

Pastor's Pen

Separated!

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers; or what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

Corinthians 6:14-15

One question I get asked almost every year is whether I will officiate a wedding between a Christian and a non-believer. Without any hesitation, I say no. Please don't get me wrong; my flesh wants them to be happy. So, there is a part of me that wants to say yes. However, like all matters that deal with our sanctification, it is not about how we feel but what scripture says.

When it comes to a person wanting to get married to an unbeliever, they are willing to be unequally yoked spiritually. You might ask, "What's the big deal? They love each other, and the believing spouse can lead the unbelieving spouse to Christ." The issue is that the believer's first love is Jesus Christ, and an unbeliever is anything but Jesus. How will an unbeliever love his wife as Christ loved the church? Or, how will an unbelieving wife submit unto her husband as unto the Lord? The answer is they won't.

God's Word is given to us to instruct us on all matters of holiness and godly living. However, when we disregard scripture to follow our emotions, we can be sure it will not end well.

God, in His mercy, will allow the marriages of an unbeliever and a believer to last a lifetime, but that is not God's best. And I have seen the pain and suffering of sisters in Christ who married an unbeliever, hoping they would change.

Young people, do not think that God wants you to be miserable; on the contrary, He wants your life to be filled with joy as you serve Him. So, make sure that anyone you wish to have a relationship with that ends in marriage make sure they love Jesus.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"How careful ought young people to be in the choosing of their partners in life! When two horses pull together how smoothly the chariot runs; but if one horse draws one way and the other pulls in the opposite direction, what trouble there is sure to be."

-Charles Spurgeon

Grace Gems

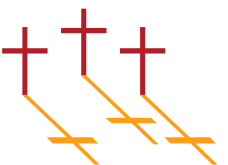
Do not forsake me, O Lord!
(Charles Spurgeon)

"Do not forsake me, O Lord! Do not be far from me, O my God!" Psalm 38:21

Frequently we pray that God would not forsake us in the hour of trial and temptation; but we too much forget that we have need to use this prayer at all times. There is no moment of our life, however holy—in which we can do without His constant upholding. Whether in light or in darkness, in communion or in temptation—we alike need the prayer, "Do not forsake me, O Lord!" A little child, while learning to walk—always needs the parent's aid. The ship left by the pilot—drifts at once from her course. Just so—we cannot survive without continuous aid from God.

Let it be your prayer today, "Do not forsake me, O Lord! Father, do not forsake Your child—lest he fall by the hand of the enemy. Shepherd, do not forsake Your lamb—lest he wander from the safety of the fold. Great Gardener, do not forsake Your plant—lest it wither and die! Do not forsake me now, O Lord! And do not forsake me at any moment of my life. Do not forsake me in my joys—lest they absorb my heart. Do not forsake me not in my sorrows—lest I murmur against You. Do not forsake me—for my path is dangerous, and full of snares—and I cannot travel without Your guidance. Do not forsake me—for without You I am weak—but with You I am strong. Do not be far from me, O Lord, for trouble is near—and there is none to help. Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation!"

"Hold me up—and I shall be safe!" Psalm 119:115



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Parents
Young Adults
Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday:
Women of Grace | 9am



Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,
Patrick's, Brown's and Royall'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 and AWANA!



Service Times

Sunday Services 8AM & 11:00AM
Sunday School 9:30AM
Children's Church @11:00AM



Giving from service on 9/11/2022

General Offering13,031.75
Building Fund1,820.20
Uganda 285.00
Total.....15,136.95

Attendance 242
Sunday School 150
Online.....33

Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
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