worked. But when the whole was completed, and the silk taken off the roller—then you would see a pattern arranged in beautiful order—every thread concurring to form one harmonious design. But all this was known beforehand by the artist who designed the pattern, and every arrangement was made in strict subserviency to it.

But if this is the case as to God's appointments in providence, how much more is it true of His glorious designs in grace. Every... trial, temptation, affliction, sorrow, are but the result of a definite plan in His eternal mind!

Yet to us how often all seems confusion! This confusion is not so much in the things themselves—as in our mind. Job, when surrounded by trouble, cried out, **"I am full of confusion!"** Yet we can see in reading his history that all his trials were working toward an appointed end. So, every trial, sorrow, temptation or affliction, which has ever lain, or ever will lie, in your path—has been marked out by infinite, unerring wisdom!

Is not the commonest road laid out according to a definite plan? And does not the surveyor, when he lays it out, put every mile-stone in its proper place?

So, does not the Lord lay out beforehand the road in which His people should walk? And does He not put a trial here and a sorrow there—an affliction at this turning and a cross at that corner? All is definitely planned in His infinite wisdom, to bring the traveler safely home to Zion!