GIVING 11.08.26

General Offering	$16,362.28
Building Fund	$2,720.01
Uganda	$460.00
Benevolence	$90.00
Total	$19,632.28
Attendance	222

> "Christ is the brightness of His Father's glory, the express image of His person, and the living Word by whom God speaks to men."
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> — Thomas Watson

VISITORS + MEMBERS

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Welcome to Grace Harvest Bible Church

11.15.26

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES
9:00am

Old Testament
Sanctuary A

Bereans - New Testament
Upstairs C

Young Adults
Downstairs B, Gray Room

College & Career
Downstairs B, Red Room

Surge (10 - 12 Year Olds)
Upstairs C

Youth (13 - 18 Year Olds)
Basement A

Children's SS
(Birth - 9 Year Olds)
Downstairs C

SUNDAY SERVICES
10:30am

Worship Service

Children's Church
(Birth - 9 Year Olds)

WEEKDAY EVENTS

Trail Life &
American Heritage Girls
Mondays 6:30pm

Men's Book Study
Mondays 7pm

Women's Walk & Book Study
Mondays 6:30pm

Worship Team Practice
Tuesdays 7:00pm

Awana
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Surge (10 - 12 Year Olds)
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Youth (13 - 18 Year Olds)
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Men's Alliance
Wednesdays 7:00pm

Family Groups
Every other Thursday
9:00am, 6:30pm, & 7:00pm

Men's Book Study
Fridays, 6:00am

Pastor's Pen

The Voice That Created the World

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." — John 1:1

John opens his Gospel by calling Jesus ***"the Word."*** In Greek, that title is a single word: Logos. To John's Jewish readers, this was not a new concept. It reached all the way back to the opening pages of Scripture. In Genesis 1, God created the universe by His spoken word. Ten times in that chapter we read, ***"God said..."*** and immediately creation obeyed. Light burst forth. Seas gathered. Stars filled the heavens. Life sprang from the earth. God spoke, and what did not exist suddenly existed.

The psalmist declares the same truth: ***"By the word of Yahweh the heavens were made"*** (Psalm 33:6). In the Greek translation of the Old Testament used by many Jews in the first century, the word translated "word" is Logos—the very same word John uses in John 1. John is not inventing a new title for Jesus. He is identifying Him.

The divine Word that thundered, ***"Let there be light,"*** (Genesis 1:3) is the eternal Son of God. The Logos did not simply speak creation into existence and then remain distant from it. John says, ***"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us"*** (John 1:14). The Creator entered His own creation. The One who spoke galaxies into existence took on human flesh. The voice that called light out of darkness walked the dusty roads of Galilee, touched lepers, calmed storms, carried a cross, and rose triumphantly from the grave.

Charles Spurgeon wrote, "The Christ who lay in the manger was the same Christ who hung the stars in their places." The Logos is not merely God's message; He is God's eternal Son, fully God and the perfect revelation of the Father.

The same Word that created the world is also the Savior who renews sinners. Through His powerful Word, He continues to speak light into darkened hearts, bringing life to those who were once dead in sin (2 Corinthians 4:6). The Logos, who declared, ***"Let there be light,"*** (Genesis 1:3) now calls His followers, ***"Follow Me."*** The Creator has arrived; the Word has become flesh. The One who spoke the first words of creation now offers words of eternal life.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Living in the Light of Christ's Return-J.C. Ryle

I am afraid that the subject of the second coming of Jesus is not sufficiently thought of and studied by many Christians. I must say that the greater number of believers are not like the early Christians in this matter. The early Christians made it a principal part of their religion to look for the second coming of Jesus. They looked backward to the cross and the atonement, and rejoiced in Christ crucified. But they also looked forward to the coming of Christ, and lived in a state of expectation. The New Testament continually presses upon believers the certainty and suddenness of the return of Jesus. Again and again we are exhorted: "Keep watch… Be ready… Be alert!" These are not gentle suggestions, but urgent commands from the lips of our Lord.

Keep Watch! ***"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*** (Matthew 24:42)

To keep watch is to live with eyes lifted heavenward, weighing every choice in the light of eternity. The world lulls souls to sleep with its vanities, but the Christian must remain awake, knowing that at any moment the skies may part and the Son of Man may appear. Let us live like men who believe in the reality of Hell and Heaven, the near coming of Christ, the value of the soul, the vanity of this world, and the importance of holiness. Our time is short—our days are numbered. We are on our way to the final judgment!"

Be Ready! ***"You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."*** (Luke 12:40)

To be ready is to have our sins forgiven, our hearts cleansed, and our lamps filled with oil. It means walking in daily faith and repentance, clinging to Jesus, and living as pilgrims bound for glory. The great question is whether we have saving grace in our hearts—whether we have been born again, and are ready to meet the Bridegroom. The saddest sight in the day of Christ's appearing will be unready professors, with lamps gone out and no oil to be found.

Be Alert! ***"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come."*** (Mark 13:33)

Alertness is the vigilance of a soldier who knows the enemy is prowling around him. It is to resist sin, redeem the time, and serve faithfully as stewards who long to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant… Come and share your Master's happiness! Nothing is of such importance, as to be found 'in Christ' when He comes. Riches, rank, health, honors, pleasures—all will be worthless then. To be a true servant of Christ, ready for His appearing—this will be the only thing that matters.

Keep watch. Be ready. Be alert. Let us live wisely, walk in holiness, and long for His appearing. ***"So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."*** (Matthew 24:44). Even so, come, Lord Jesus!