

# Pastor's Pen

He Cares!

***"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."***

Hebrews 4:16

When the letter to the Hebrews was written almost 2000 years ago, the common man could never hope to have access to an audience with their King. Even Esther, the queen of the Persian King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I), could only have an audience with the King if summoned to the throne room. But for Christians, everything changed dramatically when Jesus died and rose from the dead, transforming our relationship with God.

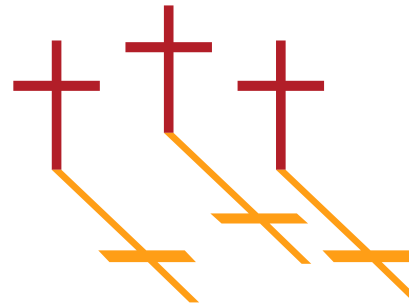
Jesus, in his divine role, did not grant us access to earthly kings, but He did grant us access to the very throne of God the Father. Until Jesus' death on the cross, the high priest was the only person who could make intercession for people's sins. At that moment when Jesus died, the veil in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, symbolizing the direct access we now have to God through Jesus.

Now, every believer can confidently and boldly approach the throne of God the Father, knowing He will listen to our praises and petitions. But it doesn't stop there; Jesus Himself intercedes on our behalf (Heb.7:25). God the Father bends His ear to hear us (Ps. 116:2), Jesus the Son intercedes, and the Holy Spirit has a role.

Paul wrote to the church in Rome, ***"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;"*** ( Rom 8:26).

Christian, you are privileged to have the Triune God listen to and plead for you when you pray. Therefore, do not neglect this privilege. Pray without ceasing to the One who sent His Son to save you and gave you the Holy Spirit to indwell in you.

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark



## Quote of the Week

"If I feel myself disinclined to pray, then is the time when I need to pray more than ever."

— Charles Spurgeon

# Grace Gems

The fire, the worm, the prison are eternal!  
-Thomas Watson

***"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."***Matthew 25:46

See what opposite ways, the godly and the wicked go at death! The godly go to a glorious kingdom; the wicked go to a loathsome prison! The devil is the jailer, and they are bound with the chains of darkness. Jude 6.

What are these chains? Not iron chains—but worse; the chain of God's decree, decreeing them to righteous torment; and the chain of God's power, whereby He binds them fast under eternal wrath!

The deplorable condition of impenitent sinners, is that when they die—they go to a dreadful dungeon. Oh, think what horror and despair will possess the wicked, when they see themselves engulfed in misery, and their condition hopeless, helpless, endless! They are in a fiery prison—and there is no possibility of getting out!

A servant under the law, who had a hard master—at every seventh year might go free. But in hell there is no year of release when the damned shall go free— the fire, the worm, the prison are eternal!

If the whole world, from earth to heaven, were filled with grains of sand, and once in a thousand years an angel should come and fetch away one grain—how many millions of ages would pass before that vast heap of sand would be spent! Yet, if after all this time the sinner might come out of hell, there would be some hope. But this word "forever!" breaks the heart with despair!

# 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 07/07/2024

General Offering .....	\$23,569.03
Building Fund .....	\$11,745.00
Uganda Missions .....	150.00
Benevolence .....	1,000.00

Total.....\$36,464.03  
Attendance ..... 219

## 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  
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Welcome