

# Pastor's Pen

Christ-centered Life!

**"Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus is accursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:3**

We know that regeneration comes before belief. We were dead in our sins and unable to respond to the Gospel. But God, in his mercy, calls us to be His. Paul makes that clear when writing to the church in Corinth. The Holy Spirit breathes new life into the elect, allowing them to profess that Jesus is Lord.

The Holy Spirit's role does not end in a believer's life after salvation. He indwells in every believer. Paul writes to the Romans, *"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him"* (Rom.8:9). If you are born again, the Holy Spirit lives within you and allows you to live a Christ-centered life. The Holy Spirit is essential in the life of every believer.

The role of the Holy Spirit in our life.

He teaches us, *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you"* (John 14:26)."

He seals us, *"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption"* (Eph. 4:30)."

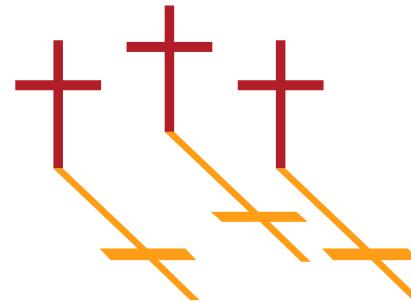
He assists in our prayers, *"And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words"* (Romans 8:26)."

He comforts us, *"You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit"* (1 Thes 1:6),"

He gives us the ability to produce spiritual fruit, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control"* (Gal. 5:22-23)."

To be a Christian means that you live a Christ-centered life. You can do that because the Holy Spirit lives within you. Yield to Him and seek to live a life that is holy and pleasing to God.

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark



## Quote of the Week

"I have given up all for Christ, and what have I found? I have more than all in Christ!"  
- John Calvin

# Grace Gems

COMFORT FOR THE AGED  
(James Smith, 1802 — 1862)

***"Now that I am old and gray — do not abandon me, O God!"***  
**Psalms 71:18**

Old age and its infirmities will creep in on us; and with old age come weakness, pains, and fears. But an aged Christian should be a happy person; for he has proved the Lord to be faithful so many years, he has had answers to prayer so many times, and the God of his youth stands pledged never to leave nor forsake him. Will the Lord forsake an old servant? Never! Will the Father of mercies forsake one of His children when compassed with the infirmities of old age! Impossible! No, no! The Lord, who has borne with us so long — will bear with us to the end. The Lord, who has glorified Himself in our life — will get glory to Himself in our death.

As the God of all comfort, He will comfort us on the bed of languishing, and will make all our bed in our sickness; and when heart and flesh are failing — He will be the strength of our heart, and our portion forever!

Aged believer — doubt not, fear not! God has given you His Word — trust it. He has confirmed His Word by the death of His Son — therefore exercise confidence in Him. He has been a Friend and a Father to you for many years; and He will be your Friend and Father to the very last!

Be much with Him in prayer. With all the simplicity of a little child — let your requests be made known unto Him. He has grace for old age — as He had for youth; and He has grace for a dying bed — as He had grace for all the conflicts of life. Believe His word, rest in His love, expect His blessing to the end — and you shall be more than a conqueror through Him who loved you. God never loved you more than He does now in your weakness, pains, and old age; and — sweet thought! — He will never love you less! His love is infinite, everlasting. Having loved you — He loves you to the end!

Father in Heaven, I thank You for the mercies of my life. Help me to trust You through to the end of my life — in spite of my weakness and human frailty.

*"I will be your God throughout your lifetime — until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you!"* Isaiah 46:4

# Weekly Gatherings

## Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes  
Ladies Class  
Young Adults    Young Parents  
Youth            Surge  
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM

## 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; AWANA & Surge!

## Service Times

Sunday Services 10:30AM  
Sunday School 9:00AM  
Children's Church @11:00AM

Giving from service on 05/19/2024

General Offering .....	4,856.03
Building Fund .....	11,051.00
Uganda Missions .....	131.00
Benevolence .....	440.00

Total.....\$16,478.03  
Attendance ..... 194

## 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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Welcome