

GIVING

07.19.26

General Offering	\$21,689.90
Building Fund	\$2,363.00
Uganda	\$140.00
Benevolence	\$190.00
Total	\$24,382.90
Attendance	217



Welcome to
Grace Harvest
Bible Church

07.26.26

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"There is no such thing as chance in the life of the believer; every event is directed by the sovereign hand of God."

— 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.

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

Pastor's Pen

When God Said No!

"And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia" - Acts 16:6

Few things can be more frustrating than having a good plan that God refuses to bless. The apostle Paul wanted to preach the gospel in Asia. It was a noble desire. Yet twice, Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit prevented him from going where he intended. Think about that. God was not stopping Paul from sinning. He was stopping him from doing something good because He had something better. It must have been confusing. Paul had no roadmap, no explanation, and no indication of what came next. He simply knew that the doors before him had been closed.

Then everything changed. During the night, Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading, ***"Come over to Macedonia and help us"*** (Acts 16:9). Immediately, Paul and his companions understood that God was calling them to cross into Europe. That divine redirection would forever alter the course of history.

Paul sailed to Philippi, a leading Roman colony in Macedonia (Acts 16:11–12). There he met Lydia, whose heart the Lord opened to receive the gospel (Acts 16:13–15). A demon-possessed slave girl was delivered through the power of Christ (Acts 16:16–18). Paul and Silas were then seized, beaten, and imprisoned, yet they prayed and sang hymns to God in the darkness (Acts 16:19–25). At midnight, God shook the prison with a great earthquake, opening the doors and loosening everyone's chains, leading to the conversion of the Philippian jailer and his entire household (Acts 16:26–34). From these remarkable events, the church at Philippi was born—a congregation that would become one of Paul's most faithful ministry partners (Philippians 1:3–5; 4:14–19).

Had Paul stubbornly insisted on his own plans, he would have missed one of the greatest missionary opportunities of his life. The lesson is timeless. Sometimes God's "no" is actually His way of preparing us for His greater "yes." Closed doors are not always signs of failure. Often they are evidence of divine guidance. God sees what we cannot. He knows where hearts are prepared, where His purposes will be accomplished, and how His gospel will spread.

Many believers today find themselves standing before closed doors—a job that didn't materialize, a ministry opportunity that disappeared, a relationship that changed, or plans that unexpectedly unraveled. While disappointment is natural, Acts 16 reminds us that God's redirection is never random. The same God who closed Paul's path also revealed His perfect destination.

Perhaps the Lord is closing a door in your life today. Trust Him. His guidance is always wiser than our plans. Our responsibility is not to understand every step, but to faithfully follow wherever He leads. As Proverbs reminds us, ***"The heart of man plans his way, but Yahweh directs his steps"*** (Proverbs 16:9). May we be willing to surrender our agenda so that we might embrace God's greater purpose.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Our Plans and Dreams
(J.R. Miller)

"In his heart a man plans his course — but the LORD determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

"Many are the plans in a man's heart — but it is the LORD's purpose which prevails." Proverbs 19:21

There are few entirely unbroken lives in this world; there are few men who fulfill their own hopes and plans, without thwarting or interruption at some point. Now and then, there is one who in early youth marks out a course for himself — and then moves straight on in it to its goal.

But most people's lives turn out very different from their own early dreams. Many find at the close of their life, that in scarcely one particular, have they realized their own life-dreams; at every point God has simply set aside their plans — and substituted His own. There are some people whose plans are so completely thwarted, that their story is most pathetic. Yet we have but to follow it through to the end, to see that the broken life was better and more effective, than if their own plans had been carried out.

"We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose!" Romans 8:28