



An Encouraging Word

We live in a depressing world. The Coronavirus has turned our world upside down. Many people are afraid. Many people are without jobs. Many people are separated from family and friends. Businesses have been shut down. Travel is restricted. Churches are being regulated by the government. The economy is struggling to survive. Vacation plans have been cancelled. And to top it off, it's 112 degrees outside! Yes, it is easy to understand why people are lonely, confused, and depressed. It seems like we are hopeless people living in a hopeless world.

But I have good news for you today. As followers of Christ, we can have hope in a hopeless world. We know that God loves us and is with us and is for us, even in the midst of this pandemic. And even more, we know that our hope is not found in the world. Our hope is found in Christ. As followers of Christ, we can have calm in the midst of chaos. We can have peace in the midst of panic. When we trust in God and wait on God, He will give us the strength to survive these troubled times. I love the way the prophet Isaiah says it in Isaiah 40:31 when he says, *but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

Be encouraged,
Pastor Rob

When the Faithful Fret (Part 3)

Psalm 37:1-10

The Cause:

- The Injustices of Life (Psalm 37:1-2)
- The Inactivity of God (Psalm 37:9-10)
- The Ignorance of the Ways of God (Isaiah 55:8-9)

The Cure:

1. Trust in the Lord and do good. (Psalm 37:3)
2. Delight yourself in the Lord. (Psalm 37:4)
3. _____ your way to the Lord. (Psalm 37:5)
4. _____ on the Lord. (Psalm 37:7-8)

Financial Update I found some research on giving trends since the pandemic hit this past spring. 92% of churches in the United States report that giving either remained the same or declined when compared to the same time frame last year. GVBC is part of the 8% of churches showing an increase in giving compared to the same time period last year. Thank you for your faithfulness, and to God be the glory!

Tithes and Offerings for the month of July were \$192K versus expenses of \$164K. For the year to date, revenues are \$2.2 million versus expenses of \$2.1 million.

Adult Bible Studies More studies will begin later this month and in the fall! Check them out at mygvbc.com/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! ****Beginning August 26th this study time will change to 6-7PM****

Sunday Morning Growth Groups: At 9:15AM Andrea is leading a Women's study through the book of Romans in the Student Center. At 9:30AM Jay is leading a mixed adults study through the book of Romans in Rooms 10-11. And at 11AM David is leading a study over Zoom through the book of John.

Volunteers Needed We are putting together a list of people who would be willing to do small "fix-it" jobs here at the church. If you have any expertise and would like to help, please contact Jane in the church office or email jane@mygvbc.com.

Women's Ministry mygvbc.com/women

Romans Sundays @ 9:15am *Begins Aug 16*	Gospel Foundation Sundays @ 11am *Begins Sept 13*	Motherhood 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 10am-noon *Begins Sept 8*	Path Walkers: We Before Me Tuesdays @ 6pm *Begins Sept 15*	Path Walkers: We Before Me Thursdays @ 9:30am *Begins Sept 17*	20/20 Thursdays @ 6pm *Begins Sept 10*
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Promotion Sunday: August 23rd



Children's Ministry

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 tomorrow, Monday, August 17th at 4PM to discuss how we can make this happen.

Children's Church: Kids' classes will resume next Sunday, August 23rd 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 26th 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 6th grade. For more information and to register your kids, go to mygvbc.com/awana.

Student Ministry

Summit: Summit will resume its regular schedule next Sunday, August 23rd from 5-7PM in the Student Center. We are excited for our upcoming 6th graders to join us! Parents are invited to attend as well!

Summit AM: We're starting a Bible Study for the youth (6th-12th graders) Sunday mornings at 11AM in Rooms 13-14.

AWANA Clubs: Did you know we also have an AWANA program for teenagers? Trek is for 7th-9th graders, and Journey is for 10th-12th graders. Both groups meet Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30PM in Rooms 13-14.

For more information on any of these studies go to mygvbc.com/students or call the church office.

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