

GIVING

08.02.26

General Offering	\$10,154.78
Building Fund	\$1,798.00
Uganda	\$141.00
Benevolence	\$83.00
Total	\$12,175.78
Attendance	230

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"When Christ calls a man,
He bids him come and die."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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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

08.09.26

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
(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

Family Groups Every other
Thursday 9:00am, 6:30pm,
& 7:00pm
(resumes August 24th)

Pastor's Pen

Follow Me!

"And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" — Matthew 4:19

When Jesus called His first disciples, He did not simply invite them to attend His sermons or admire His miracles. He issued a life-changing command: **"Follow Me."**

The Greek verb translated "follow" meant far more than merely walking behind someone. In the first-century Jewish world, a disciple followed a rabbi to learn from him, emulate his life, embrace his teachings, and become like him. A disciple was not simply a student gathering information; he was an apprentice being transformed.

This is exactly what Jesus intended. Notice that Jesus did not say, **"Follow Me, and I will teach you how to fish for men."** He said, **"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."** The emphasis is on what Christ does in the life of the disciple. As we faithfully follow Him, He shapes our character, transforms our hearts, renews our minds, and equips us for His mission.

Following Jesus is not merely believing certain truths, attending church, or adding religious activities to our schedule. It is a daily surrender of our lives to His Lordship. It means adopting His priorities, obeying His commands, displaying His compassion, pursuing His holiness, and reflecting His character in every area of life.

The Apostle Paul understood this well when he wrote, **"Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ"** (1 Corinthians 11:1). The goal of discipleship is not simply greater biblical knowledge, but greater Christlikeness. Likewise, Romans 8:29 reminds us that God's eternal purpose is that believers **"be conformed to the image of His Son."**

Jesus is still issuing the same invitation today: **"Follow Me."** He is not looking for admirers but disciples. He is calling men and women who are willing to leave behind their own agendas, take up their cross daily (Luke 9:23), and become increasingly like Him. The question is not merely, "Am I following Jesus?" The deeper question is, "Am I becoming more like Jesus?" That is the true mark of a disciple.

May our prayer each day be: "Lord, help me not only to walk with You but to become more like You, so that others may see Christ in me."

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

How loudly and persuasively does His conduct preach!
(Edward Payson, 1783-1827)

"He who says he abides in Christ, ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." 1 John 2:6

It was highly important and desirable that the Lord Jesus should not only describe Christianity in His discourses but exemplify it in His life and conduct. In Him, we see pure and undefiled religion embodied. In Him, Christianity lives and breathes. How convincing, how animating is our Savior's example! How loudly and persuasively does His conduct preach!

Would you learn submission to parental authority? See Him, notwithstanding His exalted character, cheerfully subjecting Himself to the will of His parents; and laboring with them, as a carpenter, for almost thirty years.

Would you learn contentment with a poor and low condition? See Him destitute of a place where to lay His head.

Would you learn active beneficence? See Him going about doing good.

Would you learn to be fervent and constant in devotional exercises? See Him rising for prayer before the dawn of day.

Would you learn in what manner to treat your brethren? See Him washing His disciples' feet.

Would you learn filial piety? See Him forgetting His sufferings, while in the agonies of death - to provide another son for His desolate mother.

Would you learn in what manner to pray for relief under afflictions? See Him in the garden of Gethsemane.

Would you learn how to bear insults and injuries? See Him on the cruel cross!

In short, there is no Christian grace or virtue, which is not beautifully exemplified in His life.

There is scarcely any situation, however perplexing, in which the Christian, who is at a loss to know how he ought to act - may not derive sufficient instruction from the example of his divine Master.

"Leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps." 1 Peter 2:21