

# Good Samaritan Baptist Church

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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I feel like the Apostle Paul who said "*Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,)*" (Romans 1:13a).

During these weeks of our COVID-19 "Shelter-in-Place" requirements all our public services are canceled and we are all challenged as a church to be a "called out and gathered together body of believers." It is the gathered together part of that definition that is challenged. Satan knows it. While we are in this battle, unable to physically gather together, let's take aggressive steps to ensure that we band together just the same. Watch that not one be left unattended, and that we be a church that edifies and strengthens as we minister to one another.

There was an ugly politician who, in the face of great opposition said, "I have a phone, and I have a pen, and I will use them to get these things done." You all have used your phones, Praise the Lord. This week scrape together fifty-four cents for a stamp and let's use the pen.

It is hard all over the world. This week write to a missionary.

Half of our congregation has no feasible access to live-streaming church services at [solidrockinfo.org](http://solidrockinfo.org), [anchorbaptistchurch.net](http://anchorbaptistchurch.net), and/or [senecabiblebaptist.org](http://senecabiblebaptist.org), but we can all live-stream God! Praise the Lord, open your Bible this Lord's day, and then every day of this week.

Half our congregation are not efficacious face-book users, but we can all have face-time with God! Praise the Lord, spend time in prayer. How many days does it take you to have a sweet hour in prayer? Three meals per day, with a thirty-second whispered "Thank-you Lord", calculates to forty days and forty nights before you would get in an hour of prayer. Don't be that way, take time and pray.

Our audio and written messages are available at [www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio), take full advantage.

May the LORD God bless you and keep you this week.

In Christ

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mail your tithes and offerings to GSBC during these weeks. Designate any Faith Promise Missions offerings. If you use GSBC as your return address, I will drop them unopened directly into the offering plate for our financial secretary to record and deposit.

Wednesday 25 March was our Saints of the Round Table meeting. Answers for your worksheets are in audio on our website. Please take the time to read the book and do the lessons each month. I am mailing April's worksheets to you.

## PRAYER

Pray for Barb's grandson Luke (5), home from the hospital and recovering from pneumonia.

Pray for our Jeanne, cancer.

Pray for our Grandma, copd.

Pray for Bill, copd.

Pray for Tim, cp.

Pray for Steve, unspoken.

Pray for Chris' cousin Sommer, 102 fever.

Pray for my sister's loss of her husband this week.

Pray for one another.

Last week my ankylosing spondylitis flared up unmercifully, resulting in acute iritis. The Bath VA has no ophthalmologist nor appointments but tracked my treatment via phone and the iritis has completely quieted, Praise the Lord. Thank you for your prayers.

Below you will (soon) find today's Sunday message in my three hundred word Penny Pulpit format. It is missing all the "rabbit-trails" that make it an hour long. Enjoy.

If you can please go to church with us via live-streaming church services at [www.solidrockinfo.org](http://www.solidrockinfo.org) at Sun 10am & 5:30pm, Thur. 7:30pm, [www.anchorbaptistchurch.net](http://www.anchorbaptistchurch.net) Sun 11am & 6pm, Wed 7pm, and/or [www.senecabiblebaptist.org](http://www.senecabiblebaptist.org), at 11am, and use our website for audio and written messages via [www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio) available 24/7.

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I have been in good health while preparing this material for mailing. It came straight from the copier to the new envelope which was moistened with a sterile wet cloth not a tongue and my temperature is 98.6. Just the same don't lick or kiss the envelope or touch it to your face in any way, and always wash your hands after handling anything in this world. Stop touching your face and please always be safe.

## Msg #2013 Christian Stewardship 303

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Of the three stewardship parables Jesus taught us, the parable of the ten pounds from Luke 19 has a curious sidebar. This parable differs significantly from the parable of the talents given in Matthew 25. The talents were given to servants *“according to their several ability.”* The pounds were given one per servant. The wicked servant with buried talent was cast into outer darkness. The one who wasted his pound suffered loss but not destruction. In the talent parable a servant was not necessarily a saved man, but in the ten pound parable a servant was a disciple who could not lose his eternal life. The purpose of this ten pound parable is explained, *“because he was nigh unto Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear”* (19:11). It followed Zacchaeus' salvation and Luke 19:10's clarity. The talent parable was Olivet Discourse material for all, this was for disciples about when their King would return. Therein, of the citizens that hated him and said, *“We will not have this man to reign over us”* (19:14), the returning King said *“bring (them) hither, and slay them before me”* (19:27). Note that when Israel's first king ascended to the throne, such citizens were spared (1Sam 11:12-13), but here they were slain outright. Back then it says, *“for today the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel”* (1Sam 11:13), but at the return of Christ as King, the day of salvation is past, all those who hate him are slain and cast into outer darkness. Christians need to be a witness as Paul said, *“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...”* (2Cor5:11), because *“Jesus Christ hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation”* (vr.18). In trying days, stewards need to be about the Father's business.

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Msg in audio at [www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio/gs200329.mp3](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com/audio/gs200329.mp3)

**College – Career – Teen Bible Class Sunday 1 March**

The first sentence of the book:

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ,  
which God gave unto him, (pronoun him is \_\_\_\_\_)  
to shew unto his servants (pronoun his is \_\_\_\_\_)  
things which must shortly come to pass;  
and he sent and signified it by his angel(he/his is \_\_\_\_\_)  
unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.(pronoun he is \_\_\_\_\_)

Second sentence of the book:

3 ¶ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Name three things that he or they are to do in this sentence:

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**College – Career – Teen Bible Class Sunday 8 March**

Rev 1:4 What are the names of the seven churches which are in Asia?

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\_\_\_\_\_

What three “tenses” send grace and peace?

Which \_\_\_\_\_ Which \_\_\_\_\_ and

Which \_\_\_\_\_

What are the seven Spirits before the throne? (See Isaiah 11)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Rev 1:5 What are the three listed traits of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_

Rev 1:5 (cont) What might each title tell us about Jesus Christ?

Title 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Title 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Title 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev 1:5b-6 What three listed things has Jesus Christ done for us?

Act 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Act 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Act 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev 1:6 What three (3) things are ascribed to God in this verse?

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

From a dictionary what does “amen” mean?

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In Greek, via phonics how do you say amen? \_\_\_\_\_

Write out John 5:24: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

In Greek what do you suppose the first two words of Jn 5:24 are?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Rev 1:7 Give some profound thoughts on Revelation 1:7:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Rev 1:8 The title “Alpha and Omega” is ascribed 4 times in the Bible.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

What title is given to the LORD God in Isaiah 41:4,44:6, 48:12

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