

# Giving at Grace Brevard

**Budget YTD: \$79,326**  
**Giving YTD: \$52,017**  
**Difference: -\$27,309**

Giving isn't a guilt-driven religious obligation, but...

...a declaration that all we have has been given to us by Him...

...is a powerful means God uses to propel His Gospel locally and globally...

...is an opportunity God gives us to encounter His generosity.

We have been called to serve and bless our town and the world. Join us in this mission as we each, according to the Lord's calling and blessing, synergize our Time, Talents and Treasures.

## In Person



Offering  
Boxes at  
Worship

## Text



Text any #  
to 84321 and  
instructions will  
be sent to you

## Online



Brevard  
Church  
.org

## Mail



P.O.Box 24,  
Brevard 28712



FULFILLED  
IN CHRIST

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Hebrews 5:11 – 6:8

“Minus Jesus;  
Plus Jesus;  
Only Jesus”

# Context is King

Sacrifices

Ceremonies

Eternal Life

Jesus is Greater...

Angels

Word

Rest

Prophets

Priests

Kings

Abraham,  
the Father

Moses,  
the Deliverer

Aaron,  
the Great High Priest

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1. The Soil
2. The Tree
3. The Fruit

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They had been planted and nourished for thousands of years,  
culminating in Christ's Life, Death and Resurrection

# The Tree

Healthy  
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Struggling  
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Diseased  
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# Healthy Trees

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Self-Feeding

Discernment

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UnTeachable

Stunted Growth

Spiritual Consumers

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When confronted with a passage that is hard to understand,  
build on what we do understand.

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Scripture Cannot  
Contradict  
Scripture

Salvation is  
solely dependent  
upon Jesus

God cannot lose  
any that are His

Jesus Plus  
Nothing

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John 10:28–29

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with their Eyes, Hands and Mouth

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Jesus Plus Nothing

## How can I know that I'm saved?

Matthew 7:22-23

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Believing that I have  
offended a perfect  
God and can't pay  
the debt myself

Believing that Jesus is  
God and fully paid my  
debt on the cross.

Repenting of my debt  
and accepting Jesus'  
payment as mine.

# The Fruit

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The sacrifices of God are a broken  
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O God, you will not despise.

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Luke 22:60-62

But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed...<sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

John 21:7

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Regret or Repentance?

Am I sorry for personally offending Jesus...  
or for getting caught?  
or for disappointing myself or others?



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John 15:4

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

If you can still hear the HS warning, then it's not too late!

# Prayer of Confession

## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

# Prayer of Confession

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

# Prayer of Confession

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

# Assurance of Pardon

## Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.



# Benediction

## Matthew 28

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And  
behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you