

GIVING

09.27.26

General Offering	\$8,309.28
Building Fund	\$550.00
Uganda	\$0.00
Benevolence	\$90.00
Total	\$8,954.28
Attendance	200

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"The Son of God became the Son of Man that
the sons of men might become the sons of
God."

— John Owen

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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

10.04.26

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

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

Pastor's Pen

The Centurion's Confession!
"Truly this was God's Son!" Matthew 27:54

The cross of Jesus Christ has a way of reaching places nothing else can. At the foot of the cross stood a Roman centurion, a hardened legionnaire. Historians tell us that at the time of Christ, the Romans had crucified more than 5,000 people in the province of Judea. He likely had overseen countless crucifixions. This execution should have been no different from any other.

He was a pagan who knew nothing of the Old Testament's promises. He had not been raised in the synagogue, had not memorized the Scriptures, and had not waited for the coming Messiah. He was a man trained for war, disciplined to obey orders, and accustomed to death. Yet this day was different.

He witnessed the mocking of Jesus, heard the insults hurled at Him, and watched the Savior endure unimaginable suffering without retaliation. He saw the darkness cover the land from noon until three o'clock. He felt the earth shake as Jesus breathed His last. He heard Christ pray for His enemies and watched Him willingly commit His spirit to the Father's hands. Then Matthew records these remarkable words: **"Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, became very frightened and said, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'"** (Matthew 27:54)

What transformed this centurion? It was not a sermon. It was not years of Bible study. It was the undeniable testimony of the crucified Christ. In those final hours, God opened his eyes to see what so many religious leaders refused to acknowledge: the One hanging on that cross was no ordinary man. He was the Son of God. The cross accomplished what no argument could. It broke through a heart that seemed impossible to reach.

The message of the cross, the Gospel, still holds that power today. No heart is too hard. No past is too sinful. No guilt is too heavy. No life is beyond God's saving grace. If the crucified Christ could bring a battle-hardened Roman centurion to confess His divine identity, He can break through the pride, fear, bitterness, and unbelief that bind people today.

Perhaps you carry regret for past failures, the weight of persistent sin, or the burden of painful circumstances. Look again to the cross. There we see God's justice satisfied, God's love displayed, and God's grace offered freely to all who believe. The centurion left Calvary forever changed because he saw Jesus for who He truly is.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

If our faith stops at the cross!
(J.R. Miller, "Life's Byways and Waysides")

The women had brought spices, expecting to find Jesus' body wrapped in burial garments, lying in the tomb. **"He is not here—He has risen!"** (Matthew 28:6) said the angel.

Too many Christians look yet for their Christ, among the dead. They do not get beyond the cross and the grave. They see Christ, as only the Lamb of God who takes away their sin. They think of Him as accomplishing in His sufferings and death, the whole of His work of human redemption. They do not think of a living Christ who intercedes for them in Heaven, and who walks with them on earth in loving companionship.

The cross must never be forgotten! In a certain very real sense, Christ saved His people by giving Himself for them. The cross was the fullest, most complete revealing of divine love, which earth has ever seen! There the heart of God broke, that its streams of life might flow out to give life to the perishing world. To leave a dying Christ out of our creed, is to leave out salvation. The prints of the nails are the proof-marks on all doctrine, on all theology, on all Christian life. He who dims the luster of the cross of Christ is putting out the light of Christian hope, by which alone souls can be lighted homeward. We must never forget that Jesus died—died for us!

But if our faith stops at the cross—it misses the blessing of the fullest revealing of Christ. We do not merely need a Savior who nineteen hundred years ago went to death to redeem us—but one who also is alive, to walk by our side in loving companionship.

We need a Savior who can now hear our prayers. We need a Savior to whose feet we can now creep in penitence, when we have sinned. We need a Savior to whom we can now call for help, when the battle is going against us. We need a Savior who is now interested in all of the affairs of our common life, and who can assist us in time of need. We need a Savior who can now be our real Friend—loving us, keeping close beside us always. We not only need a Savior who saved us by one great act wrought centuries ago—but one who continually saves us by His warm heart throbbing with love today, walking ever by our side.

Nothing less than a living Christ will do for us! That is what the gospel brings to us. It tells us of Him who lives. He was dead—the nail-prints are in His hands, but He is now alive forevermore! He is risen! He loves us now, today, always. He is ever with us!

It is only as we realize the truth of a living Christ, that our hearts are satisfied. We crave a personal friendship which will come into our life with its sympathies, its inspirations, its companionship, its shelter, its life, its comfort. All this, the living Christ is to us.

"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them!" Hebrews 7:25