

Pastor's Pen

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Church Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today. Pastor Jamie Ezzell has resigned as a pastor and elder of Grace Harvest Baptist Church, and his last day of serving this church in that capacity will be Sunday, November 28, 2021. Pastor Jamie and Jessie plan on remaining members of Grace Harvest, and He has accepted a position with an IT company that will allow him to work from home. I fully support his reasons and decision to step down. He will be speaking to you, his church family, after the service on Sunday.

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter to you. I rejoice with Pastor Jamie and Jessie as they celebrate the birth of their twins, but I am saddened that I will no longer be serving with Pastor Jamie. He has faithfully served this body since January of 2013 as an Associate Pastor of Youth and Children. In the nine years that I have served with him, he has been an encouragement to me and many others. It has been a privilege to serve alongside Pastor Jamie, and I am a better Pastor because of him.

The Elders have already started to pray about God sending us a qualified man to fill the Associate Pastor of Youth and Children position. I would encourage you to pray as well as we seek God's will for us at Grace Harvest.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark



From a family of
three...
to a family of five!

**Welcome
Oliver
&
Samantha!!**



Quote of the Week

"I groan daily under a body of sin and corruption.
Oh for the time when I shall drop this flesh,
and be free from sin!"
- Charles Spurgeon

Grace Gems

Nine evils which death will put an end to!
(Thomas Watson, "The Saint's Desire to be with Christ")

**"I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far!"
Philippians 1:23**

It is the desire of a true saint to be gone from this present world, "I desire to depart." What a wicked man fears—that a godly man hopes for! The worldling desires to live in this present world forever; he knows no other heaven but earth—and it is death to him to be turned out of his heaven. A wicked man does not go out of this world—but is dragged out! But a soul enlivened and ennobled with a principle of grace, looks upon the world as a wilderness wherein are fiery serpents, and he desires to get out of this wilderness!

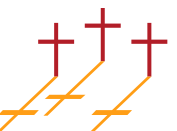
The bird desires to get out of the cage, though it is made of gold. Just so, the saints of God have looked upon themselves as imprisoned in the body, and have longed for a jail-delivery. "Oh, that I had wings like a dove, that I might fly away and be at rest!"
Psalm 55:6

It is no wonder that a true saint is so earnest to be gone from this present world—if we consider how beneficial death is to a child of God. Death puts an end to all his evils! In particular, there are nine evils which death will put an end to:

1. Death will put an end to a believer's SINS.
2. Death will put an end to a believer's TEMPTATIONS.
3. Death will put an end to a believer's FEARS.
4. Death will dry up a believer's TEARS.
5. Death will put an end to a believer's TROUBLES.
6. Death puts an end to a believer's CARES.
7. Death will put an end to all our NATURAL imperfections.
8. Death will put an end to the imperfections of GRACE.
9. Death will put an end to a weary PILGRIMAGE.

Though death is a bitter cup, there is sugar at the bottom! Death is the believer's best friend, for it brings him to Christ, which is far better!

**"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain!"
Philippians 1:21**



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

Old Testament
New Testament
Young Parents
Young Adults
Sunday Morning @ 9AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
Every other Saturday:
Women of Grace | 9am



Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM @ Royall's
Every other Thursday @7PM
@ Patrick's & Cox's



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



Service Times

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

Giving from service on 10/31/2021

General Offering	11,482.85
Building Fund	1,231.35
Uganda	240.00
Total	\$12,954.20

Attendance	218
Sunday School	116
Online	22

Build the Body Ministries

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