

# Pastor's Pen

Be Bold!

***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

Have you ever been afraid that God will not hear your prayers? Do you think somehow you are not good enough or that you are not worthy? Fear not dear one you can go with boldness before the Lord.

Followers of Jesus are not called to live a life of fear and timidity. The writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is our merciful and faithful high priest, ***"Therefore, He had to be made like His brothers in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"*** (Hebrews 2:17). Under Mosaic Law, the high priest would intercede on behalf of the people (Numbers 25). The priest would bring sacrifices to God on behalf of the people of Israel and would do so over and over.

When Jesus suffered and died on the cross He became the Lamb that took away the sins of the world once and for all. His personal sacrifice was an incredible act of mercy, and He could be the sacrifice because He had become like those for whom He was giving Himself up (Hebrews 2:17). Because of Jesus the High Priest, we can come boldly to the throne of grace.

Because Jesus is our faithful High Priest we need not fear when we go to the Father in prayer. Jesus intercedes on our behalf even today (Romans 8:34). Not only can we come boldly to the throne of grace for forgiveness and salvation (Hebrews 4:16), but we can also come to that same throne in prayer knowing that we are no longer enemies of God but beloved children who can call Him "Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:15).

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

## Grace Gems

A great hospital! (J.C. Ryle)

"All of you shall desert Me!" Mark 14:27

We see in these verses, how well our Lord foreknew the weakness and infirmity of His disciples. He tells them plainly what they were going to do: "All of you shall desert Me." He tells Peter in particular of the astounding sin which he was about to commit, "This night, before the rooster crows twice — you shall deny Me three times."

### Quote of the Week



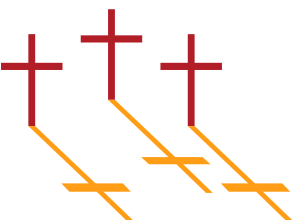
"Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years."  
— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Yet our Lord's fore-knowledge did not prevent His choosing these twelve disciples to be His apostles. He allowed them to be His intimate friends and companions, knowing perfectly well what they would one day do. With a clear foresight of the melancholy weakness and lack of faith which they would exhibit at the end of His ministry — He granted them the mighty privilege of being continually with Him, and hearing His voice. This is a remarkable fact, and deserves to be had in continual remembrance.

Let us take comfort in the thought that the Lord Jesus does not cast off His believing people because of failures and imperfections. He knows what they are. He takes them, as the husband takes the wife — with all their blemishes and defects; and once joined to Him by faith, He will never leave them. He is a merciful and compassionate High-priest. It is His glory to pass over the transgressions of His people, and to cover their many sins.

He knew what they were before conversion — wicked, guilty, and defiled; yet He loved them. He knows what they will be after conversion — weak, erring, and frail; yet He loves them. He has undertaken to save them, notwithstanding all their shortcomings — and what He has undertaken, He will perform.

Let us learn to pass a charitable judgment on the conduct of professing believers. Let us not set them down in a low place, and say they have no grace — because we see much weakness and corruption in them. Let us remember that our Master in Heaven bears with their infirmities — and let us try to bear with them too.



# Weekly Gatherings

## Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes  
Ladies Class  
Young Adults    Young Parents  
Youth            Surge  
Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Bible Study  
1st and 3rd Saturday  
Women of Grace | 9AM



## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM  
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,  
Patrick's, Brown's and Royall's



## Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team  
and forgot to sign up, please contact the  
team leader at the appropriate email  
address.



## Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM  
Youth Study and AWANA!



## Service Times

Sunday Services 8AM & 11:00AM  
Sunday School 9:30AM  
Children's Church @11:00AM



Giving from service on 01/15/2023

General Offering .....6,878.72  
Building Fund .....1,253.60  
Uganda .....125.00

Total.....8,257.32  
Attendance ..... 289  
Online.....26

## 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  
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Welcome