



Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel

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

Mark Fuss
Pastor-Teacher

March 7, 2010

Lord's Day Worship

10 AM Service

Worship in The Word:

Going With The Gospel - Part 3

Matthew 28.18-20

Worship in Song:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#8)
Stanzas 1-4

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#43)
Stanzas 1-3

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(#51)
Stanzas 1-3

6 PM Service

Worship in The Word:

How Will Christ Find You?

I John 2.28

Worship in Song:

I Will Sing of the Mercies (#457)
Sing Once

He Leadeth Me (#461)
Stanzas 1-3

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(#462)
Stanzas 1-4



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

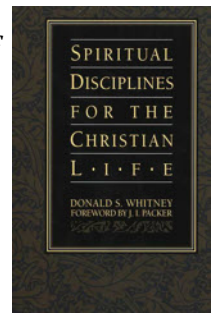
We would like to welcome you to Sovereign Grace Bible Chapel. We are delighted that God has brought you here on this Lord's Day to worship Him in Spirit and Truth. As you arrived, you should have been given a packet of material about SGBC. We invite you to read over this material in order to gain a better 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.



Violence Escalates in Mosul, Iraq ahead of Elections

ISTANBUL, March 5 (Compass Direct News) – Political tensions ahead of parliamentary elections in Iraq on Sunday (March 7) have left at least eight Chaldean Christians dead in the last three weeks and hundreds of families fleeing Mosul. “The concern of Christians in Mosul is growing in the face of what is happening in the city,” said Chaldean Archbishop of Kirkuk Louis Sako. “The tension and struggle between political forces is creating an atmosphere of chaos and congestion. Christians are victims of political tension between political groups, but maybe also by fundamentalist sectarian cleansing.” On Feb. 23 the killing of Eshoe Marokee, a Christian, and his two sons in their home in front of other family members sent shock waves across the Christian community. The murder took place amid a string of murders that triggered the mass exodus of families to the surrounding towns and provinces. “It is not the first time Christians are attacked or killed,” said the archbishop of the Syrian Catholic Church in Mosul, Georges Casmoussa. “The new [element] in this question is to be killed in their own homes.” The capital of Nineveh Province some 400 kilometers (250 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Mosul has been known as the most dangerous city for Christians. At least 275 Assyrian Christians have been murdered by Islamic insurgents since 2003, according to a report prepared by the International Committee for The Rights Indigenous Mesopotamians.

Attacks in Punjab, India Similar to Orissa Mayhem, Report Says

NEW DELHI, March 3 (Compass Direct News) – Attacks on Christians last month in Punjab state following protests against banners depicting Jesus drinking and smoking were eerily similar to the anti-Christian violence in Orissa state in 2007 and 2008, according to a fact-finding mission released yesterday by the All India Christian Council (AICC). Dr. John Dayal, a member of the fact-finding mission, pointed out that factors such as the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) being part of the ruling coalition, police inaction, coordination of attacks and support of the local merchant community for Hindu nationalist groups in the anti-Christian attacks in Punjab reminded him of mayhem in Orissa’s Kandhamal district. “The strategy of the assailants in Punjab was eerily reminiscent of what was practiced and perfected against churches in Orissa,” Dayal said. Supporters of the Hindu extremist Sangh Parivar burned the 1865-built Church of the Epiphany belonging to the Church of North India (CNI) denomination on Feb. 20. They also tried to destroy a nearby Salvation Army church and attacked its pastor, Gurnam Singh, leaving him seriously injured. “Even as the larger group of attackers focused on burning the CNI church, a group of men armed with sticks and rods came to the house of the CNI deacon,” the report notes. “The deacon, Victor Gill, and his wife Parveen, hid themselves under the bed. The assailants damaged the doors, tried to enter the room forcibly, and told the couple they would be burnt alive if they did not come out.”

Sunday AM Child Care Workers



March 7: Rose MacArthur, Winnie Young

March 14: Marge Harrington

March 21: Teresa DeBruler, Emilee Fuss

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

The next ladies' prayer breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:30 AM. Location to be announced.

Growing In Grace

Baptism Essential to Obedience

Mark 16.16

By Charles Spurgeon

IF our congregations were what they ought to be, it would be a very simple matter to preach, for a sermon would then only need to be like the orders given by a commanding officer to his troops, short, sharp, plain, clear, distinct. Our hearers would not want illustrations and metaphors; they would ask simply to be told what they must do to be saved; and the more plainly they could be told, the better pleased would they be. I am going to try this evening to preach that kind of sermon, sinking the preacher in the teller of good news, plainly speaking of the way of salvation. If you want to be saved, listen to my message. If you do not care for salvation, yet, mayhap, while you hear of it, you may be set a-longing, and God may bless you.



My text is preceded and followed by other important words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth

not shall be damned.” The gospel, then, is for “every creature.” Wherever there is a man, woman, or child, an intelligent creature, the gospel is to be preached to such a person. You who are gathered tonight are clearly within that description, and therefore the gospel is to be preached to you. But if we are commanded to preach it, it is implied that you are commanded to hear it. To hear it without attention, to hear it without resolving to obey it, will be useless work. Hear it, therefore, as I desire to preach it, remembering that Christ stands here to hear me preach, and to mark how you accept the message from himself that I am to deliver.

This gospel is sent to every creature because every creature needs it. Whether the creature knows it or not, he is lost, lost by nature, and lost by practice, too, so much lost that he cannot save himself; he needs to be saved. Will you all believe that? If you have not believed in Christ, you are lost, and you cannot save yourself; begin by believing that fact. But then rejoice that there is sent to you a gospel which can save you, a gospel which is adapted and meant for the salvation of just such a person as you are; for to you God says,

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

My fellow-Christians, you who have believed in Christ, it is time for us to bestir ourselves, for we have not preached the gospel to every creature yet by a very long way. Some persons have, never preached it to anybody; some, I mean, of the very persons who are commanded to preach it to every creature. A quaint preacher says that, if some of God’s people were paid ten dollars an hour for all that they have done for their Lord, they have not earned enough yet to buy a cake of gingerbread; and I am afraid that statement is true. So very little have some persons done for the spread of the gospel, that the world is none the better for their being in it. Do I speak too severely? If I do, you can easily pass over what I say; but if not, if it be so that any here have never yet fairly and squarely told out the gospel of Jesus Christ, begin at once. When you get

home to-night, tell out the gospel to your nearest relative; and go out to-morrow to your next door neighbor, or to the friend whom you can most easily reach, and tell the good news that your Lord has revealed to you, and so help to preach the gospel to every creature. An army chaplain once said to the Duke of Wellington, "Do you think that it is of any use our taking the gospel to the hill tribes in India? Will they ever receive it?" The duke replied, "What are your marching orders?" That was the only answer he gave. Stern disciplinarian as that great soldier was, he only wanted marching orders, and he obeyed; and he meant that every soldier of the cross must obey the marching orders of Christ, his great Commander. Go ye, therefore, as far as ever your position and capabilities allow you, and tell to every creature the word of the gospel as it is recorded in my text, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

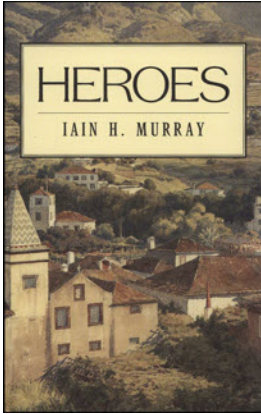
Rejoice In God's Grace

Let us rejoice in God's wonderful give of life as Justin and Meredith Daniel welcomed Layla Grace Daniel into this world on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 7:47 PM. Layla Grace weighed 7 lb 11.7 oz and was about 21 inches long at birth. Father, mother, and baby are all doing well. Please pray that little Layla Grace will truly be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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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