

# Pastor's Pen

Do you hear His voice?

***"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me" John 10:14***



Even when I was not a Christian, I knew of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. It is often read at funerals or meditated on when people are experiencing difficult times. What a comfort to know the Lord as your Shepherd. But, the sad fact is that most people who profess to be Christians do not belong to God's flock. In John chapter 6, we read of the 5000 that Jesus fed. After Jesus left them, they sought Him out the next day in Capernaum. They wanted to follow Jesus and make Him their King (John 6:15). John records what transpired when they found Him:

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." John 6:25-29

Like so many others that follow Jesus for the wrong reasons, the crowd had no true desire to be a part of Jesus flock. After Jesus explains to them what it really means to follow Him, we are told that many of those disciples left Him.

When Jesus looked at the 12 and asked them if they wanted to leave as well Peter responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

What say you? Are you apart of God's flock or do you belong to the evil one? Do you hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him? Those who belong to the Shepherd hear His voice when they read His Word, the Bible, and when they hear the preaching of His word. When you belong to God's flock you will hunger and thirst after righteousness and you will deny yourself and follow your Shepherd, Jesus Christ, every day.

***"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:27-30***

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else."  
~ Oswald Chambers

# Grace Gems

Rest With Our Champion!

- Charles Spurgeon, updated by Alistair Begg

**Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?  
- Romans 8:33**

Most blessed challenge! How unanswerable it is! Every sin of the elect was laid upon the great Champion of our salvation, and by the atonement carried away. There is no sin in God's book against His people: He sees no sin in Jacob, neither iniquity in Israel; they are justified in Christ forever. When the guilt of sin was taken away, the punishment of sin was removed. For the Christian there is no stroke from God's angry hand—no, not so much as a single frown of punitive justice. The believer may be chastised by his Father, but God the Judge has nothing to say to the Christian except "I have absolved you: you are acquitted."

For the Christian there is no penal death in this world, much less any second death. He is completely freed from all the punishment as well as the guilt of sin, and the power of sin is removed too. It may stand in our way and agitate us with perpetual warfare; but sin is a conquered foe to every soul in union with Jesus. There is no sin that a Christian cannot overcome if he will only rely upon his God to do it. They who wear the white robe in heaven overcame through the blood of the Lamb, and we may do the same. No lust is too mighty, no besetting sin too strongly entrenched; we can overcome through the power of Christ.

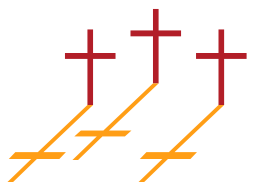
Do believe it, Christian—your sin is a condemned thing. It may kick and struggle, but it is doomed to die. God has written condemnation across its brow. Christ has crucified it, nailing it to His cross. Go now and mortify it, and may the Lord help you to live to His praise, for sin with all its guilt, shame, and fear is gone.

Here's pardon for transgressions past,

It matters not how black their cast;

And, O my soul, with wonder view,

For sins to come here's pardon too.



# Weekly Gatherings



## Bible Classes

New Testament  
Sunday School  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM-9:45AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Zoom Bible Study  
  
Tuesdays | 7PM  
Women's Zoom Bible Study  
(Postponed for Summer)



## Job Study

Wednesdays @ 7PM  
Teaching Series



## 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



## Service Times

Sunday Service 8:30AM & 10:30AM  
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 07.26.20

General Offering .....	5,476.04
Building Fund .....	826.35
Uganda .....	290.00
Benevolence .....	500.00
Total .....	7,092.39

Attendance ...174 present  
Online...17

## 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  
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