

child dedication at ghfc

may 10<sup>th</sup> during the 10:15 service

OUR NEXT DEDICATION CLASS TODAY | 11:30AM LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED

EMAIL TERI@GHFC.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU PLAN TO COME

Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

May 29-31, 2026 Garden Grove

Weekend to Remember

LADIES' GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 1 • 6:30-8:30 PM

BRING A SNACK TO SHARE & FAVORITE GAME

DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

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SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 29-JULY 2ND

GHFC VBS SUMMER DAY CAMP

YOU ARE INVITED TO

THINGS ABOVE

Registration opens May 5th

hello, we're glad YOU are here!

SCAN TO CONNECT WITH US AND TO REQUEST PRAYER

### MONTHLY GIVING TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	Mar 2026	Year to Date	FAITH PROMISE	Mar 2026	Year to Date
Giving	69,895	201,435	Giving	15,771	40,426
Expenses	70,404	216,325	Disbursements	17,159	47,147
Difference	509	14,890	Difference	1,388	6,721
2026 Budget	73,879	221,638	2026 Budget	17,272	51,815
(Behind-)	3,984	20,203	(Behind-)	1,501	11,389
2026 General Budget	886,552		2026 Faith Promise Budget	207,261	

You can give to the ministry of Granada Heights Friends Church through these simple ways:

**IN PERSON • MAIL • WEBSITE • QR CODE**

**NEW!** ZELLE@GIVING Type [donations@ghfc.org](mailto:donations@ghfc.org) Add designated fund to the memo

### A PLACE TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Young Adults 18-25 Upper Room  
Tuesdays (7:30pm)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (9:00-10:00am)

The Gathering	Adults of all ages	Grace Hall
Sojourners	50+	C-21/22
Joint Heirs	60+	C-24
Poiema Friends	70+	Joy Hall
Phileo	80+	Lindley Hall

[www.GHFC.org](http://www.GHFC.org)  
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## Join in Worship

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*How Great Is The Greatness of God*  
*How Great Thou Art*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Teri Elfelt

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #45*  
*Only a Holy God*  
*Trisagion*  
*We Are Thankful*

1st-5th grade children are dismissed to KIDS Church.  
(Please exit to the foyer, where your teacher will meet you.)

**MESSAGE** - Mike Sanborn  
Mark 12:13-37: "Priorities"

**PRAYER OFFERING**  
*I Love You Lord/We Exalt Thee*

**CLOSING**  
*Take My Life And Let It Be*  
Elder Prayer - Philip Stevens

April 26, 2026



## Priorities

*We can often have our priorities badly mixed up. Even if we have a lot of Bible knowledge and lead a “religious” life.*

### Mark 12:13-37 ESV

<sup>13</sup> And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. <sup>14</sup> And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone’s opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?” <sup>15</sup> But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” <sup>16</sup> And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at him.

*These religious leaders were trying to trap Jesus to get rid of Him, to preserve their status and wealth. They prioritized how people viewed them more than how God viewed their heart.*

<sup>18</sup> And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, <sup>19</sup> “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup> There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. <sup>21</sup> And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. <sup>22</sup> And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. <sup>23</sup> In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ <sup>27</sup> He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

*The Sadducees prioritized this earthly life more than eternal life. This is like the “you only live once” mindset that many people have today (including us!) that fuels selfish pursuits for temporary pleasures.*

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*Jesus brings great clarity here to the top priorities of God:  
Love God, love people.  
But this is not just any old “love.” It is love that fills every square inch of your life.  
Love that has zero competitors.*

<sup>35</sup> And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? <sup>36</sup> David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.’” <sup>37</sup> David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

*We should listen to everything Jesus says, because Jesus is the Lord!*

*In each of these stories here, Jesus invites us to go much DEEPER into the words of God, to let God’s Word go much DEEPER into our heart, our soul, our mind, and our body. To do that, we must push out of our lives all other competitors for our love, so that love for God fills every square inch of our lives. To love God with all we are is to let His Word shape everything we are. This must be our highest priority.*

## GLOBAL FOCUS

### Update from CIDM Working in Discipleship in Haiti

Thank you for your continued prayers for Jacmel, Haiti. We are grateful to share an encouraging update: Our staff, their families, and the city of Jacmel are safe. The city has returned to a sense of normalcy this week. We thank God for His protection—and for your faithful prayers.

After the gang attack in Seguin (a city near Jacmel) last week, hundreds of Jacmel residents protested in the streets. They called on the government for more police presence, weapons and equipment. These protests were driven by fear of gangs advancing toward the region. This week, protests have stopped, and the city is currently calm.

Update from Seguin (Nearby City) Police were able to retake the commissary and regain control. Sunday night: Another attack was attempted, but police held the gangs back. Gangs remain in surrounding areas and are well-armed.

**Please Continue to Pray For protection over Jacmel and surrounding areas. For lasting peace, not just temporary calm. For faith to continue growing among students. For salvation—that many would come to know Christ.**



### OUR MISSION:

To find rest for our souls in surrender to the gentle and humble heart of Jesus

### OUR VISION:

To be a united, growing family that embodies the presence of Jesus to everyone we encounter