

Pastor's Pen

Light That Never Fades

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalm 119:105

Imagine walking along a dark, winding trail in the middle of the night. You have a small flashlight, but the batteries are weak, causing the beam to flicker. Every few steps, you stumble over rocks or tree roots, unsure where to place your next step. Now imagine someone hands you a lantern that never dims, powered by an endless source of light. Every part of the path ahead is clearly illuminated, and you can walk confidently without fear of stumbling.

God's Word works like that lantern. In the darkness of confusion, doubt, or fear, His Word shines steadily, giving clarity and direction. While the world's guidance may fail or fade, God's light never does—it's constant, reliable, and life-giving.

God gives us light that will never be extinguished or fade away, His Word. The Word of God, the Bible, allows us to see when we are in the darkest places in our lives. There is no situation or circumstance that God's light will not shine through. It pierces the deepest, darkest, most desolate places.

Some will say, "How can you believe or trust one book?" It's not one book; it's a collection of 66 books written by approximately 40 authors over about 1,500 years on the continents of Africa, Asia, and Europe. These authors came from diverse backgrounds, including kings, shepherds, and fishermen. It was written in three languages: Hebrew, Greek (Koine), and Aramaic. The entire Bible points to God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

The central theme uniting all 66 books of the Bible is God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. From the very start, God created the world and made man in His image, longing for a relationship with His people. However, sin breaks that perfect fellowship. Throughout Scripture, God makes covenants with people like Abraham, Moses, and David, promising to bless the nations and restore humanity.

This promise is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Messiah, who lives a perfect life, dies for sin, and rises again to bring humanity back to God. After His resurrection, the Holy Spirit empowers believers to live in God's kingdom, spread the gospel, and take part in God's transformative work. In the end, the Bible tells a continuous story of God's pursuit of relationship with humanity, humanity's fall into sin, and God's work of redemption through Christ, leading to the renewal of all creation in the new heaven and new earth. God's Word is the light that leads to a believer's justification, then their sanctification, and one day their glorification.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

A plain book designed for plain people- (Letters of John Newton)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness—so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work!" 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"When the Spirit of truth comes—He will guide you into all the truth." John 16:13

Quote of the Week

"To see yourself in the light of Scripture, is to see yourself as you really are."

- John MacArthur

A few minutes of the Spirit's teaching will furnish us with more real, useful and experimental knowledge—than toiling through whole folios of commentators and expositors! It will be our wisdom to deal less with the streams—and be more close in applying to the fountain-head. The Scripture itself, and the Spirit of God—are the best and the only sufficient expositors of Scripture. Whatever men have valuable in their writings—they got it from Scripture; and the Scripture is as open to us—as to any of them. There is nothing required but a teachable, humble spirit; and academic learning, as it is commonly called, is not necessary in order for this.

Psalm 25:14, ***"The secret counsel of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He reveals His covenant to them"***—not notionally, but experimentally. We learn more, and more effectually, by one minute's communication with God through the medium of His written Word, than we could from an assembly of divines, or a library of books!

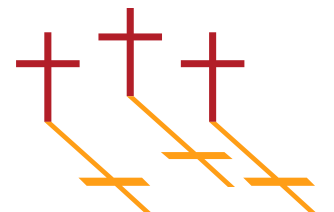
As a minister, I endeavor to avoid all panaceas, singularities, 'hidden truths' and 'new discoveries' in Scripture. I wish to advance nothing which I cannot maintain upon the authority of the Bible in our English language—which I deem sufficient to make us and our hearers wise unto salvation.

The New Testament is a plain book designed for plain people. The gospel is to be preached to the poor and simple, who are just as capable of receiving it as the educated—and in some sense more so. I therefore lay little stress upon any academic learning—which depends upon a knowledge of original Greek and Hebrew languages, or requires a larger degree of capacity and genius to be understood.

"From a child, you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus!" 2 Timothy 3:15

"Unless our souls are living in communion with God, the Scriptures will not yield us their strength and nourishment!"

- R.C. Chapman



Weekly Gatherings



Sunday Bible Classes

Elders- Old Testament (Sanctuary A)
Bereans- New Testament (Sanctuary B)
Ladies- (Downstairs B, Gray Room)
Young Adults- (Downstairs B, Red Rm.)
Youth and Surge (5th-6th)- (Upstairs C)



Weekday Meetings

AWANA—Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 pm
Men's Book Study—Monday at 7pm
and Fridays at 6am



Family Groups

All Family Groups began **Sept 25th**
Host Families: Tom & Penni Cox, Jesse &
Deborah Royall, Larry & Gina Covington,
Jeff & Bridget Brown, Alan & Leigh Anne
Chambers and Mark & Trisha Keffer



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



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study & Surge!



Service Times

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

Giving from service on 10/12/2025

General Offering	\$5,984.23
Building Fund	\$880.00
Uganda	\$330.00
Benevolence	\$80.00

Total.....\$7,274.23
Attendance 234

Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
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