

Pastor's Pen

I'll be there

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."-Philippians 2:4

In 1971 Carol King wrote and sang the song "You've Got A Friend". The following is the first stanza of the song: "When you're down and troubled and you need a helping hand and nothing, nothing is going right close your eyes and think of me and soon I will be there to brighten up even your darkest night". I was a huge Carol King fan and I remember what an impact that song had on my life. I was a 14 year old boy wondering if I would ever have anyone in my life that the song spoke about. I was an "Army Brat" and by the time I was 14 I had lived in Silver Springs Maryland, Ft. Leavenworth Kansas, Ft. Lee Virginia, Wurzburg Germany, Heidelberg Germany, Miami Florida, and Chester Virginia. I had been in 9 different schools by the time I heard this song for the first time and there was nobody in my life that I could consider a friend that would "be there" for me.

All that changed in the winter of 1980. It was then, on one Sunday morning, that God called this sinner, who was dead in my sins, and made me alive in Him. At that moment in time I became a child of God and a brother in Christ to every other believer in Jesus Christ. When we become a Christian it stops being about us and begins to be about being a disciple of Jesus Christ. It means dying to ourselves. It means we are a part of the body of Christ. Paul put it this way, *"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another"* (Romans 12: 4-5). If you are a Christian you have been called to serve not only Jesus but all of your brothers and sisters in Christ. There are over 40 one another's in scripture. We can only practice the one another's if we follow Paul's instruction, *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

During this Coronavirus Pandemic I have heard testimony after testimony of this body of believers answering the call to put their own interest above others. Well done my brothers and sisters of Grace Harvest. Your love and concern for your fellow believers is a blessing to me and your Elders. May we continue to be there for one another as we serve our Lord. It is privilege to serve you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Your shepherd,



Quote of the Week

"Afflictions are light when compared with what we really deserve. They are light when compared with the sufferings of the Lord Jesus. But perhaps their real lightness is best seen by comparing them with the weight of glory which is awaiting us."

—Arthur W. Pink

Grace Gems

- Ligonier Ministries

Longing for God's Law

A survey by George Gallup Jr. revealed a startling trend in our culture. According to Gallup, the evidence seems to indicate that there are no clear behavioral patterns that distinguish Christians from non-Christians in our society. We all seem to be marching to the same drummer, looking to the shifting standards of contemporary culture for the basis of what is acceptable conduct. What everybody else is doing seems to be our only ethical norm.

This pattern can emerge only in a society or a church wherein the law of God is eclipsed. The very word law seems to have an unpleasant ring to it in our evangelical circles.

Let's try an experiment. Read the passages from Psalm 119 that accompany this devotion. Try to crawl into the skin of the writer and experience empathy. Try to feel what he felt when he wrote these lines thousands of years ago.

Does this sound like a modern Christian? Do we hear people talk about longing passionately for the law of God? Do we hear our friends expressing joy and delight in God's commandments?

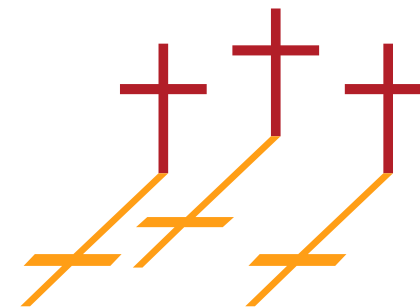
Coram Deo

Do you long passionately for God's law? Do you express joy and delight in His commandments?

Psalm 119:97

Psalm 119:11-12

Psalm 119:131



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

Adult Old Testament
Adult New Testament
Young Adults / Couples



Weekday Meetings

Tuesdays | 7PM
Worship Team, for more info contact
pastorcal@ghbcva.org

Wednesdays | 6:30PM
Youth Meeting & AWANA



Family Groups

Men's Mondays @7pm
Pastor Mark's Thursdays @7pm
Lane/Keffer Thursdays @7pm
Royall's Thursdays @7pm



Build the Body Teams

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



Children's Studies

Children's Sunday School at 9:00 AM
For more info contact admin@ghbcva.org



Service Times

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Giving from service on 03.22.20

General Offering 5,001.45
Building Fund 1,668.95
Benevolence 50.00

Total 6,720.40
Attendance...14

Got Questions

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