

GIVING

09.13.26

General Offering	\$11,528.45
Building Fund	\$530.00
Uganda	\$140.00
Benevolence	\$90.00
Total	\$12,288.45
Attendance	239

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"The guilt of the believer was laid upon Christ,
and the righteousness of Christ is laid upon
the believer."

— Thomas Watson

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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

09.20.26

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
(resumes September 24th)

Pastor's Pen

Accused!

"Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him."
- Zechariah 3:2

In Zechariah 3, the prophet receives a vision of Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, while Satan stands at his right hand to accuse him. It is a courtroom scene. Joshua is the defendant, Satan is the prosecutor, and the Angel of the LORD—the pre-incarnate Christ—is the Judge and Defender.

The remarkable thing about this vision is that Satan's accusations were not baseless. Joshua was clothed in filthy garments, a vivid picture of sin and uncleanness. As Israel's high priest, Joshua represented a sinful people who had returned from exile because of their rebellion against God. He had nothing in himself to offer as a defense. Yet before Satan could press his case, the Lord spoke: **"Yahweh rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, Yahweh who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!"** (Zechariah 3:2).

The Lord did not defend Joshua because Joshua was righteous. He defended him because He had chosen him. God's grace, not Joshua's goodness, silenced the accuser. Then the Lord gave a command that points us directly to the gospel: **"Remove the filthy garments from him." He declared, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes"** (Zechariah 3:4). Joshua did not cleanse himself. He did not improve himself or earn God's favor. God removed his guilt and clothed him in clean garments. It is a beautiful picture of justification. God takes away our sin and clothes us in righteousness we did not earn.

This passage reminds us of two important truths. First, Satan remains the accuser of God's people. He delights in reminding us of our failures, weaknesses, and past sins. At times, we may even begin to believe his accusations. But the answer to Satan is never our performance. Our confidence rests in Christ alone. The Lord has removed our guilt and clothed us in the righteousness of His Son.

Second, we must be careful not to assume the role of accusers. Leadership often leads to noticing others' failures, emphasizing weaknesses, or defining individuals by their past mistakes. Yet God's work centers on redemption and restoration. He is dedicated to cleansing sinners and transforming them for His service. As shepherds of His people, we should strive to embody that same compassionate heart.

Paul echoes this truth in Romans 8:33–34: **"Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised."** Because of Christ, every accusation that could condemn us has been answered at the cross.

As we serve the Lord, let us remember that we stand before Him not in the filthy garments of our own righteousness, but clothed in the perfect righteousness of Christ. That truth should humble us, strengthen us, and shape the way we care for His people.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

These rare pictures! (J.R. Miller)

"Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things!"
Isaiah 40:26

They miss many a tender joy—who do not have a heart in sympathy with nature.

They lose many a whisper of love which drops from God's lips—who do not have ears open to hear the voices of nature.

They fail to see many lovely visions of beauty—who have not learned to use their eyes in admiring the exquisite things that God has scattered everywhere in such glorious variety.

Yet most of us walk amid these inspirations, these rare pictures, these sweet voices—and neither feel nor see nor hear them! God meant us to get comfort and joy from the lovely things with which He has filled our earth.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world!" Psalm 19:1-4