

# GRACE

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## Bible Church

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Welcome to the  
Lord's Day worship  
service at Grace Bible  
Church.

We are truly blessed  
to be here this  
morning as we open  
God's Word together,  
sing His praises, and  
enjoy a time of  
fellowship in His  
presence.

Be sure to take  
advantage of the many  
fellowship and  
ministry opportunities  
available to our  
church family today  
and throughout the  
week.



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# ORDER OF THE MORNING SERVICE

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PRELUDE	Concerto for Clavier, 3rd Movement—Bach
WELCOME	Announcements, Opening Teaching, and Prayer
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations” (Ps 100:2–5).
HYMN*	No. 364, “How Firm a Foundation”
BIBLE READING	Acts 6, Brian Hubbard
HYMN*	No. 354, “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 440, “Doxology”
SERMON	<b>“We Affirm the Biblical Model of Church Government,” 1 Timothy 3:1–12</b> GBC Distinctive Series, Shaun Marksbury
BENEDICTION	“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all” (2 Cor 13:14).
POSTLUDE	If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee—Concordia

*\* Congregational singing. All those who are able, please stand.  
To maintain a worshipful atmosphere, please refrain from clapping.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*If you have an announcement, email Pastor Shaun at least a week prior to the event.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Wednesday Nights—Christian Worldview “How Should We Then Live” by Francis Shaeffer**

Meet here at 6:30 pm for refreshments and fellowship, and then our prayer and study time starts at 7:00. Check our Facebook page for video you may have missed!

### **Elders’ Meeting, Friday, July 6**

The elders meet on the first Fridays of the month at 5pm at Dunkin’ Donuts Ogeechee Road. All are welcome to attend.

### **Quarterly Covered-Dish Fellowship, Sept. 2**

Join us quarterly after the service (even if you didn’t bring anything) for food and fellowship. Our next fellowship will be September 2—signups are in the kitchen!

### **Men’s fellowships on hold until after summer.**

Our Saturday men’s fellowships are on hold for the time being. They will resume in the Fall.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Women’s Ministry**

We have a Facebook group page for our women. See Heather about joining that group for devotionals, discussion, and details on signups.

## Pastor's Blog

Every week, we have devotionals on the passage of Scripture we will be studying on Sunday. There will be other content posted occasionally, as well. Sign up for email alerts to know when new content is posted:

<http://pastormarksbury.blogspot.com/>

## Offering

If you're interested in giving, there are a couple of options. You can give in the brown offering box or to our PO Box, 60582 Savannah, GA 31420.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering Last Week

\$150

Weekly Budget

\$240

Do you have questions concerning the sermon, or are you interested in obtaining information about baptism and church membership? Feel free to see Pastor Brian or Shaun after the service, drop a note in the giving box indicating your desire to talk with an elder, or call the church number anytime this week. Be sure to also visit our website to get more information, listen to past sermons, or to obtain a membership application!

*If you don't receive it already, have us add your email so you can get this bulletin emailed to you. These are clickable links in the PDF, and you'll know what to expect for our service ahead of time.*

## CHURCH INFO

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## A. M. NOTES

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“We Affirm the Biblical Model of Church Government,” 1 Timothy 3:1–12  
GBC Distinctive Series, Shaun Marksbury

### I. Introduction

### II. The Bible Calls for the Office of Elders

#### A. Elders Must Be Biblically Qualified

Based on 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5-9, an elder must...		
be above reproach,	be not addicted to wine,	be not a new convert,
be the husband of one wife,	be not pugnacious,	be self-controlled,
be temperate,	be gentle,	be sensible,
be prudent,	be uncontentious,	be not self-willed,
be respectable,	be not fond of sordid gain,	be not quick-tempered,
be hospitable,	manage his household well,	loving what is good,
be able to teach,	control his children with dignity,	be just and devout, and
be free from the love of money,	be able to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict,	have a good reputation outside the church.

#### B. Elders Must Be Biblically Plural

#### C. Elders Must Exercise Biblical Authority

##### 1. Note the Authority the Bible Grants to Elders

Elders must oversee, care for or manage God’s people (cf. vv. 4–5), decide policy for God’s people (cf. Acts 15), lay hands on or ordain those ministering to God’s people (cf. 1 Tm 4:11),

rule God's people well (1 Tm 5:17; cf. 1 Thess 5:12; 1 Tm 3:2), and instruct or rebuke (Ti 1:9).

Scripture commands the congregation to appreciate and even esteem its elders (1 Th 5:12–13), to remember and imitate its elders (Hb 13:7), and to obey and submit to its elders (Hb 13:17).

## 2. Note the Limits on Authority the Bible Places on Elders

He should manage or care for the church *well* (1 Tm 3:4–5), pay as careful attention *to himself* as he does to the flock (Acts 20:28), *not neglect* his gift(s) (1 Tm 4:11), rule *well* and *labor* in preaching and teaching (1 Tm 5:17), *bold firm* to the trustworthy word *as taught* (Ti 1:9);

According to 1 Peter 5:1–3, he must shepherd the flock *eagerly and willingly* exercising oversight (it's a personal, God-given desire), without being compelled to do so (which would be no profit to the church), without seeking shameful gain (his desire is not wealth or influence), without domineering (he may be firm in conviction, but gentle and humble in heart), and overall exemplary service to the flock.

## III. The Bible Calls for the Office of Deacons Acts 6

## IV. Conclusion

## MODERN STATEMENTS TO KNOW:

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### The Danvers Statement (1988)

The Danvers Statement summarizes the need for the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (CBMW) and serves as an overview of our core beliefs. This statement was prepared by several evangelical leaders at a CBMW meeting in Danvers, Massachusetts, in December of 1987. This includes recognizable names such as John Frame, Wayne Grudem, John Piper, S. Lewis Johnson, Richard Mayhue, and many others. It was first published in final form by the CBMW in Wheaton, Illinois in November of 1988.

Each week, we will look at one affirmation from the statement. The full text is available at <https://cbmw.org/about/danvers-statement>.

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#### **Affirmation 7**

In both men and women a heartfelt sense of call to ministry should never be used to set aside Biblical criteria for particular ministries (1 Tim 2:11-15, 3:1-13; Tit 1:5-9). Rather, Biblical teaching should remain the authority for testing our subjective discernment of God's will.

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#### **Commentary**

This was an issue in 1987, and it remains an issue in 2018. Those who are unqualified for particular ministry will claim exemption with the words "God has called me." In other words, the person simply has a strong desire in their heart or heard a voice in the mind that he or she interprets as God's call, a means of determining God's will evidencing more disqualification! God won't contradict Himself, and He wants us searching His written Word for His will on matters.

Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from [GraceSavannah.org](http://GraceSavannah.org), where you can find links to our YouTube and Sermon Audio accounts.

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