

# Pastor's Pen

Do as I do!

**"The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9**

When I was a boy, around seven years old, I remember picking up a cigarette out of an ashtray that my mom had been smoking. I started to puff on it when my mom started to scream at me. I said you smoke, and she said, "Don't do as I do, do as I say." Now, as an adult, I understand that a child is not allowed to do everything an adult can. This does not apply to our Christian Walk. We cannot have that mindset of not living our lives in obedience to Christ.

Paul was writing to the church in Phillipi while in prison in Rome. The Epistle was written to encourage the Christians in Phillipi to remain steadfast in their faith even during times of suffering and persecution.

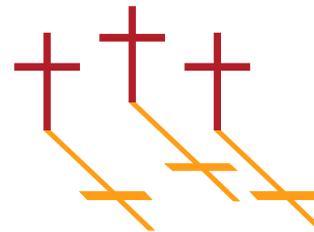
Paul wrote, **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your considerate spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil. 4:4-6)."** As Christians, our circumstances do not dictate how we live our lives. Remember that Paul is in prison when he tells us to rejoice always. But how can we rejoice when we suffer or are persecuted for our faith? Paul answers that question for us. We must practice the things that Paul has taught us. Not only what Paul taught but also every other writer of Scripture.

To live a life of joy and peace, we must obey God's Word. The Bible equips us to live our Christian faith. Paul writing to Timothy wrote, **"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped, having been thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2Tim. 3:16-17)." To do as Paul did, we must study Scripture, meditate on it, and live lives indicative of the teaching of God's Word.

We must do as Paul did!

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark



## Quote of the Week

"The church changes the world not by making converts but by making disciples."  
– John Wesley

# Grace Gems

Satan's herd of swine!- (William Secker, "The Consistent Christian")

**"You shall not follow a multitude, to do evil." Exodus 23:2**

The generality of people, are like dead fish, which float down the stream, wherever it runs.

The 'voice of the people', is often the voice of the devil.

Satan's herd of swine, is larger than Christ's flock of sheep! Let them be ever so mighty, we are not to fear them. Let them be ever so many, we are not to follow them.

If we will not have the people of the world to be our leaders, we shall be sure to have them as our troublers. If they cannot seduce us into their evil ways, they will oppose us in our holy ways. If they cannot scorch us with their fire, they will try to blacken us with their smoke. They will speak evil of us, because we do not run into the same excess of evil with them. Because we refuse to play the fool with them, they will say that we are mad.

**"Though the people of Israel are as numerous as the sand on the seashore, only the remnant will be saved." Rom. 9:27.** The whole piece belongs to the Devil, but God cuts off a remnant for Himself!

The trees of righteousness are thinly planted, in the world's orchard.

There are many wicked sinners, to one godly man! Pebbles lie abundant in the streets, but pearls are rare to find. Sinners are certainly the greatest company, but they are also the worst company. Remember, the multitude of people, are like the droves of cattle, which go to the slaughter!

Those who follow after others in sinning, will be sure to follow them in suffering! Alas, the largeness of the multitude, will not extinguish the fierceness of the flame! The great number of those immortal faggots, will but intensify the fury of the eternal fire!

# 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  
  
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA



## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM  
Please see website for locations



## 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 10/13/2024

General Offering .....\$7,735.38  
Building Fund .....\$1,028.00  
Uganda Missions ..... \$151.00  
Benevolence ..... \$523.00

Total.....\$9,437.38  
Attendance ..... 223  
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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Welcome