

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

2. Love Bears All Things. To love each other in the Spirit, we must graciously forgive each other's offenses and overlook each other's shortcomings and frequent mistakes. This certainly does not mean that we never address sin in each other's lives (see especially 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15-20). This, rather, is considering our default mode toward each other. We should have an ongoing gracious disposition toward each other that is always ready to forgive, receive, reconcile, and overlook unintentional sins, natural shortcomings, and personal mistakes. To bear with each other is a kind of endurance. It has the idea of covering sins rather than seeking to expose, publicize, and bring judgment. When we bear with each other in the love of Christ, we serve as a protective covering that functions as God's merciful compassion toward each other. Scripture says elsewhere, "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since *love covers a multitude of sins*" (1 Peter 4:8), and, "Hatred stirs up strife, but *love covers all offenses*" (Proverbs 10:12).

3. Love Believes All Things. To love each other in the Spirit, our hearts must be disposed to trust each other rather than suspect each other's motives. Let us not be slaves to a suspicious and cynical spirit, but let us honor each other by believing each other. It does not mean being naïve, ignoring heresy or troublemaking, or believing rumors, lacking discernment or self-control. Rather, assume the best of your brother's and sister's intentions, not the worst (which is the impulse of the sinful flesh). Do not be cynical regarding the faith, hope, and love of your neighbor in Christ, but assume a sincere and wholehearted devotion to Christ, His church, His children, and His kingdom and glory. Believe the best. Expect the right thing. Assume that which is good. Remember that sanctification is a process under the sovereign hand of God. Remember that you and I cannot see the heart; we cannot see exactly what God is doing inwardly. Finally, remember that we all will have sins and shortcomings on the outside. So please, beloved, I plead with you not to reduce someone down to their external sins and shortcomings! That is not how God sees His children cleansed by the blood of Christ and filled with His Spirit. Let us strive to see each other as God sees us. Let us see each other as saved by grace, in fellowship with Christ, and adopted into the family of God by supernatural love. When God gives us such spiritual eyes toward each other, we will believe all things, bear all things, and rejoice with the truth in the Spirit, rather than thinking, speaking, and behaving ill toward each other in the flesh.

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Nursery Workers – March 1st
I AM (Crib) - Penny Brown and Bill Fornoff
II AM (Toddlers) – Verla Evans and Phoebe Evans
PM– Combined I/II – Linda Mack and Marie Reid
Prayer Intercessor – March 1st– Tina Holmes
Greeters – March 1st– Wayne and Sharon Hudson
Ushers - March 1st– Gil Brown, Josiah Brown, Mark Evans*, Wes Evans*, Mark Huna, and John Steplowski
Today's Ushers - Malik Baker-Gore, Bob Burman, Frank Cicone*, Jim Feldbush, Gary McAllister, and Tom Neunaber*
*ushers who greet in the lobby



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

February 22, 2026

Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST
6:30-7:15 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

- This week's readings are:
- Acts 9-12 Psalm 42 Proverbs 13:17-25
 - Acts 13-16 Psalm 43 Proverbs 14:1-7
 - Acts 17-20 Psalm 44 Proverbs 14:8-14
 - Acts 21-24 Psalm 45 Proverbs 14:15-21
 - Acts 25-28 Psalm 46 Proverbs 14:22-28

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Service* (Church/Facebook) After church Youth/Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary) 6:30 PM Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook)
Tuesday	9:15AM Precepts Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Sister to Sister (Youth Café)
Wednesday	7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Rm. 1) Boys Bible Club (1 st -6 th grade boys) Girls in Action (1 st -6 th grade girls) Mission Friends (Nursery-K) Youth on Mission (7 th —12 th graders)
Friday	7:00-9:30 PM Youth Group

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

O Praise the Name

Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11, Reminders to the Church

Blessed Assurance | My Worth is Not in What I Own

Offering

SERMON: Five Commands to the Church Today
1 Corinthians 16:13 (Pew Bible Page 1536)

To God be the Glory | Closing Prayer

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading/Prayer: Matthew 12:38-42, The Sign of Jonah

Jesus Paid It All

Reading & Prayer: Romans 8:27-30, The Sovereign God

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

SERMON: The Sign of Jonah and the Sovereign God
Jonah 1:17 (Pew Bible Page 1168)

Closing Prayer

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

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 today after church in the sanctuary.

BUSINESS MEETING

We will have a business meeting tonight at 5:45 PM.

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.

PRAYER MEETING

Next Sunday at 6:30 PM, we will have our monthly Prayer Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The focused prayer for our nation and leaders will now be a part of this meeting.

ON THE HORIZON

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. 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 in the church office.



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. 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 in the church office.



ON THE HORIZON (CONTINUED)

JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP VOLUNTEERS

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.



CHURCH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAYS PRAYER VIGIL UPDATE

We are merging the program of our First Fridays Prayer Vigil for America with our regular monthly Prayer Meetings starting in March.

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.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

THE WAY OF LOVE, PART 3

We continue with Paul's description of genuine Christian love in the church. He writes that love "...rejoices with the truth." ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things... (1 Corinthians 13:6b-7a).

1. **Love Rejoices with the Truth.** To love each other in the Spirit, we must devote ourselves to exalting and magnifying the Truth of God's Word. Some translations of the Bible render this, "rejoices in the truth," which is a good possibility. Rejoicing in the truth fits well next to the first phrase in verse 6, which teaches that love "does not rejoice at wrongdoing." What is the point? Rather than having a secret, warped gladness at the sin in each other's lives, we are filled with gladness when we see a belief, love, devotion, and obedience to the truth in each other's lives. That is love! We love each other with the love of Christ when we glory and celebrate in the mighty work of God's Truth in each other's hearts, minds, words, and lives.

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AM Sermon: Five Commands to the Church Today

1 Corinthians 16:13

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

1. **Be Watchful**

2. **Stand Firm in the Faith**

3. **Act Like Men?**

4. **Be Strong**

5. **Love**