

Pastor's Pen

Come and See!

"Come and see the works of God, Who is fearsome in His deeds toward the sons of men." (Psalm 66:5)

Welcome to the dedication of our new worship center. Come and see what God has done in the ministry at Grace Harvest Bible Church. Dr. John Marks, former Swift Creek Baptist Church pastor, Pastor Ronnie Brown, former pastor of Swift Creek, and David Listrom, former elder at Grace Harvest and IMB missionary, are joining us today.

Each of these men played a crucial role in my life. I thank God for each of these men who invested in me, but more importantly, I thank them for their sacrificial service to the Lord. It is because they faithfully fulfilled their roles as shepherds and missionaries that we can see what God has done in the lives of the members of GHBC. In 2006, 21 individuals representing 10 families signed the charter for GHBC. Here we are today to dedicate the new worship center.

The psalmist declared, "Come and see the works of God." That is what we declare today. God has blessed so many through the ministries of GHBC. Some here today came to saving faith through the faithful preaching and teaching of God's word of Grace Harvest. Many more have been baptized, discipled, and grown in your faith at Grace Harvest. I pray that this new building will proclaim the gospel every Sunday until the Lord comes for His church.

May we always be a church that will
GO-GATHER-GROW-GO!

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

In Heaven He Stands
-Alistair Begg

"He holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:24-25

Jesus' sacrificial work as our High Priest is a finished work, a once-and-for-all accomplishment with regard to sin. There is no need for repetition and no possibility of addition. But why is it, exactly, that He is able to ***"save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him"***?

Because, first, Christ's role as our Great High Priest is the solution to our rebellion. Deep down inside, each of us knows that we have rejected our dependence upon God, instead making a bid for independence. In trying to live our lives independently, we reveal that our stubborn hearts are curved into themselves. We pridefully think, "I don't need an advocate. I don't need anybody to do anything on my behalf. I can handle this myself."

But despite the fact that we have rebelled against God, amazingly, He seeks us out and saves us. Jesus brings about reconciliation by dealing with our alienation from God, which is two-sided: we are alienated on our side by our sin and on God's side by His wrath.

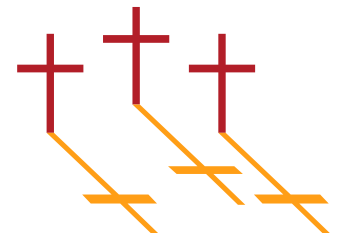
Quote of the Week

"Our need is not to prove God's faithfulness but to demonstrate our own, by trusting Him both to determine and to supply our needs according to His will."
- John MacArthur

Jesus has paid the penalty for our sins; He has satisfied God's wrath by offering Himself as an unblemished sacrifice.

Second, Jesus saves ***"to the uttermost"*** because He has destroyed the leverage that the Evil One uses to fill us with fear. In Hebrews 2, the writer explains, ***"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (v 14-15)***. Through His own death, Jesus has set us free from Satan's grip, liberating us from what ought to be our greatest fear: death itself. When Satan seeks to accuse us before the Father, Jesus is, as it were, able to point out that his words are empty—that he has nothing to say against us. And Jesus' priestly work still continues in His continual intercession on our behalf. In Jesus we have a Priest who sheds His grace on our lives day by day through His heavenly mediation. As Jesus enjoys being in His Father's presence today, right now, He is not offering a sacrifice, but rather speaking as our advocate before the Father. We may picture Him standing by His Father, saying, That one is mine. I died for her. She is covered by my blood and is clothed in my righteousness.

So, ***"When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of my guilt within / Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin." Therefore, "I know that while in heaven He stands, no power can bid me thence depart."*** Jesus, your Priest forever, stands in His Father's presence today, speaking of you and for you. There is nothing to fear.



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 Book Study
Fridays | 6AM Men's Book 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 School 9:00AM
Children's Church 10:30AM
Sunday Services 10:30AM

Giving from service on 03/30/2025

General Offering	\$9,119.65
Building Fund	\$1,592.00
Uganda	\$235.00
Benevolence	\$50.00
G3	\$75.00
Total	\$11,071.65
Attendance	262

G3 so far \$781.00 Goal is \$2,000

Build the Body Ministries

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AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
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Welcome