

Pastor's Pen

No Fear!

"This I know, that God is for me." Psalm 56

This life is full of ups and downs. We may experience great love with a spouse that God has given to us. He gives us deep, lasting friendships with our fellow believers. He may bless us with children and great-grandchildren. He may bless us with our jobs and health. But what happens when tragedy strikes? We lose our jobs, our spouse dies, or we get diagnosed with cancer. Does this mean that God has abandoned us?

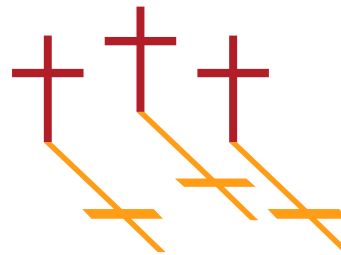
One of the most comforting aspects of being a part of God's family is the assurance that we are His Children. Regardless of our trials, we can find solace in God's promise that He is always with us. Even amid a health crisis, we need not fear, for God's comforting presence is our constant companion.

David is the author of Psalm 56. In it, he cries out to God that his enemies oppress him and seek his death. Yet, in spite of his circumstances, he knows that God is for him and will never desert him. Paul, writing to the church in Rome, declares, **"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who indeed did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"** (Romans 8:31-32).

Understanding that God is always on our side should empower us to endure any hardship for the sake of Christ. We are not exempt from the inevitability of death on this earth (unless the Lord returns first). As our physical strength wanes and our bodies weaken, we can take comfort in the fact that our inner selves, which will live on for eternity, are being renewed daily (2 Cor. 4:16). There is no need to fear death, for we can confidently declare, as Paul and David did, **'This I know, that God is for me!'**

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark



Quote of the Week

"You follow God, and you just might get asked to walk in the wilderness. For forty years."

-Owen Strachan

Grace Gems

Blessed change! (William Nicholson, "Pearls of Great Price!")

"If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!"
2 Corinthians 5:17

But in what sense?

No new physical faculties are given to him; but his faculties have new qualities and applications. They receive a new bias, and are engaged in new and different views and pursuits.

The understanding is enlightened, and has different ideas and sensations of spiritual things.

The desires are fixed on God and holiness. The will is submissive to the Word and will of God; and the renewed person enjoys peculiar satisfaction and delight in whatever is heavenly and divine. He now . . . hates sin, conquers the world, obeys the divine precepts, loves all his brethren in the Lord, and pursues holiness in the fear of God.

Blessed change!

Who is the author of it?

The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, of a Christian's birth and character-is the sovereign mercy of God; and to that mercy, in time and eternity-he may well ascribe all the praise!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ-in His great mercy He has caused us to be born again!" 1 Peter 1:3

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
All Family Groups will resume on
September 19, 2024



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 09/22/2024

General Offering \$6,611.43
Building Fund \$1,460.75
Uganda Missions \$130.00

Total.....\$8,202.18
Attendance 225

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