



Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel

Preach the Word. Live the Word. Share the Word.

Mark Fuss
Pastor-Teacher

March 14, 2010

Lord's Day Worship

10 AM Service

Worship in The Word:

The Baptism of Disciples

Matthew 28.18-20

Worship in Song:

Nothing But the Blood (#195)
Stanzas 1-4

There Is a Fountain (#196)
Stanzas 1-5

Amazing Grace (#202)
Stanzas 1-5

6 PM Service

Worship in The Word:

A Family Resemblance

I John 2.29

Worship in Song:

Wonderful Grace of Jesus (#198)
Stanzas 1-3

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (#201)
Stanzas 1-4

Because He Lives (#213)
Stanzas 1-3



Graceful Worship

Before the worship service begins please check your **cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices** to ensure that they will not disrupt our time of worship.

A Note to First Time Guests

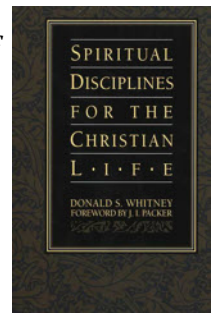
We would like to welcome you to Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel. We are delighted that God has brought you here on this Lord's Day to worship Him in Spirit and Truth. As you arrived, you should have been given a packet of material about SGBC. We invite you to read over this material in order to gain a better understanding of who we are and what we believe. If, for some reason, you did not receive our guest packet, please request one from one of our ushers. You should also have been given an information card and we would like to ask that you fill out this card and return it to us in the offering plate at the appropriate time in the service. Should you desire further information about SGBC or if there is some way that we may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to inform us of such. May God bless you in your time with us today. We invite you to worship with us on a regular basis.

Grace Groups

Women Of Grace: Women of Grace meets each Thursday at 7 PM at the home of Kristy Fuss. At the present time our ladies are doing a study on prayer using the resource, *With the Master on Our Knees* by Susan Heck. If you have any questions about this study in particular or our Women of Grace group in general, please contact Kristy Fuss.



Men Of Grace: Men of Grace meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the home of Pastor Mark. At the present time we are doing a study of the book *Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life* by Don Whitney.



Islamic Assailants Kill Hundreds of Christians Near Jos, Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria, March 8 (Compass Direct News) – An uneasy calm prevailed in Plateau state, Nigeria today following the killing of hundreds of Christians early yesterday morning in three farming villages near Jos by ethnic Fulani Muslims. The mostly ethnic Berom victims included many women and children killed with machetes by rampaging Fulani herdsmen. About 75 houses were also burned. State Information Commissioner Gregory Yenlong confirmed that about 500 persons were killed in the attacks, which took place mainly in Dogo Nahawa, Zot and Rastat villages. The assailants reportedly came on foot from a neighboring state to beat security forces that had been alerted of a possible attack on the villages but did not act beforehand. “We were woken up by gunshots in the middle of the night, and before we knew what was happening, our houses were torched and they started hacking down people” survivor Musa Gyang told media. Bishop Andersen Bok, national coordinator of the Plateau State Elders Christian Fellowship, along with group Secretary General Musa Pam, described the attack as yet another “jihad and provocation on Christians.” The Christian leaders said in a statement, “Eyewitnesses say the Hausa Fulani Muslim militants were chanting ‘Allah Akbar,’ broke into houses, cutting human beings, including children and women with their knives and cutlasses.”

Islamic Gunmen Kill Christian Aid Workers in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, March 10 (Compass Direct News) – Suspected Islamic militants armed with guns and grenades stormed the offices of a Christian relief and development organization in northwest Pakistan today, killing six aid workers and wounding seven others. The gunmen besieged the offices of international humanitarian organization World Vision near Oghi, in Mansehra district, of the North West Frontier Province. Police and World Vision’s regional spokesman said the Pakistani staff members, including two women, were killed after up to 15 gunmen arrived in pick-up trucks and began firing. “They gathered all of us in one room,” World Vision administration officer Mohammad Sajid, who was in the office at the time, told Compass. “The gunmen, some of whom had their faces covered, also snatched our mobile phones. They dragged people one by one and shifted them to an adjacent room and shot and killed them.” Senior police officer Waqar Ahmed blamed the attack on “the same people who are destroying our schools” – a reference to Taliban militants opposed to co-education who have blown up hundreds of schools across the northwest in the past three years. “Now they want to disturb relief work in quake-hit areas,” Ahmed said.

Sunday AM Child Care Workers



March 14: Marge Harrington

March 21: Teresa DeBruler, Emilee Fuss

March 28: CJ France, Abigail Fuss

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

The next ladies' prayer breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:30 AM at the home of Doris Purington.

Growing In Grace

Lydia, the First European Convert

Acts 16.14

By Charles Spurgeon

We may laudably exercise curiosity with regard to the first proclamation of the gospel in our own quarter of the globe. We are happy that history so accurately tells us, by the pen of Luke, when first the gospel was preached in Europe, and by whom, and who was the first convert brought by that preaching to the Savior's feet. I half envy Lydia that she should be the leader of the European band; yet I feel right glad that a woman led the van, and that her household followed so closely in the rear.



God has made great use of women, and greatly honored them in the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Holy women ministered to our Lord when he was upon the earth, and since that time much sacred work has been done by their patient hands. Man and woman fell together; together they must rise. After the resurrection, it was a woman who was first commissioned to carry the

glad tidings of the risen Christ; and in Europe, where woman was in future days to be set free from many of the trammels of the East, it seems fitting that a woman should be the first believer. Not only, however, was Lydia a sort of first-fruit for Europe, but she probably also became a witness in her own city of Thyatira, in Asia. We do not know how the gospel was introduced into that city; but we are informed of the existence of a church there by the message of the ascended Christ, through his servant John, to "the angel of the church in Thyatira." Very likely Lydia became the herald of the gospel in her native place. Let the women who know the truth proclaim it; for why should their influence be lost? "The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host." Woman can be as powerful for evil as for good: we see it in this very church of Thyatira, where the woman Jezebel, who called herself a prophetess, sought to seduce many from the truth. Seeing, then, that the devil employs women in his service, let those women whom God has called by his grace be doubly earnest in seeking to prevent or undo the mischief that others of their sex are working. If not called to public service, all have the home-sphere wherein they can shed forth the aroma of a godly life and testimony.

If the gospel does not influence our homes, it is little likely to make headway amongst the community. God has made family piety to be, as it were, a sort of trade-mark on religion in Europe; for the very first convert brings with her all her family. Her household believed, and were baptized with her. You shall notice in Europe, though I do not mean to say that it is not the same anywhere else, that true godliness has always flourished in proportion as family religion has been observed. They hang a bell in a steeple, and they tell us that it is our duty to go every morning and every evening into the steeple-house there to join in prayer; but we reply that our own house is better for many reasons; at any rate, it will not engender superstition for us to pray there. Gather your children together, and offer prayer and supplication to God in your own room.

“But there is no priest.” Then there ought to be. Every man should be a priest in his own household; and, in the absence of a godly father, the mother should lead the devotions. Every house should be the house of God, and there should be a church in every house; and when this is the case, it will be the greatest barrier against priestcraft, and the idolatry of holy places. Family prayer and the pulpit are the bulwarks of Protestantism. Depend upon it, when family piety goes down, the life of godliness will become very low. In Europe, at any rate, seeing that the Christian faith began with a converted household, we ought to seek after the conversion of all our families, and to maintain within our houses the good and holy practice of family worship.

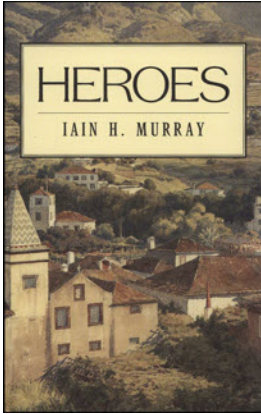
A Celebration of Grace

The ladies of SGBC will be hosting a luncheon in honor of Teddy Holmes, who is moving away from the area, on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at noon at the Harbor Point Resort Center Clubhouse which is located at 5127 Melbourne Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33980. If you need driving directions, please call Marge Harrington at 941-769-1624. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the information table.

Pastor's Blog

Pastor Mark has begun a new web blog and you are invited to check it out. Pastor Mark's blog focuses on various matters of theology and technology that are pertinent to the lives of believers. You may visit the blog at www.markfuss.com.

Recommended Reading



Heroes

By Iain Murray

ISBN: 9781848710245

Because of Jesus Christ, every Christian is extraordinary and attains to glory. Yet grace so shines in some (as in the portraits of Hebrews 11), that it lightens the path of many. As A.W. Tozer could write, “Next to the Holy Scriptures, the greatest aid to the life of faith may be Christian biographies.”

Iain Murray has already written on a number of Christians he specially admires. A few of them return to these pages, but with special reference to their thought — George Whitefield on Christian unity, for example. Most space, however, is given to little-known figures, including Robert Kalley and William Hewitson who shared in ‘the greatest happening in modern missions’, and to Charles and Mary

Colcock Jones who took much-loved slaves with them to heaven.

There is much new research in these pages, and reminders of how much is missed by those who fail to read of the work of God in history. Christians who know what Christ did ‘yesterday’ are energized to trust and serve him today.

“To recognize heroes is not the same as ‘hero-worship’. ... True Christian biography should therefore concentrate on what is edifying and for the praise of Christ. ... My hope is that these pages may give young Christians a relish for old authors.”

—Iain Murray (from the foreword)

This biography does exactly that—edifies the soul and praises Christ for the work He has done in the thoughts and deeds of these men of faith. Read it, and follow in their stride as the followed in the stride of Christ.

Lord’s Day Bible Study Opportunities [9 AM]

Preschool

Generations of Grace

Teacher: Julia Reigle

Teens/Adults

Exodus

Teacher: Chris Scott

Main Auditorium

Younger Children

Generations of Grace

Teacher: Marge Harrington

Older Children

Generations of Grace

Teacher: Winnie Young

At the conclusion of today's services our Elders will be available should you have any questions about spiritual matters or Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel. You may be unsaved and have some questions about your soul and how you may have eternal life; you may desire information on how to join this church; you may have some questions about Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel; or you may have a prayer need. If so, then you are encouraged to approach one of our Elders after the conclusion of today's service and they will be glad to assist you, or if necessary, to make an appointment with you.



We invite you to go on-line and visit the website of Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel. Our website address is www.sgbchapel.com. As you visit the site, you will find an up-to-date calendar of activities (the calendar is automatically updated each month), audio of the morning sermons for the last two months or so, information about SGBC, articles about various Biblical matters, and other helpful items.

Weekly Prayer Concerns [1 Timothy 2.1-4]

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