

GIVING

06.07.26

General Offering	\$11,542.41
Building Fund	\$6,682.35
Uganda	\$140.00
Benevolence	\$10.00
Total	\$18,374.76
Attendance	227



Welcome to Grace Harvest Bible Church

06.21.26

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"The ministry of the Word is the highest office in the church and the greatest of all offices on earth."

- 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.

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
(resumes July 13th)

Men's Book Study
Mondays 7pm | Fridays 6am
(resumes September 14th)

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

Examining Men for the Noble Task of Eldership

"It is a trustworthy saying: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a good work." — 1 Timothy 3:1

One of the greatest blessings Christ gives His church is godly leadership. The office of elder is not merely a position to be filled but a sacred calling entrusted to qualified men who shepherd God's flock through prayer, teaching, oversight, and personal example.

Today, our elders will begin the formal examination of Ian Hix and Bill Malaney as candidates for the office of elder at Grace Harvest Bible Church. This examination process is not intended to be a formality but a careful and biblical evaluation of their doctrine, character, spiritual maturity, and ability to shepherd God's people according to the qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

The church's responsibility is not merely to observe this process but to participate through prayer. Pray for Ian and Bill as they are examined. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the elders as we seek to determine God's will. Most importantly, pray that Christ would continue to provide faithful shepherds for His church.

The office of elder is a noble task because it reflects the ministry of the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Elders are called to lead by serving, teach by example, and care for souls entrusted to their oversight. We are thankful for men who desire to serve in this capacity and are willing to submit themselves to the rigorous process of examination.

May God grant us wisdom, unity, and joy as we seek to follow His design for the leadership of His church.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Is Hell Real? -Dane Ortlund

Hell exists, and everyone deserves it.

When we understand God for who He is—perfectly holy—we immediately see not only who He is, but who we are: utterly sinful. Many people speak of hell as the absence of God, but hell is not the absence of God in an absolute sense. Rather, it is the presence of God in wrath. Hell is the place where unbelievers experience the righteous judgment of God as they suffer the consequences of their sin forever.

The point is this: a penitent murderer goes to heaven, while an impenitent founder of an orphanage goes to hell. All of our badness does not make us harder to save, and all of our goodness does not make us easier to save. The world tends to believe that heaven is for the good and hell is for the bad. The Bible teaches that heaven is for the penitent and hell is for the impenitent, regardless of how morally good or bad a person may appear.

Jesus never hesitated to warn people about the horrors of hell because He, more than anyone else, understood its true frightfulness. No one who has ever lived will receive injustice from God. Some will receive mercy. The rest will receive justice. No one is ever treated unfairly by God. As Abraham declared, ***"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"*** (Genesis 18:25).

We tend to think that the default destiny of all people is heaven and that hell is reserved only for the particularly wicked. In reality, our default destiny is hell because of our sin. Heaven is reserved for those who honestly acknowledge their guilt before God and trust in Christ alone for salvation.

More than likely, within the next few days, someone living within a few miles of where you are sitting right now will enter eternity without Christ and descend into hell. This sobering reality should awaken us to the urgency of the gospel.

A moral life does not place us farther from hell, and an immoral life does not place us closer to it. Heaven is not for the deserving; it is for the repentant. Hell is not for the undeserving; it is for the unrepentant.

Hell is filled with people who think they should be in heaven. Heaven is filled with people who know they should be in hell. The astonishing surprise is not that there is only one way to get to heaven. The astonishing surprise is that there is any way to get to heaven at all for sinners such as us.

"All of us also lived among them at one time, fulfilling the cravings of our flesh and indulging its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature children of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved!" (Ephesians 2:3-5).

The wonder of salvation is that God has made a way for guilty sinners to be forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who repent and believe are rescued from the wrath to come and welcomed into the eternal joy of God's presence.