

# Pastor's Pen

God's Laborers

***For I am the least of the apostles, and not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 1 Corinthians 15:9***

When God called you to be His laborers, He called you for a purpose. Can you imagine what was going through the mind of Saul when God called him on the road to Damascus? He was a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. He was zealous in his persecution of Christians before he got saved. Yet God used him to author more letters in the New Testament than anyone else. The following is a list of his epistles in chronological order and the approximate year they were written;

1 Thessalonians 52 AD, 2 Thessalonians 53 AD,  
Galatians 54 AD, 1 Corinthians 57AD,  
2 Corinthians 58 AD, Romans 58 AD,  
Ephesians 62 AD, Philippians 62 AD, Colossians  
62 AD, Philemon 63 AD, 1 Timothy 64 AD,  
Titus 64 AD, 2 Timothy 67 AD.

Paul could never have imagined that our Lord would have used him the way he did. From a man who was a chief prosecutor of Christians to one who would himself be persecuted for the sake of Jesus Christ. Christian, you are no less important to the cause of Christ. The One who saved you before the foundation of the World knitted you in your mother's womb and has prepared good works for you to do. Every Christian has a role to play while we live on this earth. No matter how young or old you were when you came to Christ, we are called to be His ambassadors and laborers while we have breath in our lungs.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

# Grace Gems

The devil's tennis-ball!

(Thomas Brooks, "The Privy Key of Heaven" 1665)

**"Warn those who are idle." 1 Thessalonians 5:14**

Take heed of an idle and slothful spirit. An idle life and a holy heart are far asunder. By doing nothing, men learn to do evil things. It is easy slipping out of an idle life, into an evil and wicked life. Yes, an idle life is of itself evil, for man was made to be active, not to be idle. Idleness is a mother-sin, a breeding-sin; it is the devil's cushion—on which he sits; and the devil's anvil—on which he frames very great and very many sins. Look! as toads and serpents breed most in standing waters, so sin thrives most in idle people. Idleness is that which provokes the Lord to forsake men's bodies, and the devil to possess their souls.

No man has less means to preserve his body, and more temptations to infect his soul, than an idle person. Oh shake off sloth! The sluggish Christian will be sleeping, or idling, or trifling; when he should be in his closet a-praying. Sloth is a fatal sickness of the soul; get it cured—or it will be your eternal bane! Of all devils, it is the 'idle' devil which keeps men most out of their closets.

## Quote of the Week

"Hard work will do almost everything; but in God's service it must not only be hard work, but hot work.  
The heart must be on fire."  
-Charles Spurgeon

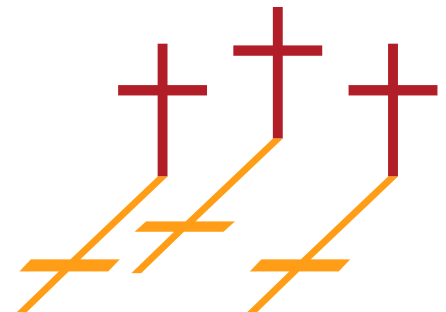
There is nothing that gives the devil so much advantage against us, as idleness.

Idleness is the time of temptation. An idle person is the devil's tennis-ball, tossed around by him at his pleasure.

The fowler bends his bow and spreads his net for birds when they are set, not when they are upon the wing. So Satan shoots his most fiery darts at men, when they are most idle and slothful.

Slothful and idle people commonly lie so long a-bed, and spend so much precious time between the comb and the mirror, and in eating, drinking, sporting, and trifling; that they can find no time for private prayer. Certainly such as had rather go sleeping to Hell, than sweating to Heaven, will never care much for prayer. And therefore shun sloth and idleness, as you would shun a lion in your way, or poison in your food, or fiery coals in your bosom!

**"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!" Proverbs 6:6**



# 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 1/30/2022

General Offering .....	6,374.86
Building Fund .....	616.35
Uganda .....	140.00
Benevolence .....	100.00
Justin Peters Ministry.....	740.00
Total .....	\$7,971.21
Attendance .....	183
Sunday School .....	106
Online.....	44

### Build the Body Ministries

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