

# Pastor's Pen

Legacy!

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

Mary White is a communications expert she said this about what a person's legacy is, "When a person dies, the mark the individual left on the world represents that individual's legacy. While a person's legacy can involve money, the concept of legacy is much larger than the value of an individual's estate. It is about the richness of the individual's life, including what that person accomplished and the impact he or she had on people and places. Ultimately, the story of a person's life reflects the individual's legacy."

Have you ever thought about what people will say about you when you are no longer here? Have you ever wondered what people will remember about you? As a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I have had the privilege to preach the Gospel at many believers' funerals. On the flip side, I have also preached the Gospel at unbelievers' funerals. There is a marked contrast when preaching a faithful believer's funeral instead of a non-believer. The difference is the legacy that person leaves behind.

Theoretical physicist Stephen W. Hawking died on March 14, 2018, at age 76. Hawking was considered to have one of the greatest minds of this generation. He died a devout atheist. He said this back in 2011, "There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark." His legacy is all about his brilliant mind and his impact on the science world. The famous actor Clint Eastwood is an atheist. When asked about God, he said, "No, I don't believe in God. If you think that nothing happens after you die, maybe it makes you live life better". If he does not come to Christ, he will be known for his movies and soon will be forgotten. Morgan Freeman, also an actor and an atheist, said in a 2012 interview with TheWrap when asked if he considered himself atheist or agnostic. He replied, "It's a hard question because, as I said at the start, I think we invented God. So if I believe in God, and I do, it's because I think I'm God."

If someone dies without Christ as their Lord and Savior, their legacy is nothing but temporal. As a believer in Jesus Christ, your legacy will live on in other believers. God will use the seeds of the Gospel that you shared to bring others to saving faith. If God has blessed you with children, your legacy as a Christian man or woman will live on through them. As God calls His elect to Himself, He uses mothers and fathers to share the Gospel and live out their faith in front of their children. Whether you have children or not, God has called you to be His ambassadors and to share the King's message about the Kingdom of God. God does not call us all to be people whose names will be remembered until the Lord returns. Abraham, Sarah, Issac, Jacob, Ruth, Mary, Joseph, John, Peter, Paul, and many others are recorded in scripture, and we know their legacy. There have been many faithful preachers. Charles Spurgeon and John MacArthur are just two men I have learned so much from through their faithful teaching of God's Word. But, God uses all of us for His purpose, not just famous preachers. Were you aware that Charles Spurgeon came to saving faith on one cold and snowy Sunday morning when he walked into a small church to get out of the weather? An unknown substitute lay preacher stepped into the pulpit and read Isaiah 45:22, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." God used this unnamed lay preacher to bring Spurgeon to saving faith. What say you, Christian? What will your legacy be when you are gone? Will you live for Christ, share the Gospel, and run the race to the end? Will you proclaim His mighty works to the next generation?

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"The object of all true preaching is the heart:  
we aim at divorcing the heart from sin,  
and wedding it to Christ."  
~ Charles Spurgeon

# Grace Gems

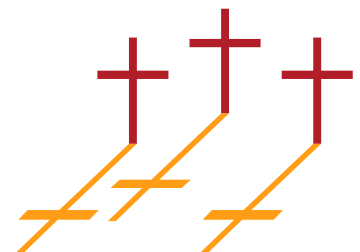
The sufferings of this present life  
-James Smith

Cheer up Christian, every day you are so much nearer to your eternal home! Never was the end of the journey so near as now; never were there so many troubles behind you, and so few before you, as now. It is all up hill until you reach the celestial city — you will therefore find it more or less difficult unto the end. But, when you arrive at home, when you enter into the holy city, when you see your precious Lord Jesus, when you enjoy the presence of God— then all will be well, and well forever!

You will be in your Father's house — your holy, happy home! You shall know no lack, nor will your desires remain ungratified. There will be . . .no toil there, no crosses or burdens to carry there, no foes within nor without to face there, no tears or pains there, no conflicts to endure there.

Five minutes with Jesus — and then what shall you think of all your earthly temptations, toils, trials, and troubles? One hour in Heaven, with the certainty of being forever holy, and forever happy — what will all your earthly afflictions be then?

Then, then, shall you understand the apostle when he says, "I consider that the sufferings of this present life are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be conferred on us!" Romans 8:18



# Weekly Gatherings



## Bible Classes

Old Testament  
New Testament  
Young Parents  
Young Adults  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Bible Study  
Every other Saturday:  
Women of Grace | 9am



## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM @ Royall's  
Every other Thursday @7PM  
@ Patrick's & Cox's



## Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.



## Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM  
Youth Study  
AWANA @6:30PM



## Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM  
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 12/26/2021

General Offering .....	3,810.00
Building Fund .....	540.00
Uganda .....	400.00
Total .....	\$4,750.00

Attendance .....	170
Sunday School .....	93
Online.....	37

## Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org  
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org  
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org  
Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org  
Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org  
Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org  
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