


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

“Therefore... let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire” (Hb 12:28–29).

PRELUDE	“Dorian Toccata”—Bach <i>(A short time for silent prayer and preparation before service.)</i>
WELCOME	Announcements, Opening Teaching, and Prayer
CALL TO WORSHIP	“I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth” (Ps 121:1–2).
HYMN*	No. 206, “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”
READING	Acts 19:21–41, Shaun Marksbury
HYMN*	No. 136, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vv. 1–3, 5) <i>Followed by Pastoral Prayer</i>
HYMN*	No. 274, “When I survey the Wondrous Cross” (vv. 1–2, opt. last stanza setting for vv. 3–4)
SERMON	God Reconciles Us in Christ Colossians 1:21–23 COLOSSIANS: The Sufficiency of Christ, Brian Hubbard
HYMN*	No. 356, “I Know Whom I Have Believed”
BENEDICTION	“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hb 3:20–21).
POSTLUDE	“Lift Up Your Heads”—Handel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 beginning our overview of the Book of Joshua. If you have prayer requests, please email them or call, and livestream will begin at 7:15 for those who can't make it.

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.

Communion, Feb 17

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 March 17th, 2019.

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, Feb 23

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 20:1–16 and Mark 14:12–21.

Women's Ministry

You are invited again to the online Monday Bible study on Facebook 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
\$50
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.

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LEARNING OUR FAITH:

Spurgeon's Catechism Question #29

Q. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, (Ephesians 2:8) and by it uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling. (Ephesians 3:17)

Commentary

The act of faith, necessary for redemption in Christ, is wrought by the Holy Spirit—it's a "gift of God." We are "rooted and grounded in love" by His working.

Recommended Reading



Expository Listening: A Practical Handbook for Hearing and Doing God's Word *by Ken Ramey*

In many people's mind, if they don't get anything out of the sermon, it's the preacher's fault. But that's only half true. The Bible teaches that listeners must partner with the preacher so that the Word of God accomplishes its intended purpose of transforming their life. Expository Listening is your handbook on biblical listening.

Recommended Media

American Gospel: Christ Alone

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/gospel1>

Is Christianity Christ + the American dream? American Gospel examines how the prosperity gospel (the Word of Faith movement) has distorted the gospel message, and how this theology is being exported abroad. (You can watch the trailer at the link and decide whether you want to rent/buy.)



Features a number of men we know and respect, such as Ray Comfort, Mike Gendron, Don Green, Costi Hinn, Phil Johnson, Steve Lawson, John MacArthur, Justin Peters, Emilio Ramos, and Paul Washer.

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.

Article Ten: Sexuality and Marriage

WE AFFIRM that God created mankind male and female and that this divinely determined distinction is good, proper, and to be celebrated. Maleness and femaleness are biologically determined at conception and are not subject to change. The curse of sin results in sinful, disordered affections that manifest in some people as same-sex attraction. Salvation grants sanctifying power to renounce such dishonorable affections as sinful and to mortify them by the Spirit. We further affirm that God's design for marriage is that one woman and one man live in a one-flesh, covenantal, sexual relationship until separated by death. Those who lack the desire or opportunity for marriage are called to serve God in singleness and chastity. This is as noble a calling as marriage.

WE DENY that human sexuality is a socially constructed concept. We also deny that one's sex can be fluid. We reject "gay Christian" as a legitimate biblical category. We further deny that any kind of partnership or union can properly be called marriage other than one man and one woman in lifelong covenant together. We further deny that people should be identified as "sexual minorities"—which serves as a cultural classification rather than one that honors the image-bearing character of human sexuality as created by God.

Commentary

The culture continues to slide deeper into confusion over issues that have never been debatable in the whole of human history. These issues circle the individual's ontological reality — what it means to be male and female, if gender can be rightly limited to those binary options, whether love and marriage is definable between persons of any orientation or age, and so forth. The inevitable products of such confusion will be a complete untethering from objective truth and the dissolution of any binding moral absolutes.

The church's response to this must be loving but also honest. We must hold firm to the timeless truths God has revealed to us for our good. We must not capitulate by accepting the ever-shifting lexicon of the world and validating the concepts deceived and the deceiving. Instead, we should patiently but firmly point others back to their only hope for clarity and change (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:11).

(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, where you can find links to our YouTube and Sermon Audio accounts.

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