

Pastor's Pen

His Kingdom!

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be delivered over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here.'"

John 18:36

Do you feel frustrated by the political conflict in our country? Does it occupy your thoughts so much that it takes away your joy? Do you spend more time watching FOX News than focusing on the things of the Lord—reading the Bible, praying, serving, worshiping?

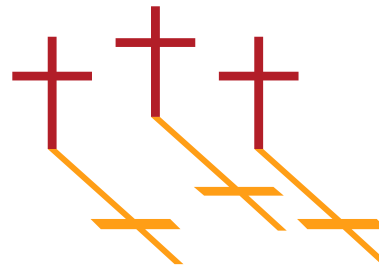
No president, no politician, no world leader can interfere with the coming of God's Kingdom. Jesus' words to Pilate remind us that His kingdom cannot be stopped or delayed by human power. Even when earthly governments oppose Him or chaos seems to prevail, Christ reigns sovereignly.

Christ's kingdom is both present and future. Currently, it exists spiritually in the hearts of believers. Those who trust Jesus live under His rule, experiencing His guidance, protection, and transformation. The church participates in this kingdom through obedience, worship, and proclaiming the gospel.

Yet, the kingdom is not yet fully realized. In the future, Christ will return to establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth—a literal reign of peace and righteousness where God's promises to Israel are fulfilled. Beyond that, His eternal reign will culminate in the New Heavens and New Earth, where His kingdom will last forever, free from sin and suffering.

This means that nothing in our current world—no conflict, injustice, or chaos—can prevent God's sovereign plan. His kingdom is unstoppable, and we are called to live as citizens of this eternal kingdom today, with hope for what is to come.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark



Quote of the Week

"Our hearts are restless until they find rest in God. When Christ is first, all things fall into their proper place."

- John Calvin

Grace Gems

"They go from strength to strength." Psalm 84:7

There are various renderings of these words—but all of them contain the idea of progress. "They go from strength to strength." That is, they grow stronger and stronger. Usually, if we are walking, we go from strength to weakness; we start fresh and in good order for our journey—but by-and-by the road is rough, and the sun is hot; we sit down by the way-side, and then again painfully pursue our weary way. But the Christian pilgrim having obtained fresh supplies of grace, is as vigorous after years of toilsome travel and struggle—as when he first set out! He may not be quite so elated and buoyant, nor perhaps quite so hot and hasty in his zeal as he once was—but he is much stronger in all that constitutes real power, and travels, if more slowly—far more surely.

Some gray-haired veterans have been as firm in their grasp of truth, and as zealous in diffusing it, as they were in their younger days; but, alas, it must be confessed it is often otherwise, for the love of many waxes cold and iniquity abounds—but this is their own sin and not the fault of the promise, which still holds good, ***"The youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall—but those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint!"***

- Isaiah 40:30-31

Fretful spirits sit down and trouble themselves about the future. "Alas!" say they, "we go from affliction to affliction." Very true, O you of little faith—but then you go from strength to strength also. You shall never find a bundle of affliction which has not bound up in the midst of it sufficient grace. God will give the strength of ripe manhood—with the burden allotted to full-grown shoulders.

Charles Spurgeon - From his devotional, Morning Dec 14

Weekly Gatherings



Sunday Bible Classes

Elders- Old Testament (Sanctuary A)
Bereans- New Testament (Sanctuary B)
Ladies- (Downstairs B, Gray Room)
Young Adults- (Downstairs B, Red Rm.)
Youth and Surge (5th-6th)- (Upstairs C)



Weekday Meetings

AWANA—Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 pm
Trail Life—Monday's at 6:30 pm



Family Groups

All Family Groups began **Sept 25th**
Host Families: Tom & Penni Cox, Jesse &
Deborah Royall, Larry & Gina Covington,
Jeff & Bridget Brown, Alan & Leigh Anne
Chambers and Mark & Trisha Keffer



Build the Body Teams

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



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study & Surge!



Service Times

Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church 10:30AM
Sunday Services 10:30AM

Giving from service on 12/07/2025

General Offering	\$11,205.30
Building Fund	\$1,240.00
Uganda	\$290.00
Benevolence	\$135.00

Total.....\$12870.30
Attendance 228

Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
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