

Pastor's Pen

He Hears You!

"In my distress I called to Yahweh, And He answered me."
Psalm 120:1

I remember hearing a story about a young boy who got lost in a crowded fairground. Surrounded by noise and strangers, fear filled his heart. He began to cry out for his father. The crowd was loud, but the father's ears were tuned to that familiar voice. Within moments, the father came running, calling back, "I hear you! I'm right here!" That child's cry touched his father's heart, and his father's voice brought comfort to his heart.

Similarly, if you are a child of God, born again, with Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life, God the Father is always ready to answer you in times of distress. The author of Psalm 120 is not named, but biblical scholars attribute the psalm to King David. Psalm 120 expresses the cry of someone surrounded by deceitful, hostile people. In verse 2, he writes, **"O Yahweh, deliver my soul from a lying lip, from a deceitful tongue."** The psalmist is living far from peace, among people who hate truth and love conflict. He feels trapped among liars and warmongers, longing for the peace that only comes from God.

King David knew what it was like to feel lost and surrounded by trouble. **"In my distress,"** he says, **"I called to Yahweh."** David didn't hide his fear, frustration, or pain from God. He cried out. And what did God do? **"He heard me."** God doesn't turn a deaf ear to the cries of His children. Our distress does not push Him away; it draws Him near. When life feels like you can't catch a break, and you can't see the way forward, your Father still hears the sound of your voice. You are His child, and He will never leave you nor forsake you.

God sees you in your distress and will answer you; however, that answer may not be what you want to hear. We pray for healing, and while God may choose not to heal, He does give you the grace to walk through the valley of the shadow of death. It's important to remember that David's confidence wasn't in his ability to fix his problem—it was in the faithfulness of a God who hears and responds.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Our Heavenly Shepherd- By Charles Spurgeon

"Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:16–17

What a sweet and glorious promise this is for the weary pilgrim in this valley of tears! In this fallen world, we are often burdened with trials, afflictions and sorrows. The scorching heat of life's troubles beats down upon our fainting souls. But here, the Lord lifts our eyes beyond the veil of suffering, to the land where tears are no more.

The heat of affliction scorches us here, but it shall never touch us there. The irksome wilderness is left behind, and the weary march is ended. No more scorching trials, no more burning temptations--only the cool, refreshing presence of the Lamb who has loved us and given Himself for us!

The Lamb, once slain for our sins, now reigns at the center of Heaven's throne. And He is still our Shepherd! He, who laid down His life for His sheep, now leads them to the ever-flowing springs of divine refreshment.

Never again will we lack. Never again will sorrow press upon our hearts. Every wound shall be healed by His own hand, and every tear wiped away by God Himself! Can you grasp the tenderness of this promise? The infinite, sovereign Lord stoops to dry the tears of His redeemed people!

The fullness of His presence, the sweetness of His love, and the satisfaction of His glory

--shall be our portion forever.

Press on, dear saint! The journey is hard, but one moment with Jesus, will make amends for all.

Let this promise be.... your anchor in trial, your comfort in suffering, and your hope in the darkest night.

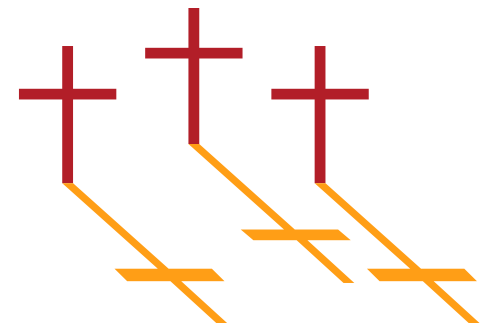
The Lamb is at the center of the throne--therefore, all is well! Press on, weary saint, for the day is near when sighs shall be exchanged for songs, and sorrow shall flee away forever!

"You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand!" Psalm 16:11

Quote of the Week

"God's ear is open to the groanings of His people; not a sigh is lost, not a tear forgotten. He bottles their tears, and records their prayers, and in due time answers them in mercy."

— Thomas Watson



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 10/26/2025

General Offering	\$7,847.94
Building Fund	\$760.30
Uganda	\$25.00
Benevolence	\$68.00

Total.....\$8,701.24
Attendance 200

Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
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