

GIVING

10.04.26

General Offering	\$11,709.24
Building Fund	\$1,530.00
Uganda	\$242.00
Benevolence	\$140.00
Total	\$13,621.24
Attendance	223

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“The Christian’s strength does not come from the absence of weakness, but from the presence of God in the midst of weakness.”

— R.C. Sproul

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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

10.11.26

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

Pastor's Pen

Will God Give You More Than You Can Handle?

"For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even to live." 1 Corinthians 1:8

One of the most common phrases Christians say to someone walking through tragedy is also one of the most damaging. "God will never give you more than you can handle." It is usually spoken with good intentions. Someone is trying to encourage a hurting friend. They are trying to remind them that God is faithful. But the problem is this: it is not true. When someone is already overwhelmed, broken, grieving, or struggling to stand, those words can feel crushing. If you are barely holding on and someone tells you, "God would never give you more than you can handle," you may begin to wonder, "What is wrong with me? Why can't I handle this? Why am I falling apart?" But Scripture never promises that God will give us only what we can handle.

The verse many people misunderstand appears in 1 Corinthians 10:13: ***"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."*** Paul is not speaking of trials in general; he is speaking of temptation. God promises that He will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear and that He will provide a way of escape. But that verse was never meant to say that every hardship, every sorrow, every loss, and every burden will be within our human ability to endure.

The Apostle Paul gives us a clear picture of this when he writes, ***"For we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life."*** 2 Corinthians 1:8. Notice what Paul says. Beyond our strength. Paul, the great apostle, missionary, and man who preached Christ throughout the Roman Empire, admits there was a moment when his circumstances were more than he could handle. He was beaten. He was persecuted. He was hunted by enemies. He faced suffering that brought him to the point of wondering whether he would survive. Paul was not ashamed to admit he had reached the end of himself.

Why would God allow His servant to experience something so overwhelming? Paul tells us: ***"But this happened in order that we would not be having our confidence in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead."*** 2 Corinthians 1:9. That is the truth we often miss. God sometimes allows us to face more than we can handle—not because He has abandoned us, but to teach us that we were never meant to carry life's heaviest burdens alone. The breaking point is often where God reveals His sustaining power. The end of our strength becomes the beginning of His strength. The end of our ability becomes the place where we learn dependence on Him. The end of our resources becomes the place where we discover that God is our refuge.

The Christian hope is not that God will never give us more than we can handle. It is that God will never give us more than He can handle. When we come to the end of ourselves, we discover that Christ is not standing far away, watching us struggle. He is near. He carries us. He strengthens us. He gives grace for each moment. If you are overwhelmed today, do not believe the lie that you are failing because you cannot carry the weight. Maybe God has brought you to the end of yourself so you can discover the greatness of the One who raises the dead. Our strength may run out, but His never will. ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."*** 2 Corinthians 12:9

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

COMFORT FOR THE AGED (James Smith, 1802 — 1862)

"Now that I am old and gray — do not abandon me, O God!" Psalm 71:18

Old age and its infirmities will creep in on us; and with old age come weakness, pains, and fears. But an aged Christian should be a happy person; for he has proved the Lord to be faithful so many years, he has had answers to prayer so many times, and the God of his youth stands pledged never to leave nor forsake him. Will the Lord forsake an old servant? Never! Will the Father of mercies forsake one of His children when compassed with the infirmities of old age! Impossible! No, no! The Lord, who has borne with us so long — will bear with us to the end. The Lord, who has glorified Himself in our life — will get glory to Himself in our death. As the God of all comfort, He will comfort us on the bed of languishing, and will make all our bed in our sickness; and when heart and flesh are failing — He will be the strength of our heart, and our portion forever!

Aged believer — doubt not, fear not! God has given you His Word — trust it. He has confirmed His Word by the death of His Son — therefore exercise confidence in Him. He has been a Friend and a Father to you for many years; and He will be your Friend and Father to the very last! Be much with Him in prayer. With all the simplicity of a little child — let your requests be made known unto Him. He has grace for old age — as He had for youth; and He has grace for a dying bed — as He had grace for all the conflicts of life. Believe His word, rest in His love, expect His blessing to the end — and you shall be more than a conqueror through Him who loved you. God never loved you more than He does now in your weakness, pains, and old age; and — sweet thought! — He will never love you less! His love is infinite, everlasting. Having loved you — He loves you to the end!