

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

insisted on their own way. They have little to no self-awareness. They cannot imagine a world where someone else's idea, wisdom, or way is better, or at least worth considering. Let each of us strive for the humility and kindness that saves us from such a self-absorbed existence. And let us esteem each other's opinions, ideas, thoughts, and offerings.

3. Love is Not Irritable. To love each other in the Spirit, we must not be prone to temper tantrums. We must be mature. Let us flee being easily annoyed or upset by each other. In all relationships, people make mistakes in what they do and say. The various parties of relationships, therefore, must cultivate a spirit of patience and peaceability. Are you easily aggravated? Are you quick to anger? Then, by prayer, seek repentance by the grace of God. Love is not irritable, does not insist on its own way, and is not rude.

4. Love is Not Resentful. To love each other in the Spirit, we must: (1.) overlook mistakes and move on, (2.) forgive offenses, and (3.) pursue reconciliation when necessary. Otherwise, we risk the root of bitterness and resentment growing in our hearts. Many feelings of bitterness, indignation, or vengeance can be avoided if we give ourselves to grace, mercy, compassion, and peacemaking ahead of time. Scripture says, "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Overlook. Forgive. Reconcile. Do not hold grudges. Let our hearts not become seedbeds of resentment, but of Christlike love and mercy toward each other.

5. Love Does Not Rejoice at Wrongdoing. To love each other in the Spirit, we must sincerely desire and delight in biblical morality and holiness in each other's lives. This is God's will, and it pleases Him to have this mindset. **First, if one of us is ensnared in ongoing, unrepentant, or scandalous sin, the rest of us should not ignore it as if everything is okay.** We should be grieved in order that the ensnared one would be grieved and driven to repentance. **Second, we must NEVER secretly be glad about someone's fall into sin.** That is twisted! It is prideful and selfish; it is nothing less than diabolical. In loving each other, we must never delight in each other's sin(s) in any circumstance. In Christ, and as brothers and sisters in the LORD, we must genuinely desire and delight in holiness in each other's hearts, words, and lives; and we must avoid the self-righteous pride that finds a demonic gladness or indifference at someone's moral failure or snare of sin.

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Nursery Workers – February 22nd

I AM (Crib) - Page Knox and Lynette Winzenried

II AM (Toddlers) – Maria Minichiello and Julia Minichiello

PM– Combined I/II – Dave Good and Linda Perrine

Prayer Intercessor – February 22nd– Joan Snyder

Greeters – February 22nd– Anita Gearhart and Brian Akers

Ushers - February 22nd– Malik Baker-Gore, Bob Burman, Frank Cicone*, Jim Feldbush, Gary McAllister, and Tom Neunaber*

Today's Ushers - Bob Doss, Jim Dougherty, Andrew Evans*, Eric Heinze, Vince Minichiello*, and Peter Vaughan

* ushers who greet in the lobby



**NORTH HARFORD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

February 15, 2026



READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 13-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalms 37:21-40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 12:8-14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 17-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalms 38 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 12:15-21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 21-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalms 39 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 12:22-28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 13:1-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 41 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 13:9-16 |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sunday | 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 AM | Worship Service* (Church/Facebook) |
| | 6:30 PM | Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook) |
| Tuesday | 9:15 AM | Precepts Ladies Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 9:30 AM | Men's Prayer Group |
| | 6:15 PM | Fellowship Supper |
| Friday | 7:00-9:30 PM | Youth Group |
| Saturday | 8:00 AM | Men's Breakfast |
| | 2:00 PM | Ladies' Comedy and Pie (Youth Café) |

* Nursery Provided (birth-3 years old), Downstairs in Rooms 8 and 9

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Reading: Acts 2:30-33, Christ's Resurrection and Ascension

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Speak, O Lord

Offering

SERMON: Remembering Each Other in Prayer, Part 2
Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible Page 1568)

Seek Ye First | Closing Prayer

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading/Prayer: Psalm 3, In Distress

Nothing But the Blood

Reading & Prayer: Hebrews 4:14-16, Draw Near

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

SERMON: Cry Out to the Lord
Jonah 2 (Pew Bible Page 1168)

Lord's Supper* | *Doxology* | Closing Prayer**

*Baptized believers may participate in the Lord's Supper

** *If you are able, please help set up tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall for the Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study after the Evening Service. Thank You!*

VISITING WITH US?

We are glad to have you with us this morning, and we hope God speaks to your heart through the great and wonderful truths of the Bible. Please visit the **Guest Resources** desk in the lobby, where you will find a variety of free gifts for you, including a study Bible for adults and a study Bible for teens. Email us at info@NorthHarford.org if you have any questions or special prayer requests.

UPCOMING PRAYER SERVICES

February Prayer Meeting Attendance: 25

March Prayer Meeting: Sunday 3/1
- 6:30-7:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

March Prayer for America: The focused prayer for our nation and leaders will now be a part of our Prayer Meeting.

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Our men's prayer group meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 AM-10:00 AM every FIRST and THIRD Wednesday. The next meeting is this Wednesday. Come when you can for encouragement and prayer.

YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Please pick up your 2025 giving statement in the lobby. Thank you for your faithful giving.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Our first Fellowship Supper of 2026 is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 18th, at 6:15 PM. If you are able, please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share. If you'd like to join the Kitchen Committee that helps at these suppers, please contact Sallye Hoover.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, February 21st, at 8 AM, the men will have breakfast together in the fellowship hall. Come enjoy delicious food made by the Men's Ministry. There will be a time in God's Word and a time for fellowship. Pastor Anthony will teach from Proverbs on "The Wisdom of Solomon." Sign up in the lobby or on the Church Center app.



LADIES' COMEDY AND PIE

We hope you will join us on Saturday, February 21st, at 2 PM for some laughs and pie. We will meet in the Youth Café to watch some funny skits from comedians and enjoy pie. Please bring a pie or a snack to share. Feel free to wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket. Sign up in the lobby or on the Church Center app.



EASTER CHOIR

We will have choir-led singing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The choir will also be singing one special on both Sundays. Choir members must be baptized believers, youth and adults. Choir practice begins next Sunday after church in the sanctuary.

BUSINESS MEETING

We will have a business meeting on Sunday, February 22nd, at 5:45 PM.

ON THE HORIZON

SISTER TO SISTER

Sister to Sister meets in the Youth Café on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. They share prayer requests, have a devotional from the Bible, and pray together. Their next gathering is on February 24th.

CHURCH NEWS

2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

Church calendars are available in the lobby, on the member's page of our website, and on our Church Center app. Any changes or updates will be published in the bulletin, the weekly email, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

SBA SOFTBALL

If you are interested in playing softball on a team through the Susquehanna Baptist Association, please contact the church office.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

THE WAY OF LOVE, PART 2

This week, we continue looking at the way of Christian love from 1 Corinthians 13. Verses 5-6a teach that love is not "rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing."

1. Love is Not Rude. To love each other in the Spirit, we must show genuine courtesy toward each other. Parents should not allow their children to disrespect them or others. As adults, we must not disrespect each other or others. Being ill-mannered, harsh, contemptuous, or needlessly sarcastic, blunt, or belittling is absolutely uncalled for in the body of Christ. Let each of us strive to show the utmost respect, honor, and courtesy to one another for the honor of Christ and the well-being of the church.

2. Love Does Not Insist on Its Own Way. To love each other in the Spirit, we must avoid the pride and selfishness of always needing things to be our own way according to our own preferences and desires. This is not the way of Christ. It would be such a burden to you if you had a coworker, teammate, family member, or friend who always

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AM Sermon: Remembering Each Other in Prayer, Part 2 Ephesians 1:15-23

We remember each other in prayers of **THANKS** and in prayers of **PETITION**.

1. Prayers of **THANKS** for God's work in each other's lives (vv. 15-16)
 - a. For each other's **FAITH** in Christ (v. 15a)
 - b. For each other's **LOVE** in the Spirit (v. 15b)
2. Prayers of **PETITION** for God's work in each other's lives (vv. 17-23)
 - a. For growth in the knowledge of God (v. 17)
 - b. For being grounded in hope (v. 18)

c. For God's work within us (vv. 19-20)

d. To grasp the authority of Christ (vv. 21-22)

e. To grasp the nature of the church (vv. 22b-23)



To register, scan the QR code, use the forms in the lobby, or visit our website (www.NorthHarford.org). Completed forms can be emailed to info@northharford.org or left on the secretary's desk.

KIDS KAMP REGISTRATION

Kids Kamp is a day camp held at Camp Wo-Me-To for 9-12-year-olds. This year's camp will be from June 29th to July 3rd, from 9 AM - 4:30 PM. Cost is \$140. There are discounts for families sending multiple children and scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit is required per camper at the time of registration. Register by May 31st.



JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Jarrettsville Basketball Camp (August 3-8). We need people who know basketball to be coaches, but you don't need to know basketball to help. We will need team helpers to assist the coaches, people to direct traffic, people to serve at the first-aid and drink stations, and more. Can't help during the week? You could help the team set up for the camp on Saturday, August 1st. Sign up on the sheet in the lobby or on our Church Center app. See Brian Akers with any questions.



JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP REGISTRATION

Jarrettsville Basketball Camp is held outside at the church for students in 1st-8th grade (grade completed as of June 2026) to learn and practice fundamental basketball skills and hear about Jesus. The FREE camp is from August 3rd to August 8th, from 9-11:35 AM, with check-in beginning at 8:30 AM. Register by July 10th.

