



GRACE

HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

Have you ever wondered about the description God used for David, “a man after His own heart.” What exactly does that mean? How can we apply that to our lives so that we too will be a people after God’s own heart?

To understand why David was a man after God’s own heart, we need to see what characteristics he had to qualify for such an exalted description. In the book of Acts, the apostle Paul speaks of God’s feelings about King David. Acts 13:22 tells us that when God raised up David to be their king, He said, “David, the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.”

The answer to why David was considered a man after God’s own heart is found right in the verse: David did whatever God wanted him to do. An obvious question is how could God still call David a man after His own heart when David committed such terrible sins, including adultery and murder?

We learn much of David’s character in the book of Psalms as he opened up his life for all to examine. David’s life was a portrait of success and failure, and the biblical record highlights the fact that David was far from perfect. But what made David a cut above the rest was that his heart was pointed toward God. He had a deep desire to follow God’s will and do everything God wanted him to do. He was a man after God’s own heart. Let’s look at some characteristics of David’s life to discover what that entails.

Part of why David is called a man after God’s own heart is that he had absolute faith in God. Nowhere in Scripture is this point better illustrated than in 1 Samuel 17 where David as a young shepherd boy fearlessly killed the Philistine, Goliath. Shortly before the duel, we see direct evidence of David’s faith when David says (in 1 Samuel 17:37) “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

David was fully aware that God was in control of his life, and he had faith that God would deliver him from impending danger. How else would one venture into a potentially fatal situation with such calm and confidence? David knew early on in life that God was to be trusted and obeyed. As we see in Scripture, David’s faith pleased God, and God rewards David for his faithfulness.



Another reason David was a man after God’s own heart is that he absolutely loved God’s Law. Of the 150 psalms in the Bible, David is credited for writing over half of them. Writing at various and often troubling times in his life, David repeatedly mentioned how much he loved God’s perfect Word. We find a beautiful example of this in Psalm 119:47–48, “And I shall delight in Thy commandments, which I love. And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I love; and I will meditate on Thy statutes.”

It is not hard to see his complete adoration for God’s Word. Also notice how David “meditates” on God’s statutes. God granted David understanding and wisdom through daily meditation. We would do well to not only read God’s Word but also think about it throughout the day, for God loves us to think about Him. Psalm 119:2–3 tells us “How blessed are

Worship

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John 4:23 - "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."

those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.”

David was a man after God’s own heart in that he was truly thankful. Psalm 26:6–7 tells us, “I shall wash my hands in innocence, and I will go about Your altar, O Lord, that I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving and declare all Your wonders.” David’s life was marked by seasons of great peace and prosperity as well as times of fear and despair. But through all of the seasons in his life, he never forgot to thank the Lord for everything that he had.

It is truly one of David’s finest characteristics. “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.” (Psalm 100:4) As followers of Jesus Christ, we would do well to follow David’s lead of offering praise through thanksgiving to our Lord.

After he sinned, David was truly repentant. David’s sin with Bathsheba is recorded in 2 Samuel 11:2–5. The mighty fall hard, and David’s fall included adultery, lying, and murder. He had sinned against God, and he admits it in 2 Samuel 12:13, “Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’”

But admitting our sin and asking for forgiveness is only half of the equation. The other half is repentance, and David did that as well. Psalm 51 is David’s prayer of repentance to God. We read in Psalm 51:1–2, “Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

In conclusion, David was a man after God’s own heart because he demonstrated his faith and was committed to following the Lord. Yes, his faith was tested on a grand scale, and he failed at times. But after his sin he sought and received the Lord’s forgiveness. In the final analysis, David loved God’s Law and sought to follow it exactly. As a man after God’s own heart, David is a role model for all of us.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit (call first), pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory

Wilma Davidson
Julie Lindsey
Gerry Gladfelter
Rita Brewer

Carol Sarver
Russ Hearton
Wanda Buttrey

Communion and Baptism

Sunday, July 15

6:30 p.m.

Contact Pastor Steve if desiring to be Baptized



The Gideons
International

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL ARE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS - -

a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ

Sunday, July 22

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Services

Love Offering will be taken

PRESCRIPTION REFILL

This morning I was having some medical prescriptions refilled at one of the local drugstores. There were heart, high blood pressure, stomach, kidney and eye medicines that are modern day miracles, as they keep my bodily systems functioning well.

Because of them I am thankful to God for giving people the knowledge to formulate these tiny little pills that prolong my time to serve Him here on earth.

Our Lord and Savior has a prescription that is ancient in its healing power and that is prayer. When the problem is worry, His prescription is prayer, proper thinking and proper responses.

Contact your heavenly pharmacist and contemplate Philippians 4:4 - 9. This bit of Scripture can provide a tremendous amount of healing power that goes beyond pills, drops and all that pharmaceutical stuff.

Make sure you swallow the large pill of "confessing your sins", 1 John 1:8 - 10. Then the Great Physician can begin the healing process. The best part is that all of this is free! He has already paid the price for you.

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Sunday: 8:15 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship
6:30 Against the Flow Youth
6:30 Evening Worship Service
Wednesday: 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer for Adults /
Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jon Barrett
Assistant Pastor

INDEPENDENCE DAY

is a time to remember our freedoms
and thank God for them

Wednesday, July 4
No Evening Service/Activities

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES WHO WILL BE WORKING IN ROCHESTER, NY JULY 8 - 14

Our missionaries are preparing to leave following the 8:15 service on Sunday, July 8, and return home Saturday, July 14. The missionaries are Pastor Jon, Kaitlyn Barrett, Katie Landis, Charles Geesey, Julie Riordan, Anna Kowalski, the Kmett family, Meggan and Jack Moore, Claire Rumsey and Julie Shaeffer.

Their main focus will be holding VBS clubs each day except Thursday teaching Zacchaeus, Jesus feeds the 5000, Mary and Martha, and the Good Samaritan.

They will also visit a nursing home and some men will be visiting with a recovering alcoholic group. Most likely some street evangelism will be done too.

The group will be staying in a church basement, making their own meals and showering at the local Y.

Please pray for health and safety for the group and that they go filled and powered by the Holy Spirit so that many will be saved and lives changed (our missionaries and those to whom they minister) for God's glory.

eGIVING

We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website- www.gracebaptistnyork.com,
2. On the home page, please scroll down and click on the "eGIVING" button,
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time contributions.

Additionally there is a Smartphone app you can download to your phone:

1. Download the GIVE+ (Vanco Payment Solutions) app from your phone's app store.
2. Open the app and search for Grace Baptist Church of York by name or using the church's zip code (17406).
3. Select Grace Baptist Church of York and follow the prompts to set up an account.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Statistics from VBS:

An average of 89 children attended nightly
An average of 66 staff was on hand nightly

Two children prayed to receive Christ.

Nightly offerings will purchase 330 Bibles (\$8 each) for children who our missionary, Eric Sanchez, in Honduras works with.

	2018	2017	2016
Registered Students	111	123	127
GBC Students	49	72	72
Non-GBC Students	62	51	55
Non-GBC Families	41	33	36

Continue praying for the unsaved children who attended VBS that a seed was planted and that they will accept the free gift of salvation and for the children in Honduras receiving the Bibles. Also pray for the non-churched families that parents will see the need to bring their children to church.





VBS is over, but there are still many activities for our children/youth this summer. Be in prayer for the following:

**FOR THOSE WHO EARNED POINTS TO ATTEND
HIGH POINT CAMP THIS SUMMER**

Junior camp for grades 3-7 is July 16 - 20

Teen camp for grades 7-12 is July 23 - 28

AGAINST THE FLOW ACTIVITIES

Dorney Park – July 17

Manhunt Night – August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS
GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP**

This year's theme is

Esther

July 30 – August 3

9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Boys and Girls Ages 6 to 12 Years Old

Enjoy Bible study, crafts, recreation, missionary time, surprises, snack time and lots of fun and all for only \$25! Transportation available if needed. Bring your lunch (with your name on it).

Registrations available on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in the library. Call CEF 757-3212 for further information.

**GBC MINISTERING AT THE
RED LION STREET FAIR**

Saturday, August 11

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Red Lion Area Business Association will sponsor the 42nd Annual Street Fair in downtown Red Lion. Lots of FREE entertainment and fun for the entire family! Be sure to stop by the GBC tent. Better yet, volunteer to spend time witnessing to others under the GBC tent. Training will be provided. Volunteer to serve all day or certain hours that suits your schedule.

***GBC TEAMING WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE IN
PEARLAND, TX***

October 28 – November 2 or 3

Hurricane Harvey hit Rockport, Texas, as a Category 4 storm and caused considerable damage. As the storm moved inland, torrential rains continued for days and flooded many areas in Houston and Pearland. Samaritan's Purse volunteers have been assisting homeowners in these areas since shortly after the storm hit, initially responding by mudding out homes and clearing debris. Rebuild volunteers will continue the work by repairing homes and working on new home construction.

A maximum of 15 people from GBC will join other volunteers in Pearland. The only cost for our missionaries is transportation—food and lodging are provided. Tools will also be provided.

Sign your name to the "Commitment Form" that was in your mailbox if definitely going and return to Michelle Noll no later than Sunday, July 15. Samaritan's Purse must have the final count July 16.

