



## ***An Encouraging Word***

When will things get back to normal? That is a question someone asked of me this week. I wish I knew the answer, but I don't. And to be honest, I have come to the conclusion that no one knows. Our government leaders are guessing at best. Our medical professionals do not have a cure. Our financial leaders can only speculate about the future. As we navigate our way in this pandemic, it seems as if people are consumed with anxiety, anger, and fear. I talk to people every week who ask me questions about the future. We live in an uncertain world and no one knows what the future holds.

My word of encouragement is what I have shared many times before. *I don't know what the future holds, but I do know Who holds the future!* As we continue to live by faith in a world filled with fear, we can know that our God is sovereign and in complete control of this world. As we pray about what we are to do and what our future holds, I am reminded of a great promise from God.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths."  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Be encouraged,  
Pastor Rob

## **When the Faithful Fret (Part 2)**

*Psalm 37:1-8*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord and do good. (Psalm 37:3)

- a. You can only trust God by trusting God.
- b. Most people won't trust God until they have to.
- c. God sees to it that you have to.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in the Lord. (Psalm 37:4)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to the Lord. (Psalm 37:5)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord. (Psalm 37:7-8)

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## Financial Update

Our church's fiscal year runs October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. June 30<sup>th</sup> marked three-quarters of the way through the year. God has blessed our church financially, and revenues have exceeded expenses, even allowing for payment of unexpected asbestos remediation costs at our Renaissance campus last fall. Thanks to your stewardship and generosity, we have continued to support North American and International missionaries through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. We have also maintained our support level for Calvary Downtown Outreach, enabling this critical ministry to the homeless to continue operating. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Revenues Year To Date: \$2.01 million

Expenses Year To Date: \$1.91 million

## Adult Bible Studies

Join us in the Chapel, on Facebook, or on our website each Wednesday at 6:30PM as Pastor Ben leads us through the New Testament! If you prefer a more conversational format of the same study, Pastor Byron leads a small group in-person and over Zoom each Thursday at 9AM.

More studies will begin later this month and in the fall!

Check them out at [mygvbc.com/bible-studies](http://mygvbc.com/bible-studies).

Trust in the  
**LORD**  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
and lean not on  
your own  
UNDERSTANDING  
in all your ways  
submit to Him  
AND HE WILL MAKE  
your paths straight  
PROVERBS 3:5-6

## GVBC Kids

**Parents' HomeSchool Informational Meeting:** Most families will be doing some sort of at-home school this year, so we would love to know what we can do as a church to support you and your family! Join us on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4PM to discuss how we can make this happen.

**Childcare Workers:** We are looking for individuals who would like a paid childcare position at GVBC. Full-time positions are approximately 20-25 hours per week. Can you work days, evenings, or both? Apply on-line or contact Jane in the church office.

**Children's Church:** Kids' classes will resume Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> during the 9:30 and 11AM services. Preschool check-in will be at Room 8, and Elementary will be at Room 18. We will be taking safety precautions including taking temperatures before kids enter into each classroom.

**AWANA Clubs:** AWANA begins Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and club time has changed to 6-7PM. Class sizes will be limited, and priority will be given to GVBC families. AWANA is a Bible Study program for kids ages 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information and to register your kids, go to [mygvbc.com/awana](http://mygvbc.com/awana).

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