

November 29, 2020

## SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Of Princeton, New Jersey*

### Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,  
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,  
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,  
and by Him all things consist.

- Colossians 1:16-17

#### **Weekly Schedule of Services**

Sunday: 10:15 AM	Bible Class
11:00 AM	Morning Service
Thursday: 7:30 PM	Mid-week Service

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**10:15 am. Bible Class**

**11:00 a.m. Service:** Hymns \* Scripture Reading \* Message\* Hymn.

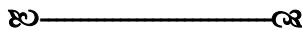
**Scripture Today:** Jeff M **Scripture Thurs:** Art D

**Nursery Today:** Carol D; Kristyn K **Nursery Thurs:** Debbie D

**Bdays:** Rachael D-9<sup>th</sup>; Scott K--9<sup>th</sup>; Peter D—20<sup>th</sup>; William K—23<sup>rd</sup>; Robert K. 29<sup>th</sup>

**Nov Cleaning:** J Keller Family

**Proverbs 15: 22: Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.**



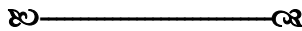
When a man begins to give up truth, a lie will soon fall in his way; he that gives up his principles, will soon give up his practice also; they both abide or go together. *"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,"* (Rev. 3: 10). Let a man give up the truth as it is in Christ, and the father of lies shall soon find him out and shew the world both his nakedness and his shame, (Rev. 3: 18). All the legal bounds that have been set by God or man will be broken through by a child of Satan if grace prevents not.

But the child of God is of another spirit; his Father's frowns, rods, and rebukes, together with the loss of joy, peace, and comfort is a hell to him; and will have more weight with him than all the laws in the world. The mysterious path, cross providences, the inward struggles between grace and corruption, it being our strength to stand still in the midst of dangers, Isa 30: 7, to rejoice in our infirmities that the power of Christ might rest upon us, 2 Cor. 12: 9, counting it all joy when we fall into divers temptations, telling the weak to call themselves strong, Joel 3: 10, and that the lame shall take the prey, Is 33: 23, believing in Christ for justification, is the only way...of divine favor; [to the contrary,] working under the law is contracting an infinite and eternal debt, Rom. 4: 4: and they are things that [lack] the will of God as a rule [to live by],...they will [leave us spiritually ignorant of what it is to walk in newness of spirit; the letter leaves us spiritually ignorant of how it forbids an act such as] Rahab selling and betraying her country [when God declares she did it] by faith in Christ [and was] justified in the very act while she received the spies with peace.

*William Huntington S.S (1745-1813)*



The gospel of Christ our Substitute, by whose blood and for whose sake God forgives all our sins, is the message God used to give us a fear of God, mortify our flesh, and strengthen our inner man to cast all our care on Christ. Wouldn't it stand to reason that the same message is what I ought to speak to restore my brother in every time of need? Mortification is not accomplished by the flesh—not by the believer's own fleshly strength nor by the tongue set on fire of hell. Mortification is by the Spirit of Christ who works through the one gospel of Christ crucified, not bringing us again into bondage to fear, but reminding us of free forgiveness for Christ's sake which makes us cry out to our heavenly Father who provides everything needed (Rom 8:12-16). On one occasion a group of believers by their own strength desired to physically pull down an idol set up by the papacy. Martin Luther told them, "Leave it alone. If we can preach Christ into their hearts they will pull it down themselves." The gospel of Christ is our only weapon. It is mighty through God to pull down all our strongholds and bring our every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, which makes us take revenge on our sinful flesh (2 Cor 10: 3-5).



**“There is a Friend that Sticketh Closer Than a Brother”**

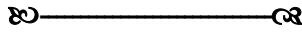
**Proverbs 18:24**

Where can we find the complete fulfillment of these words, except in Him who became our Brother that he might cleave to us “closer than a brother” in tenderness and help? “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren (Hebrews 2:11). We bear witness that Jesus Christ is the greatest, best, most loving, and faithful of friends. Truly, he “loveth at all times.” Christ is a Friend to those who have no other friends. He is a Friend who abides when all others are gone. Christ is a Friend always present. In temptation, he is a way of escape. In affliction, he is the divine Comforter. In death, he is our Sustainer. In eternity, he is our Reward. What brother sticketh so close as Christ, our divine Friend?

*Don Fortner*



The law of Sinai answers sin with judgment and condemnation; the law of love answers with grace and forgiveness.



## Light Afflictions

**“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor. 4:17).**

How can the believer when under heavy burdens and afflictions consider our trials and burdens to be light? They can only be light for the believer resting in the Lord’s good and sovereign providence; knowing they work for us not against us (Rom. 8:28). Burdens and heartaches for the unbeliever outside of Christ are unbearable and devastating. Paul describes our present state of heartache, trouble and sorrow as light when compared to our future state of exceeding and eternal glory (John 16:33). Now how can we say that our afflictions are light?

They are light compared to what we deserve. We deserve nothing but judgment and the wrath of God for our sins against Him. But the Lord delights to show mercy to sinners (Rom. 6:23; Psalm 103:10).

They are light compared to what many other believers have suffered for the gospel. Many have been severely tortured and gave their lives for the gospel sake (Heb. 11:35; Heb. 12:4).

They are light compared to what the Lord Jesus Christ suffered for our sins. No man suffered like He did (Isa. 53:4-6; Lam. 1:12). No man endured the wrath of God without any mixture of mercy and died for the sins of others like our blessed Lord did to bring in everlasting salvation (1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18).

They are light when compared with the blessings we enjoy in Christ right now by His sovereign grace (Rom. 8:32-35; Eph. 1:3). We enjoy the fullness, blessedness and completeness of salvation in Christ right now (1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:9-10).

They are light afflictions compared to our future and eternal glory. “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Rom. 8:17; Rev. 21:1-5).

*Tom Harding*