

# Pastor's Pen

Last Days!

***But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 Tim 3:1***

Can it get any worse? That is a question many Christians ask. It seems as if the world has gone crazy. In our own country, we have witnessed a seismic shift in our culture. What was once considered wrong is not right. What once was considered evil is now viewed as good. However, this should come as no shock to believers.

When Paul wrote his last letter, he was in prison and would soon be executed by the Romans. He warned Timothy that during the last days, *"men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, without gentleness, without love for good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Keep away from such men as these"* (2 Tim 3:2-4). You don't have to look far to see that everything Paul warned about has happened. Does this mean that we are in the last days? Maybe. But does that change anything for us as Christians? Yes. There should be an urgency for all believers to live lives that reflect to whom we belong.

As slaves of Christ, we should live in a way that tells the world we belong to Him. Every believer should live as though the rapture could occur at any moment because it can. We all know family, friends, and acquaintances who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Have you shared with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Jesus could come today to call His church home. Let us be faithful to proclaim the Gospel to a lost and dying World.

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"We are immortal until our work on earth is done."

-George Whitefield

# Grace Gems

Repentance (J. C. Philpot)

**"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." 2 Cor. 7:10**

These two kinds of repentance are to be carefully from each other; though they are often sadly confounded. Cain, Esau, Saul, Ahab, Judas, all repented. But their repentance was the remorse of natural conscience, not the godly sorrow of a broken heart and a contrite spirit. They trembled before God as an angry Judge, but were not melted into contrition before Him as a forgiving Father. They neither hated their sins nor forsook them.

They neither loved holiness nor sought it.

Cain went out from the presence of the Lord.

Esau plotted Jacob's death.

Saul consulted the witch of Endor.

Ahab put honest Micaiah into prison.

Judas hanged himself.

How different from this forced and false repentance of a reprobate, is the repentance of a child of God; that true repentance for sin, that godly sorrow, that holy mourning which flows from the Spirit's gracious operations!

Godly sorrow does not spring from a sense of the wrath of God in a broken law, but from His mercy in a blessed gospel; from a view by faith of the sufferings of Christ in the garden and on the cross; from a manifestation of pardoning love; and is always attended with self-loathing and self-abhorrence; with deep and unreserved confession of sin and forsaking it; with most hearty, sincere and earnest petitions to be kept from all evil; and a holy longing to live to the praise and glory of God.



# 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  
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA

## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM  
Please check church website  
for start date and directions to each

## Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team  
and need to sign up, please contact the  
team leader at the appropriate email  
address on the back of this bulletin.

## Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM  
Youth Study & Surge!

## Service Times

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

Giving from service on 10/22/2023

General Offering .....6,389.42  
Building Fund .....1,365.75  
Uganda Missions ..... 125.00

Total.....\$7,880.17  
Attendance ..... 230  
Online.....23

## 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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