

# Pastor's Pen

Marks of a Disciple!

Love For God

Love For His People

Obedience

Forgiveness

**Serving**

## Serving

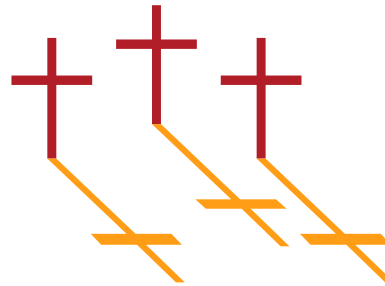
The fifth mark of a disciple of Christ is service. In his letter to the church in Rome, Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote these words, "***For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another, but having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: whether prophecy, in agreement with the faith; or service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with generosity; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness***" (Rom. 12:4-8)." As disciples of Jesus Christ, we were saved to bring Him glory, to live for Him, and even die for Him. Yet far too many believers think too highly of themselves. They want to be served instead of serving others. It is sinful not to use our gifts to serve others. In his book *Spiritual Disciplines for Christian Life*, Whitney writes, "Two of the deadliest of our sins—sloth and pride—loathe serving."

When believers are born-again, they receive a gift from the Holy Spirit, and as Paul declared, we are to use those gifts to serve the body. Each believer in the local body must use those gifts, or the body suffers. Serving others takes love and humility.

When Jesus removed his outer garments and washed his disciples' feet, he exhibited a heart of humility and service. God Himself, the creator of heaven and earth, washed the filth of the world off of mere men. His act of humility is an example of every disciple to serve the body of Christ.

We are called to humble ourselves to serve Him and our fellow believers. Andrew Murray had this to say about humility and serving, "Look to it that you abase and humble yourselves, and take no place before God or man but that of servant; that is your work; let that be your one purpose and prayer. God is faithful. Just as water ever seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds the creature abased and empty, His glory and power flow in to exalt and to bless. He that humbleth himself—that must be our one care—shall be exalted; that is God's care; by His mighty power and in His great love He will do it."

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark



## Quote of the Week

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."  
—Martin Luther

# Grace Gems

Providence is no other than God providing!

- Charles Spurgeon

"To be served at table by a great king, would be counted as great a favor as the meal itself. Just so, to take outward blessings out of God's hand, to see that He remembers us, and sends our provision at every turn—this endears His mercy, and increases our delight in Him."

What, indeed, would most men give if they could say, "The Queen herself has served me, and was most anxious that I should be well supplied!" But each believer has the Lord Himself for his Provider. He loads our table, and fills our cup. Providence is no other than God providing! He . . . measures out our joys, weighs our sorrows, appoints our labors, and selects our trials!

There is no morsel on the saint's plate, which is not of the Lord's serving—unless he has been so foolish as to put forth his hand unto iniquity.

It is delightful to know that our Father's hand provided for us the bread which we have eaten this day; that the Savior's own fingers mingled our cup; and that every blessing has come directly from God's own table!

Surely we are as dear to God as the little ewe lamb in Nathan's parable was to the poor man. For we are told that "the poor man had raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him!" Does not this make our food, and drink, and lodging more than royal? Are we not more than content with such fare?

Yes, Lord, my portion tastes of Your divine love, for Your hand has sweetened it. A sacred perfume is on my clothing and in my chamber—for You have prepared both for me. And this would be true if I wore rags, and lay in a dungeon in sore sickness! What a heritage is mine!

O Lord, You are my all, and my all in all. My all is more than all, because it comes of You, and is dealt out to me by Your own precious self!

# 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 06/23/2024

General Offering .....	7,176.74
Building Fund .....	6,637.95
Uganda Missions .....	150.83
Benevolence .....	1.00

Total.....\$13,966.52  
Attendance .....211

## 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  
Prayer Team-prayer@ghbcva.org  
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Welcome