

GIVING

08.30.26

General Offering	\$9,938.21
Building Fund	\$955.00
Uganda	\$191.00
Benevolence	\$265.00
Total	\$11,349.21
Attendance	231

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"Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God."

- Charles Spurgeon

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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

09.06.26

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 September 24th)

Pastor's Pen

Faith That Pleases God

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who draws near to God must believe that He is and that He becomes a rewarder of those who seek Him." — Hebrews 11:6

What does it mean to have faith? Many people view faith simply as believing in God's existence or hoping things will improve. However, the Bible offers a much deeper understanding. The Greek word for **"faith"** in Hebrews 11:6 is **"pistis"**, which connotes trust, confidence, reliance, and unwavering loyalty. True biblical faith isn't passive; it's an active trust in God that leads to committed obedience.

Faith goes beyond merely agreeing with biblical truths; even demons acknowledge God's existence (James 2:19). Genuine saving faith depends entirely on the Lord Jesus Christ and manifests through a life dedicated to honoring Him. Authentic faith consistently prompts us to act because it is grounded in the conviction that God is who He claims to be and will fulfill His promises.

That is precisely what Hebrews 11 illustrates. Noah believed God and built an ark before a drop of rain had fallen. Abraham believed God and left his homeland for a land he had never seen. Moses trusted God more than the treasures of Egypt. Rahab believed God's promises and welcomed the spies. Their faith was not merely something they professed with their lips; it was demonstrated by lives marked by loyalty and obedience.

The object of our faith is far more important than the size of our faith. We are not saved because we possess great faith, but because our faith rests in a great Savior. Yet the faith that saves never remains idle. It produces perseverance, obedience, worship, generosity, service, and steadfastness. As John Calvin declared, "Faith alone justifies, but the faith that justifies is never alone."

Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that **"without faith it is impossible to please Him."** We please God not by earning His favor through our works, but by trusting Him so completely that our lives demonstrate our confidence in His promises. Faith believes His Word. Faith obeys His commands. Faith remains loyal when trials come. Faith continues even when the destination is unseen. As you walk with Christ this week, ask yourself: Is my faith merely something I profess, or is it evident in the way I live? Does my life demonstrate loyalty to Christ?

May God give us a faith that trusts Him completely, follows Him faithfully, and remains steadfast until we see Him face to face. May our lives proclaim that our confidence is not in ourselves, but in our faithful Savior.

Soli Deo Gloria! Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Grace Gems-Charles Spurgeon

You will be damned if you live in sin!

1 John 2:3-4, **"By this we know that we have come to know Him, IF we keep His commandments. The one who says, 'I have come to know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."**

We preach salvation by grace alone, but we do not preach the salvation of those who still continue to live in sin. The children of God are a holy people, washed, purged, sanctified, and made zealous for good works. He who talks about faith, but has no works to prove that his faith is a living faith—is simply lying.

It is faith that saves us, not works—but the faith that saves us, always produces a holy life. God-given faith always . . . renews the heart, changes the character, and influences the desires and motives.

One who merely professes to be a Christian, but lives continually in unrepentant sin—shows by his life that he is not a genuine believer. The New Testament consistently affirms that saving faith always produces holiness. (James 2:17; 1 John 2:3-6). Persistent, willful, unrepentant sin—demonstrates that one's profession is false.

No doubt about it, sirs. You may be baptized and re-baptized, you may attend to sacraments, and you may believe an orthodox creed; but you will be damned if you live in sin! You may become a deacon, or an elder, or a minister—but there is no salvation for any man who still harbors his sins. **"The wages of sin is death"** (Romans 6:32)—death to professors as well as to non-professors. If you hug your sins in secret, and will not part with them—then God will reveal those sins in public, and condemn you according to the strict justice of His Word.

"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil ... No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God."
1 John 3:8-9

"They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and unfit for any good deed."
Titus 1:16