

# Covenant of Grace Worship Service

October 31, 2021

Share the Good News of the Gospel with a Shoebox gift

Help us fill the Shoeboxes at our November Packing Party



- School Supplies
- Bars of Soap
- Toys
- Clothing Items
- Biggest Need: Soccer ball and pumps

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Help us fill the Shoeboxes at our  
**November 14th Packing Party**  
immediately after church

All are welcome to join  
the fun!

*Mom's Night Out*  
*Friday Nov. 5th*

Pizza around a firepit @ Tori Sharp's house  
Details to follow  
Contact Laura Samuel @laura.w.samuel@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Men's Breakfast Returns**  
**January 8th**  
**7:15-9:00AM**

*Children's Christmas Event*

December 5, 2021  
Immediately following the church service  
Fellowship Hall

RSVP by Nov. 28th so we buy  
enough food!

Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, if your child is  
under 5 please have a parent or teen  
stay with them. Light Lunch provided.  
Program is 2 hours, so parents can go out  
to eat.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mark Samuel

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Peter 1:3-5

Chris Baker, leader

SONG OF PRAISE "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

INVOCATION

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION

O Lord whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love: we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. But You, O Lord, are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love; there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has produced in us Your holy will. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE A GREAT REVIVAL

ROMANS 1:16-17

The Five Solas of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura,  
Solus Christus, Sola Fidea, Solo Gratia, Soli Deo Gloria.

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

WE SHARE OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

\*I PETER 2:13-15; 18-25

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

MESSAGE

Living Our Faith in Uncertain Times

"A DIFFICULT TEACHING"

PASTOR HERB RUBY

CLOSING SONG

"LORD, I NEED YOU"

BENEDICTION

\*children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to attend Kids worship in the Fellowship Hall.

# Announcements



**Christmas on Display**  
Help decorate the outside of COG with lights to put the Christmas spirit on full display to our community

Friday, November 26th  
Saturday, November 27th  
9am-2pm both days

**Three Ways to Participate**

- Pray for those that drive by
- Help Put up Lights
- Buy lights (see Announcement email)



Secure online giving for your tithes and offerings is now available @ [cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving](http://cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving)  
Additionally, new offering boxes have been mounted near the exits to the COG Worship Center.

## Contact Us

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## SERMON NOTES

**A Difficult Teaching**  
**I Peter 2:13-15; 18-25**

**Intro.**

**Big Idea:** As Jesus-followers we are to honor and respect all legitimate authority.

I. The scriptural word “submit” does not mean slavish obedience.

-The Greek word *hupotasso* literally means “to arrange under.”

II. Our submission to authority is based on God’s ordained structures for society.

1. These structures are for our good.

2. Jesus honored and respected them in his days on earth.

III. Our autonomous sinful nature causes us to naturally struggle giving honor and respect to authorities.

IV. We are empowered to do God’s will as we remember how Jesus gave himself for us.

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**Next Week Sermon:**

**Living Our Faith in  
Uncertain Times**

**I Peter 3:1-7**

**Mark Samuel, preaching**