

GIVING

06.28.26

General Offering	\$7,140.23
Building Fund	\$1,220.00
Uganda	\$270.00
Benevolence	\$205.00
Total	\$8,835.23
Attendance	238



Welcome to Grace Harvest Bible Church

07.05.26

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"Earth is the place of our pilgrimage; heaven
is our home."

— Thomas Watson

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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
(resumes July 13th)

Men's Book Study
Mondays 7pm | Fridays 6am
(resumes September 14th)

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

Our First Allegiance

But our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

As we gather for worship on this Independence Day weekend, we do so during a historic year. In 2026, our nation commemorates 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries, God has graciously blessed the United States with remarkable freedoms, abundant resources, and opportunities to proclaim the gospel. As Christians, it is right to thank God for these blessings and to pray for our nation and its leaders.

The Reformers taught that civil government is a gift from God, established to promote order and restrain evil. Therefore, Christians should be good citizens who honor governing authorities, pray for those in office, and seek the welfare of their communities. We are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy, especially the freedom to gather for worship, preach the Word, and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Yet Scripture reminds us that no earthly nation, regardless of its achievements, is our ultimate home. The Apostle Paul declared, ***"Our citizenship is in heaven." The writer of Hebrews described God's people as those who longed for "a better country, that is, a heavenly one"*** (Hebrews 11:16). Like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we are pilgrims and sojourners on the earth, looking beyond the kingdoms of this world to the eternal Kingdom of God.

This truth helps us maintain a proper perspective. We can love our country without worshiping it. We can appreciate our freedoms without placing our hope in them. We can celebrate our nation's history while recognizing that our ultimate hope is not found in Washington, Richmond, or any earthly capital, but in the throne room of heaven where Christ reigns as King.

As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, let us do so with grateful hearts and clear minds. Thank God for the blessings of this nation. Pray for its future. Seek its good. But never forget that your first allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ. Flags will fade, governments will change, and nations will one day pass away, but the Kingdom of our Lord will endure forever.

May we be found faithful citizens of our nation while living as devoted citizens of heaven, eagerly awaiting the return of our King.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

God's Most Comforting Attribute!
-Charles Spurgeon

And 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

There is no attribute of God more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe troubles, they believe . . .

that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions,

that Sovereignty overrules them, and

that Sovereignty will sanctify them all.

There is nothing for which the children of God ought more earnestly to contend, than . . .

the doctrine of their Master ruling over all creation,

the kingship of God over all the works of His own hand,

the throne of God, and His right to reign upon that throne.

"Our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases!"
Psalm 115:3

"All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth." Daniel 4:35

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!" Revelation 19:6