

Pastor's Pen

Ambassador For The King

"So then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as God is pleading through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20

How does one become an ambassador for The United States of America? The U.S. Constitution details how one becomes an ambassador. Article II, Section 2, Clause 2:

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors.

As an ambassador for the United States, they officially represent the U.S. government on behalf of the President in treaty negotiations, immigration discussions, foreign aid projects, and humanitarian aid programs. They do not express their interest or speak for themselves. Their message is one given to them by the President.

As a believer, you became an ambassador for Jesus Christ. The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords has appointed every believer to proclaim His message. Paul reminded the church in Corinth and every believer that we are to share the good news of the Gospel as Christ's ambassadors. But there's more than just sharing. Scripture tells us we are to plead with and beg people to come to Christ. It is an essential reminder to all who have made Jesus Lord and Savior. Being His ambassador is not optional. For us to be obedient, we must deliver the King's message.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

God's perfect wisdom in the management of our affairs!
(James Buchanan)

"The Lord reigns!" Psalm 97:1

The Bible lays a solid ground for our comfort when it assures us that all things are under the government of God. He superintends the affairs of this world, both as the provident parent and as the moral governor of His creatures. The Bible declares that God created them, and that whatever beings He deigned to create—He does not disdain to care for. It assures us that no being is so great as to be exempt from His control—and none are so little as to be beneath His regard. And, in like manner, that His eye is directed to every event which may befall any one of His creatures—with no event being either so momentous, or so insignificant—as to be beyond His management or unworthy of His notice. The sparrow which falls to the earth—is not less an object of His regard than the seraph that stands before His throne! That all His creatures in this world, and all the events of human life, of whatever kind they may be—are under God's regulation and control—is, of itself, fitted to banish that feeling of uncertainty and hopelessness which the aspect of events might otherwise awaken. And how important to know . . . that nothing happens by chance, that everything is ordained and appointed according to certain divine principles which are fixed and stable, and that these principles will continue to be developed, until the grand end of God's government shall have been attained!

Quote of the Week

"You are either a Christian or you are not a Christian;
you cannot be partly a Christian.
You are either "dead" or "alive";
you are either "born" or "not born".
-Martyn Lloyd-Jones

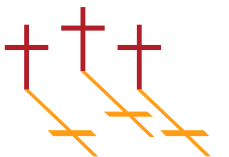
But, however important this information may be, it could ill suffice to cheer the heart amidst its sorrows, or to inspire that living hope which alone can bear us up under their heavy pressure—were we not further assured that the government under which we live is conducted by . . .

a God of infinite intelligence and wisdom;
a being who cannot err—one who knows the end from the beginning; and
is alike incapable of choosing an improper end, or of employing unsuitable means for its attainment.

A persuasion of God's perfect wisdom in the management of our affairs is the more needful, in proportion as we feel our own helplessness, and are taught by disappointments and trials—that our affairs are too high and too great to be managed by ourselves. And when assured of this precious truth, we shall the more readily submit to all God's appointments—satisfied, that although we know not the plan of His operations, yet it is known and approved of by One whose wisdom is the best guarantee of the universe. And thus, too, will the idea of blind fate be excluded, not less than the idea of chance.

Still the heart desires something more. It is not enough that the world is neither left to the random vicissitudes of chance—nor governed by a blind and inexorable fate. It is not enough for our comfort to know that a God of infinite intelligence presides over its affairs, and that its laws are the emanations of His unerring wisdom. Great and glorious as these discoveries are, the heart longs to know the character, not less than the wisdom of that Almighty Being—and to be made acquainted, if not with His secret purposes, at least with the nature of His moral perfections and His dispositions towards ourselves. "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us!" Romans 5:8

**"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!"
Revelation 19:6**



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
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 04/23/2023

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| General Offering | 9,975.02 |
| Building Fund | 1,984.75 |
| Uganda | 35.00 |
| Total..... | \$11,994.77 |
| Attendance | 236 |
| Online..... | .26 |

G3 Easter offering raised so far....\$1,155.00

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
- Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org
- Youth Ministry-youth@ghbcva.org
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