



GRACE HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

What is a biblical worldview and why is it important? Check out this article borrowed from Focus on the Family's website and written by Del Tackett.

Perhaps you've seen the survey conducted by the Barna Research Groups, which determined that only four percent of Americans have a biblical worldview. Even more alarming, only nine percent of born-again believers in America have a Christian worldview. Probably you've see the devastating results of a secular worldview: broken families, wasted lives and ineffective Christians.

It is important that we have a good handle on what a worldview is so that we can grow in our own commitment to the truth, and to help those we love to their commitment as well.

"Although most people own a Bible and know some of its content, our research found that most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life." – George Barna

What's a worldview?

A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world. For example, a two-year-old believes he's the center of the world, a secular humanist believes that the world is all that exists and a Buddhist believes he can be liberated from suffering by self-purification. Someone with a biblical worldview believes his primary reason for existence is to love and serve God.

Whether conscious or subconscious, every person has some type of worldview. A personal worldview is a combination of all you believe to be true and what you believe becomes the driving force behind every emotion, decision and action. Therefore, it affects your response to every area of life: from philosophy to science, theology and anthropology to

economics, law, politics, art and social order — everything. It is the interpretive "lenses" we use for understanding what we believe is real. From our personal worldview spring all of our actions and thoughts, and it is in unguarded moments when we can really see what we believe to be true.

For example, on Sunday morning the pastor asks for a show of hands of everyone who believes that God is the Provider of everything that we have or need now and for the rest of our lives. However, like many of the others who raised their hand, let's suppose you struggle with anxiety and worry. The important question then is, "Do you really believe that what you believe about God being the Provider is really real?" Worldview speaks about these core beliefs.

What's a biblical worldview and how does a biblical worldview get diluted?

A biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God. When you believe the Bible is entirely true, it is the foundation of everything you say and do. That means, for instance, you take seriously the mandate in Romans 13 to honor the governing authorities by researching the candidates and issues, making voting a priority.

Here is the big problem. Non-biblical worldview ideas don't just sit in a book somewhere waiting for people to examine them. They bombard us constantly from television, film, music, newspapers, magazine, books and academia. Because we live in a selfish, fallen world, these ideas seductively appeal to our flesh, and we often end up incorporating them into our personal worldview — often without even knowing it.

For example, most Christians would agree with I Thessalonians 4:3 and other Scriptures that command us to avoid sexual immorality, but how often do Christians fall into lust or premarital and extramarital sexual sin? Is it simply because they are weak when tempted. Or did it begin much earlier, with the seductive lies from our sexualized society?

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Here am I. Send me!

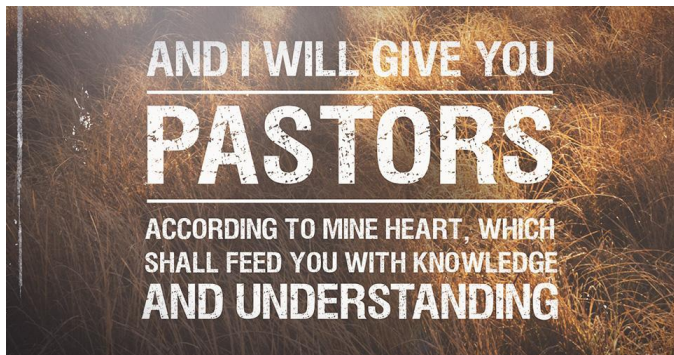
Isaiah 6:8 – Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"



Why does a biblical worldview matter?

If we don't really believe and live the truth of God, then our witness will be confusing and misleading. Most of us go through life not recognizing that our personal worldviews have been deeply affected by the world. Through the media and other influences, the secularized American view of history, law, politics, science, God and man affect our thinking more than we realize. We then are "taken captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

However, by diligently learning, applying and trusting God's truths in every area of our lives, we can begin to develop a deep comprehensive faith that will stand against the unrelenting tide of our culture's non-biblical ideas. If we capture and embrace more of God's worldview and trust it with unwavering faith, then we begin to make the right decisions and form the appropriate responses to questions on abortion, same-sex marriage, cloning, stem-cell research and even media choices. Because, in the end, it is our decisions and actions that reveal what we really believe.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Let our Pastors know how much we appreciate them by offering encouragement often and praying daily for them

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit, pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the directory or put cards of encouragement in the box above the mailboxes in the library and they will be delivered on a regular basis.

Wilma Davidson
Julie Lindsey
Gerry Kline
Russ Hearton
Roland Brooks

Carol Sarver
John Gay
Nina Johnson
Gerry Gladfelter
Wanda Buttrey

AGAINST THE FLOW SPONSORED CAR WASH

Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Just stop by the Church Parking Lot

The car wash is to raise funds for hurricane relief in Texas and Florida through Samaritans Purse.

Even if you can't come out this day you can make a donation—just put your check payable to GBC marked "Samaritans Purse" in the offering on Sunday.



Sunday School Attendance Awards will be handed out Sunday, October 1, at 9:30.

All classes meet in the sanctuary for the first few minutes of Sunday School and then be dismissed to your classrooms. Pins and bars are awarded for missing 0, 1, or 2 weeks of Sunday School. If you attend Sunday School in another church while on vacation and bring a visitors' card or bulletin you get credit. Anyone missing 3 weeks is given a certificate.

DEACON CARE NIGHT

Sunday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m.

One duty of your Deacon is to minister to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the congregation. Contact your deacon as a need arises, not just on this special evening.

ANNUAL NIGHT OF MUSIC

Sunday, October 8, at 6:30

Enjoy a special evening of music with GBC's talented singers and musicians

Let Sherry Stayer know by October 1 that you are willing to share your talent and the name of the song you'll be presenting

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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

FOR WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL?

Look for the November Grace Happenings to see the many things our GBC family is thanking God for and how you are showing your thankfulness by using your God-given skills and talents in your church, home, community.

Children through Adults—All you have to do is fill the church email inbox (gracebaptistyork@comcast.net) or the Marchant church mailbox sharing your thanksgiving to be printed in the November newsletter!

ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO MEN'S NIGHT OUT!!

Friday, October 13, at 6:30



Enjoy a devotion, pizza, volleyball and a great time fellowshipping with other men from GBC



WELCOME DR. HEATHER FOWLER

Dr. Fowler will share regarding her work in Bangladesh Sunday, October 22, during both Morning Services and the 6:30 p.m. Service



Be in prayer for this youth outreach ministry
October 27 December 8

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

All teens are invited to attend this ministry outreach and bring along your friends!



HAVE YOU HEARD?

SANDWICH SALES ARE BACK!!

Enjoy a delicious Sub or Pretzel Sandwich for only \$4.50

Orders Due: Sunday, October 8

Pick Up: Wednesday, October 18

These monthly sales support Mission Trips/Projects
Order forms are in your Mailbox—Extra Forms available at Usher Stands

GBC'S ANNUAL FALL FEST / PIG ROAST

Sunday, October 29

Immediately following the 10:45 Combined Service

8:15 and 6:30 Services Cancelled This Day

Held at Buser Farm which is just 2.6 miles from GBC and Freysville Road. Turn right on East Prospect Rd., Rt.124, to Buser Farm Ln. (at the street sign). Right on Buser Farm Ln. to farm at end of lane (49 Buser Farm Ln.)

Attend Sunday School and Service in your

"FALL FEST" Clothes

Bring a Covered Dish and Dessert to Share

Enjoy an Afternoon of Fun and Fellowship



COVETING PRAYERS

I recently received a note from a friend that stated they would be coveting my prayers. To covet is to deeply desire something. They deeply desired me to lift them up in prayer.

This is a serious request. It caused me to wonder if I was able to convey a prayer that would not be hindered by my sin and self-motivated words. Suddenly I was in a well, looking up. All the bricks that lined the round wall were labeled "sin". Were my sins separating me from HIM to the point that I was unable to reach HIS throne with my prayers? And how do I break through this wall of doubt that was hindering my communication to GOD?

In James 4:7-10 the author offers a cure to worldliness: submit to GOD and draw near; resist Satan, cleanse your hands you sinner...humble yourself in the presence of the LORD...and be exalted.(my paraphrase). Please study your version.

Praise and honor HIM, confess, seek direction, give thanks and pray. With HIS SPIRIT and HIS SON HE will hear me. May HIS will be done for me and my friend in CHRIST.

Study Romans 8:26-27 and Praise His Holy Name!

MINISTRY FUNDRAISING BANQUETS FOR YOU TO ATTEND THIS FALL

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

Church of the Open Door (8 Carlisle Ct.)

Saturday, October 21, at 6:30

Tickets are only \$10

Mail check payable to Good News Jail & Prison Ministry to
Chaplain's Office, 3400 Concord Rd., York 17402

Human Life Services

Wyndham Garden York

Friday, October 27, at 6:00

Call 854-7615 x 29 or humanlifeservices.org

Keynote speaker is Pat Layton. Pat has been in full time ministry for over 25 years. God has allowed her to experience many adventures in faith as the founder and leader of a variety of non-profit ministries including a Post Abortion Recovery ministry called Surrendering the Secret, a Pregnancy Resource Center (A Woman's Place Ministries in Tampa); a Christian Adoption Agency (The Woven Basket) and an abstinence education program (Impact). Visit www.patlayton.net.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Human Life Services is looking for a Part-time Administrative Assistant for Client Services. If interested check out the flyer on the library bulletin board and apply today.

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**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**

You're kind of a big deal...



Don't believe us?

Even our flies want to say thanks!

Dear Friends at Grace Baptist Church,

Through your kind support, you...

Equipped us to receive 53 kids into the HOH this past year. 38 have recovered enough to return to their homes. Allowed 51 of our kids to continue their education this school year. They consist of 19 in Elementary school, 18 in High School, 9 in University or Vocational training and 5 will sit their government exams. Fed roughly 100 people three times a day. Provided jobs for our 26 staff members giving them a way to support their own families. Offered many types of hope to Haitian children and youth. Most importantly the incredible hope of the Good News of Jesus!

**Thank you for the many ways you support our ministry.
You bless us so much!**

God Bless,

**Linda, Jenny, & the House Of Hope
(and the fly that photo bombed our picture!)**

