



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

## ORDER OF THE MORNING SERVICE

PRELUDE	“Fugue in C Major”—Bach <i>(A short time for silent prayer and preparation before service.)</i>
WELCOME	Announcements and Prayer
CALL TO WORSHIP	“I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever.” (Ps 145:1–2).
HYMN*	No. 159, “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
BIBLE READING	“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” (Lk 21:33). Romans 1:1–17   Brian Hubbard
HYMN*	No. 190, “What Wondrous Love is This” <i>Followed by Pastoral Prayer</i>
HYMN*	No. 136, “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vv. 1, 3–5)
SERMON	<b>Imitate God in Love   Ephesians 5:1–6</b> Ephesians: Building the Church   Shaun Marksbury
COMMUNION	<i>Every baptized believer following Christ in repentance and faith is welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper.</i>
HYMN*	No. 416, “I Need Thee Every Hour” (vv. 1–2, 4–5)
BENEDICTION	“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (Phil 4:23).
POSTLUDE	“O Worship the King” on brass

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

### CHURCH INFO

Church Phone  
912-289-7985 (call or text)

Church Website  
[GraceSavannah.org](http://GraceSavannah.org)



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### ELDERS

Shaun Marksbury  
Brian Hubbard

Call or text the church number to get in touch with a one of our elders or email  
[gracechurchsavannah@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchsavannah@gmail.com)

## ORDER OF THE EVENING SERVICE

PRELUDE	“Now Thank We All Our God”—Brass <i>(A short time for silent prayer and preparation before service.)</i>
WELCOME	Announcements and Prayer
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.... On the glorious splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.” (Ps 145:3, 5).
HYMN*	No. 388, “He Will Hold Me Fast”
CONFESSION & GOSPEL ASSURANCE	<i>Scripture reading from the prayer guide, followed by a prayer of confession and assurance of pardon.</i>
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Spurgeon’s Catechism Question #42 <b>Q. Which is the first commandment?</b> A. The first commandment is, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”  <i>Followed by a prayer of thanksgiving</i>
DOXOLOGY (A CAPELLA)	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye Heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
SERMON	<b>A Church of Cold Orthodoxy   Revelation 2:1–7</b> The Revelation of Jesus Christ   Shaun Marksbury
HYMN*	No. 125, “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
BENEDICTION	“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 1:2).
POSTLUDE	“We Gather Together” on organ

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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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, email [Pastor Shawn](mailto:PastorShawn@firstmarksburymethodist.com) at least a week prior to the event.*

### Lord's Supper This Morning

Every baptized believer following Christ in repentance and faith is welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper; service is typically every four weeks (the next one will be Dec. 15).

### Elders' Meeting, TBA

First Tuesdays of the month, 9:00 am, at Dunkin' Donuts (Hwy 17 & Chatham Pkwy). The sessions include a public element that all members are welcome to attend followed by a private element.

### Church Christmas Party, Dec. 7

The Hubbards are hosting a time of fellowship for the whole church. Time TBA. Please see them for more info!

### Christmas at the Jail, Dec. 8–14

We will be out at the jail at least once TBA during the week of Dec. 8–14.

### Ladies Christmas Party, Dec. 13

Again at the Hubbards — the women are meeting at 6:30pm!

### Scripture Reading for This Week

Read ahead this week to prepare for Sunday in **Romans 1**, **Ephesians 5**, and **Revelation 2**.

### Sunday Evening Services

Meet in the smaller banquet room for our Sunday evening services, 5:30–6:30 pm. We're going through the Book of Revelation.

### Pastor's Blog

Sign up for email alerts to know when new content is posted:

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

### Offering

Giving is an act of worship, not impulsive or coerced (2 Cor 9:7). So, instead of passing a plate, we have an 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.

*Offering Last Week: \$*

*Weekly Budget: \$240*



## RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

### If You Bite & Devour One Another

*by Alexander Strauch*

If there's one message in both Eph. 5 and Rev. 2 today, it's that we must learn to love one another better. This book is on handling conflict well.

## ARTICLE OF NOTE

### Excerpt: “Can You Be a Pharisee and Not Know It?”

from *Tabletalk* by Keith Matthison ([Source](#))

[W]hy are hypocrisy and pride such dangers to those who devote every day of their lives to the study of Scripture and theology? Isn't the Word a means of grace? Shouldn't the reading and studying of the Word sanctify us?

Yes—if the reading and studying of Scripture is done with an attitude of love for its divine Author, faith in the truthfulness of what He reveals therein, and humble submission to His authority.

Many of us begin our study of Scripture in this way, but over time we can lose our first love. There are several potential reasons for this. Let's think about a few of them.

1. Scribes of old and Bible students of today can easily come to treat the holy as common. When we study Scripture all day, every day, it is easy to forget that it is the very Word of the living God. We can begin to treat it almost as if it were no different from any other book.
2. Scribes of old and Bible students of today can also easily treat Scripture as content to be mastered rather than the Word of our Master. It becomes information to memorize rather than commands to be obeyed, promises to believe, songs to be sung. Those who “master” its content intellectually without letting it affect their heart can then become puffed up with pride in their knowledge.
3. Scribes of old and Bible students of today can make grades rather than godliness the goal. While the first-century scribes did not receive “grades,” they did like status, praise, and adulation. Grades for Bible and theology students can become the same kind of thing. When getting the high grade, the high praise, becomes the goal and the pursuit of godliness is forgotten, it is a disaster in the making.

If we are students of Scripture and theology, how can we deal with this ever-present danger? We can deal with it in much the same way that we deal with other known dangers. If you are going out in a boat on a lake or on the open ocean, you

know there are dangers. You could fall overboard, for example. What do you do? You wear a life jacket.

If we are aware of the potential dangers of being a student of Scripture and theology, there are things we can do to avoid it. The first and most important step for all of us is simply to be aware of the serious dangers associated with being students of Scripture and theology.

Knowing that there is a danger, what else might we do? This is not an exhaustive list by any means, but here are at least four things to consider.

1. We can daily remind ourselves of the danger. Everyone who has a job that involves dangers must remind themselves of this fact on a daily basis to avoid injury or death.
2. We can pray before, during, and after our studies, devoting every minute of our study to the glory of God.
3. As students, we can collectively pray for and encourage one another. We can warn one another when we see a brother or sister heading toward danger.
4. We can repent when we find ourselves falling into hypocrisy or pride.

As we continue to search the Scriptures, let us guard our hearts. May we never forget our first love. May we study the Scripture and the theology revealed therein on our knees with humble, believing, and loving hearts—seeking to know God more in order that we might love God more.

## A. M. NOTES

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Imitate God in Love | Ephesians 5:1–6

Ephesians: Building the Church | Shaun Marksby

I. Introduction

II. First, Note Our Decree to Imitate God (vv. 1–2).

A. The Command for Imitation (vv. 1–2a)

B. The Criteria for Imitation (v. 2bc)

III. Second, Note Our Deficiency in Imitating God (vv. 3–6).

A. We are not imitating God in love when we act like the lost, vv. 3–4

B. We are not imitating God in love when we act as the condemned, vv. 5–6.

V. Conclusion

## P. M. NOTES

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A Church of Cold Orthodoxy | Revelation 2:1–7  
The Revelation of Jesus Christ | Shaun Marksbury

- I. Introduction
  
- II. First, Churches Must Remember the Sovereignty of the Lord (v. 1)
  
- III. Second, Churches Must Remain Orthodox in the Lord (vv. 2–3)
  
- IV. Third, Churches Must Repent of Lacking Love for the Lord (vv. 4–5)
  
- V. Fourth, Churches Must Reflect the Affections of the Lord (v. 6)
  
- VI. Fifth, Churches Must Rely upon the Lord (v. 7)
  
- V. Conclusion

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