



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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## Bible Church

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# ORDER OF THE MORNING SERVICE

*“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (Jn 4:24).*

PRELUDE	“Organ Concerto in G Minor, Op. 4, No. 1: II. Allegro”—Handel
WELCOME	Announcements, Opening Teaching, and Prayer
CALL TO WORSHIP	“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD” (Ps 122:1).
HYMN*	No. 96, “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
READING	Acts 19:1–10, Brian Hubbard
HYMN*	No. 410 “The Lord’s Prayer” No. 407, “It is Well with My Soul”
SERMON	<b>The Hope of the Rapture   Jn 14:1–3; 1 Th 4:13–18</b> Addendum to the Olivet Discourse, Shaun Marksbury
HYMN*	No. 403, “Blessed Assurance”
BENEDICTION	“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Th 5:23).
POSTLUDE	“Now Thank We All Our God”—Brass

\* 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 Night Prayer and Study: Old Testament Survey**

Meeting in the Marksbury home, we're meeting for prayer and Scripture reading at 7. After that, we're continuing our OT survey by finishing the Book of Deuteronomy and introducing the former prophets. If you have prayer requests, please email them or call, and livestream will begin at 7:15 for those who can't make it.

### **Fellowship Night, Friday, January 18**

Meet at the pastor's home at 6:30 for Riverboat Pizza and to watch a video presentation from the 2019 G-3 Conference.

### **Communion Service, Jan 20**

Every baptized believer following Christ in repentance and faith are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. We have these services every four weeks, so the next one will be February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **Elders' Meeting, Friday, Feb 1**

Join us on the first Fridays of the month for our elders' meetings. We will meet at Perkins at 6:30 pm.

### **Sunday Fellowship Meal, Mar 3**

Join us quarterly after the service for food and fellowship. The next fellowship will be June 2.

### **Men's Fellowship**

We're aiming to start our men's fellowships on February 23. We will be in the Book of Colossians.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Scripture Reading for This Week**

Read ahead this week to prepare for Sunday in Acts 19:11–41 and Mark 14:1–11.

### **Women's Ministry (On Hold)**

After the New Year, you will be invited again to the online Monday Bible study through the Book of Hebrews. Ladies are also invited to meet every six weeks to fellowship. Check with Heather for information!

## 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

Scripture says, "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). Giving is an act of worship, but it's not impulsive or coerced. So, instead of passing a plate, we have a brown offering box into which you can place the gift you purposed with Him ahead of time.

You can also send your gift to PO Box 60582 Savannah, GA 31420.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Offering Last Week

\$400

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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## LEARNING OUR FAITH:

### Spurgeon's Catechism Question #27

**Q.** Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

**A.** Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, (1 Corinthians 15:4) in ascending up into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of God the Father, (Mark 16:19) and in coming to judge the world at the last day. (Acts 17:31)

#### Commentary

Last time, we said He humbled Himself. However, He arose and ascended on high, and His Second Coming means that He will judge the world in righteousness.

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### Recommended Reading



**Snatched Before the Storm! A Case for Pretribulationism** by *Richard L. Mayhue*

This small 16-page booklet serves as either good preparation for or a good followup to a sermon on the pretribulation rapture of the church. It presents a positive case for the pretribulationism rather than extended argumentation against other views. Mayhue includes a helpful but concise look at the languages behind some of the hotly contended texts.

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### Recommended Media



**Session 1: "Justice, Kindness, Humility — Micah 6:8"**  
(Tom Ascol)

**2019 Southeast Founders Conference**

<https://founders.org/2019-southeast-founders-conference/>

What does Micah 6:8 mean for God's people today? How can Christians fulfill these responsibilities in a world that has been so deeply broken by sin? What is justice? How should we pursue it? What do biblical kindness and love look like? What does it mean to live humbly? These are some of the questions we explored through the exposition of God's Word, and the first video/audio of the conference is now available.

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# The Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel (2018)

*Theories and philosophies antithetical to the gospel have been threatening to enter Christian churches for years. Values borrowed from secular culture in the areas of race and ethnicity, manhood and womanhood, and human sexuality are considered “social justice” implications of the gospel. Answering is this collaborative effort between various pastors and ministries, including Tom Ascol, Tom Buck, Voddie Baucham, Darrell Harrison, James White, and John MacArthur.*

*You can read the whole statement at [statementonsocialjustice.com](http://statementonsocialjustice.com).*

## Article Eight: The Church

WE AFFIRM that the primary role of the church is to worship God through the preaching of his word, teaching sound doctrine, observing baptism and the Lord's Supper, refuting those who contradict, equipping the saints, and evangelizing the lost. We affirm that when the primacy of the gospel is maintained that this often has a positive effect on the culture in which various societal ills are mollified. We affirm that, under the lordship of Christ, we are to obey the governing authorities established by God and pray for civil leaders.

WE DENY that political or social activism should be viewed as integral components of the gospel or primary to the mission of the church. Though believers can and should utilize all lawful means that God has providentially established to have some effect on the laws of a society, we deny that these activities are either evidence of saving faith or constitute a central part of the church's mission given to her by Jesus Christ, her head. We deny that laws or regulations possess any inherent power to change sinful hearts.

## Commentary

The affirmation section serves to remind us of why we meet together as a church. We assemble according to the Word of God, bowing to His will as best as possible as we receive of His Word and grace each week. No other membership on earth can compare to the purpose of the church; so unique it is in divine calling that failing to gather regularly is sin. Even so, Christians have always experienced the temptation to turn church into other kinds of gatherings. Whenever a national election draws nigh, it is common to see politicians in pulpits on Sundays. It is perhaps more common for pastors to teach each week on pet issues, including legislative matters. Today, books, blogs, and podcasts call for churches to be “woke” and proclaim and model particular stances on their socio-political concerns. As one pastor rightly said years ago (before he too was swayed by this crowd), these concerns constitute “mission drift” in the church. Wile Christians should follow their individual consciences on these issues, the church's charge is from a kingdom not of this world. May we always be about gospel business.

*(You can read the commentary of the authors [on the statement site](#) as well as [on this site](#).)*

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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