

Pastor's Pen

All for one and one for all!

"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

-1 Corinthians 12:26

When you made Jesus Christ Lord, and Savior of your life, you joined the family of God and every believer is your brother or sister in Christ. Your local body, Grace Harvest, is where you are called to serve God and your brothers and sisters in Christ. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul is instructing the church in Corinth that all of the members make up one body;

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Cor 12:12-13

The sad truth is that in the year 2020 this is not the case for many believers. Church is where they go occasionally if there is nothing else going on in their lives. There was a time in my life where I had all the excuses not to be an active part of the body of Christ. Too many times, I put sports and my entertainment ahead of my love for Christ. You see, we always make time for the things we love. For far too long I loved the things of the world more than I loved Jesus and His people. There are so many distractions in our lives that hinder us from serving God and His Church. You must set a priority for your life to take seriously the call to be part of the body of Christ. When my children were young, I coached baseball and football, from the varsity level in high school to T-ball and flag football for 6 and 7 year olds. To be a part of the team I coached, the boys were given the expectation that they would be at every practice and every game. From 7 year olds to 18 year old young men took serious their commitment to be a part of the team.

At the high school level if you missed practice twice without a legitimate excuse or one game, you were kicked off the team. The boys I coached at each level took pride in being a member of their team. In football each team puts 11 players on the field and each player has a specific role. If just one player fails to perform his role the whole team suffers. Can you imagine that when Friday night came I was wondering who would show up this week to play? The sad truth is that some take their commitment to worldly things more seriously than their commitment to Christ. Why is that Church membership is taken less seriously than our hobbies and entertainment?

Christian, stop and ask yourself, do you take your membership at your local church as seriously as you do your membership to secular activities? You cannot hope to understand Paul's words, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together," if you don't take seriously your call to be a part of the local body.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"The man who attempts Christianity without the church shoots himself in the foot, shoots his children in the leg, and shoots his grandchildren in the heart."

- Kevin De Young

Grace Gems

Not one tear is lost!
(George Everard, "The Tears of Jesus!" 1884)

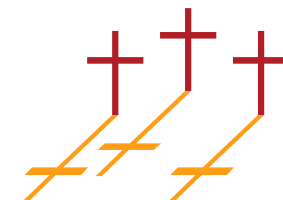
On opening ancient tombs in Palestine, many a tear-bottle has been found, which was a repository for the tears of the mourners, and was then placed in the tomb beside the one who was laid there.

Just so does our heavenly Father gather all the tears of His redeemed children.

"You keep track of all my sorrows.
You have collected all my tears in Your bottle.
You have recorded each one in Your book!" Psalm 56:8
Not one tear is lost! Not one sorrow is unheeded. Not one grief is left unbefriended. All these tears are noted by our merciful Father above!

We have a Savior who has known our sorrows, and by His tears can heal every wound that sin has made. "In all their affliction, He was afflicted." When He was on earth, He wept with those that wept — and He is still the same. We can think of the tears He shed more than eighteen centuries ago — and know that at this hour He is the same loving and sympathizing Friend!

There is no sympathy like that of Jesus! It flows in full flood toward His believing children. Just as the rising tide rushes in and pours through every cranny and nook on the shore where admittance can be gained — so does Christ's tender loving-kindness enter the hearts of His people.



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

New Testament
Sunday School
Sunday Morning @ 9-9:45 & 10-10:45



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Zoom Bible Study



Job Study

Wednesdays @ 7PM
Teaching Series (Online Only)



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.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study
AWANA @6:30PM-8PM



Service Times

Sunday Service 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 10/04/2020

General Offering	7,093.00
Building Fund	2,455.00
Uganda	100.00
Total	9,648.00

Build the Body Ministries

- Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
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- Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org
- Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org
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