

GIVING

10.11.26

General Offering	\$10,439.25
Building Fund	\$585.00
Uganda	\$0.00
Benevolence	\$90.00
Total	\$11,114.25
Attendance	223

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“I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”

— Martin Luther

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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

10.18.26

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

I Believe, Therefore I Speak!

"But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed, therefore I spoke,' we also believe, therefore we also speak."
2 Corinthians 4:13

Above my door in my office is a piece of wood with the words, I believed, therefore I spoke. Every time I walk out of my office, I am reminded of something essential about my ministry: the gospel I proclaim is not merely something I study; it is something I believe so deeply that I cannot remain silent.

Paul wrote these words while experiencing suffering, pressure, and persecution. The verses surrounding this statement speak about being ***"afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing, persecuted but not forsaken, and struck down but not destroyed"*** (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). Paul was not writing from a place of comfort. He was writing from the battlefield of ministry.

Yet notice what sustained him: ***"I believed, therefore I spoke."*** Paul's preaching was not driven by popularity, applause, or personal gain. It flowed from a heart gripped by the truth of God. He had encountered the risen Christ, trusted His promises, and therefore he could not stop proclaiming Him.

This verse is connected to another verse that hangs in my office: ***"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe to me if I do not preach the gospel"*** (1 Corinthians 9:16). These two verses serve as bookends for my ministry. When I enter my office, I am reminded of the responsibility God has given me: I must preach the gospel faithfully. When I leave my office, I am reminded of why I preach: I believe it.

The ministry of a pastor is not simply a job; it is a calling. A man may prepare sermons, organize ministries, counsel people, and lead meetings, but unless he truly believes the message he proclaims, ministry becomes nothing more than religious activity. Paul understood this. He did not preach because it was easy. He preached because Christ was real, the resurrection was true, eternity was coming, and the gospel was the only hope for sinners.

The world does not need pastors who merely possess religious information. The church needs shepherds who have been captured by the glory of Christ and cannot help but speak of Him. The same must be true of every believer. We are not all called to preach from a pulpit, but every Christian has been called to proclaim the goodness of God. When our hearts truly believe the gospel, our mouths will eventually speak of it.

A forgiven person cannot remain silent about grace. A person who has been rescued cannot remain silent about the Savior. A person who has found hope cannot remain silent in a hopeless world. May our lives reflect the words of the apostle Paul: ***"I believed, therefore I spoke."*** Not because speaking is easy. Not because ministry is always comfortable. But because Christ is worthy, the gospel is true, and the world desperately needs to hear.

Your shepherd, Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

An easy Hell!
(Thomas Watson, "The Art of Divine Contentment")

"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well-fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need."
Philippians 4:11-12

Whatever affliction or trouble a child of God meets with--it is all the Hell he shall ever have! Whatever eclipse may be upon his name or estate--it is but a little cloud which will soon be blown over, and then his Hell is past! Death begins a wicked man's Hell. Death ends a godly man's Hell.

Think with yourself, "What is my affliction? It is but a temporary Hell. Indeed, if all my Hell is here on earth--it is but an easy Hell. What is the cup of affliction--compared to the cup of damnation!"

Lazarus could not get a crumb; he was so diseased that the dogs took pity on him--and as if they had been his physicians, licked his sores. But this was an easy Hell--the angels quickly fetched him out of it!

If all our Hell is in this life--and in the midst of this Hell, we have the love of God--then it is no more Hell, but paradise! If all our Hell is here on earth, we may see to the end of it; it is but skin-deep, it cannot touch the soul. It is a short-lived Hell. After a dreary night of affliction, comes the bright morning of glory!

Since our lives are short--our trials cannot be long!

As our riches take wings and fly away--so do our sufferings!

Let us learn then, to be content whatever our circumstances.