

GIVING

07.12.26

General Offering	\$15,862.88
Building Fund	\$2,135.00
Uganda	\$380.00
Benevolence	\$160.00
Total	\$18,537.88
Attendance	242



Welcome to
Grace Harvest
Bible Church

07.19.26

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"The meek shall inherit the earth, not lose it.
The renewed earth is the everlasting
inheritance of the redeemed."

— John Calvin

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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.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

9:00am

Elders - 2 Samuel
Sanctuary A

Bereans - Luke
Upstairs C

Young Adults - 1 Corinthians
Downstairs B, Gray 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 | Fridays 6am

Women's Book Study
Mondays 6:30pm

Worship Team Practice
Tuesdays 7:00pm

Awana
Wednesdays 6:30pm
(resumes September 16th)

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

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

Men's Alliance
Wednesdays 7:00pm

Pastor's Pen

The Believers' Eternal Home: The New Jerusalem

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man."
- Revelation 21:3.

When many people think of heaven, they picture a distant, spiritual realm far removed from earth. Yet Scripture offers a much richer picture. The culmination of God's redemptive plan is not that His people escape the earth, but that God comes to dwell with His people on a renewed earth in the New Jerusalem.

From the beginning, God has desired to dwell among His people. In Eden, Adam and Eve enjoyed unhindered fellowship with their Creator. Sin shattered that communion, yet God's purpose never changed. The Tabernacle in the wilderness was a shadow of His presence among His people. The Temple further revealed His desire to dwell among them. Then came the incarnation, when Jesus Christ, Immanuel—"God with us"—entered our world as the ultimate foretaste of what was to come.

The story of redemption reaches its glorious conclusion in Revelation 21–22, as the New Jerusalem descends from heaven to the new earth. There, God will dwell permanently with His redeemed people. The curse will be lifted, fellowship will be restored, and every consequence of sin will be forever abolished.

What a day that will be! No more pain. No more grief. No more tears. No more death. No more sickness. No more separation. No more sin. The struggles and sorrows of this fallen world will be gone forever, and God's people will enjoy His presence in perfect joy and peace.

The Bible begins in a garden and ends in a city, but the theme remains the same: God dwelling with His people. Eden was the original pattern. The Tabernacle was a foreshadow. The incarnation was the foretaste. The New Jerusalem is the fulfillment.

As believers, we look forward with hope and anticipation to that glorious day when faith becomes sight and we will dwell forever in the presence of our King.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

It is not the glory of the place - it is the beauty of the person!
(Archibald Brown, "With Christ!")

"My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better!" Philippians 1:23

Paul does not say, "I have a desire to depart, and to be in Heaven." Oh no! It is far better than that.

Nor is it, "I have a desire to depart and to be free of troubles."

No, it is, **"My desire is to depart and be with Christ!"**

"With Christ! With Christ!" This honey in the mouth, and the more often you turn it over, the sweeter it becomes!

Heaven is not merely a place of golden streets, and pinnacles glittering with the jewels. No! That is not enough for the believer. It is, **"With Christ!"** All the pearly gates, and all the seraphic praises - fail to make the Heaven of our desire. Our Heaven is to **"be with Christ!"** It is not the glory of the place - it is the beauty of the person!

"With Christ!" Oh, how shall I illustrate it? It is the magnet that makes the soul tremble and will not let it rest until it points true towards it.

"With Christ!" Yes, that is the distant haven on which the mariner gazes as the ship rocks and reels, as the timbers creak, and as the storm blast whistles through the rigging.

"With Christ!" These words are the trumpet note that awakens all the heroism in a Christian's soul and makes him willing to dash into the thickest part of the fray. He says, "I can fight my way through ten thousand foes, for on the other side it is with Christ!"