

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

one spirit with him" (1 Corinthians 6:17), and, "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). To grasp biblical Christian living, we must grasp that we are one with Christ by the supernatural work of God in our lives. We are no longer "in Adam" and alienated from God because of the guilt and corruption of sin. Rather, we are "in Christ," reconciled to God, forgiven, and delivered from sin's mastery over our hearts.

Christ is ours and we are His. Through faith, you are one with Christ. Take this to your grave: New life in union with Christ is the ever-living fountain of true Christian living.

2. Sanctification. Sanctification is the work of God to make us more like Jesus in heart, mind, word, and deed. As fire purifies metal, the Spirit purifies believers. Water cleanses the body but only Christ can cleanse the sinner's heart and mind. Part of sanctification is putting sin to death. Another part of sanctification is cultivating holiness and bringing forth fruit pleasing to God. Why? God is making us like Jesus. He enables us to imitate our Savior. Scripture exhorts us, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Once united to Christ, we are sanctified -- *set apart unto God and free from sin's tyranny* -- and we are being sanctified -- *gradually transformed into the likeness of Christ*. Scripture says, "...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11), and, "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14).

True Christian living begins with being united to the risen Lord through faith. Everyone who is united to the Lord has been sanctified and is being sanctified to be more like Him. All this is by God's grace and for God's glory. Union with Christ and sanctification shine forth the grace, power, and wisdom of God revealed in the gospel. They are the spiritual fruit of the gospel.

If what we believe and do opposes the Bible, then it opposes God. If how we live contradicts the Bible, it contradicts God's will. What we strive for is biblical obedience for the glory of God. Jesus said, "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). And also, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

It is necessary, therefore, to know what the Bible says about living for Christ. First, we are united to Christ by a Spirit-forged faith. Second, in Christ, we were sanctified and are being sanctified into His likeness.

ONLINE GIVING

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Need a pastoral visit for prayer, comfort, or encouragement? Do you need Christian counselling or guidance? Do you have a theological question? Your pastors are here to help. Don't be afraid to text, call, or email us. We are here for you. Either contact us directly or schedule something through Jenn.

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Nursery Workers – March 15th

I AM (Crib) - Tammy Wetters and Janie Steplowski

II AM (Toddlers) – Marie Reid and Mia Citro

PM– Combined I/II – Jenn Evans and Bella Fortunato

Prayer Intercessor – March 15th – Meg Fornoff

Greeters – March 15th – Jenn Evans and Andrew Evans

Ushers - March 15th – Bob Doss, Jim Dougherty, Andrew Evans*, Eric Heinze, Vince Minichiello*, and Peter Vaughan

Today's Ushers - Brian Akers*, Bradyn Citro, Bill Fornoff, Richard Perrine, Bill Tomlinson*, Donny Wetters

* *ushers who greet in the lobby*



**NORTH HARFORD
BAPTIST CHURCH**

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

March 8, 2026



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 21st, at 8 AM

Continuing the series on "The Wisdom of Solomon"



Ladies Craft Day

Saturday, March 21st, at 10 AM

*BYO craft, do the provided craft,
or just come for fellowship*

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leviticus 21-24 | Psalm 52 | Proverbs 16:1-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leviticus 25-27 | Psalm 53 | Proverbs 16:9-16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 1-4 | Psalm 54 | Proverbs 16:17-24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 5-8 | Psalm 55 | Proverbs 16:25-33 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 9-12 | Psalm 56 | Proverbs 17:1-7 |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Facebook)
	After church 6:30 PM	Youth/Adult Choir Practice (downstairs) Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook)
Tuesday	9:15AM	Precepts Ladies Bible Study
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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reading: John 3:1-8, The New Birth

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Offering

SERMON: New Life in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pew Bible Page 1568)

To God Be the Glory | Closing Prayer

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

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

All Glory Be to Christ

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

March Prayer Meeting Attendance: 35

Due to Easter, there will be no Prayer Meeting in April.

May Prayer Meeting: Sunday 5/3

- 6:30-7:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

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 practices after church in the Fellowship Hall.

ON THE HORIZON

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men will have a breakfast on Saturday, March 21st, at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. They will continue their study on "The Wisdom of Solomon." Sign up on the Church Center app or in the lobby.

LADIES' CRAFT DAY

Ladies, 7th grade and up, are invited to a Craft Day on Saturday, March 21st, at 10 AM. They can bring their own craft to work on, do the provided craft, or just come for fellowship. Sign up in the lobby or Church Center app.

LADIES CONFERENCE

Cornerstone Community Church in Joppa, MD is hosting a Ladies Conference on Saturday, March 21st, from 9 AM—2:30 PM. The speaker is author, Tilley Dillehay. She will teach on "The Lies Satan Tells." The cost is \$40 which includes all conference materials, a light breakfast, coffee, refreshments, and a fully catered lunch. To register, visit their website cornerstonejoppa.org.

SPRING PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY - DATES UPDATED

The ladies' Bible study that meets on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15 AM are beginning a new study on March 31st on the Book of Amos. Amos, a shepherd, whom God called to preach at Bethel. He has a timeless message for the people of God. The cost is \$14. Registration forms are in the lobby. They are due by March 17th.

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

Please consider joining the Builders for Christ trip to Hillside Baptist Church in Springfield, MO from Saturday, June 20th through Friday, June 26th. Visit their website www.marylandbuildersforchrist.com or contact Roger Williams for more information.

CHURCH NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday at our Business Meeting, Alex Neunaber, Peter Vaughan, and Rob and Theresa Rogers were voted in as members. We are thankful they have joined us!

CHURCH NEWS (CONTINUED)

PRAYER MEETING GROWTH

Thank you and praise God for your attendance at the March prayer meeting. If you were not able to make it, we hope to see you at the May one. It is on Sunday, May 3rd, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Our monthly prayer meeting is always the first Sunday in the evening. Remember that God hears, answers, and uses our prayers according to His purpose. Come be a part of a revival of congregational prayer.

FEBRUARY GIVING

General Fund: \$50,180.95

Benevolence: \$4,030.40

Balt. Resc. Mission: \$2,270.00

Mission Dignity: \$590.12

Total: \$58,627.27

Building Fund: \$200.00

Camp Wo-Me-To: \$250.00

Annie Armstrong: \$300.00

Other Missions: \$805.80

Budget: \$43,870.29

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

TRUE CHRISTIAN LIVING

This is the first in a short series of articles on biblical Christian living. My prayer is that you would be a true Christian joined to a true church, one who renders true worship to God and daily experiences fellowship with God through faith in Jesus and by the work of the Holy Spirit. Our goal as a church is to help people come to faith in Jesus, live out their faith, and grow in their faith according to Scripture.

As children of God, it is our joy and privilege to live for God rather than ourselves or the trinkets and approval of this world. "He died for all, that those who live might *no longer live for themselves but for him* who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Corinthians 5:15).

Biblical Christian living can be summarized under four headings:

1. Union with Christ
2. Sanctification
3. Ongoing Grace
4. Practical Discipleship

In this first installment, I want to define, illustrate, and prove the first two: Union with Christ and Sanctification.

1. Union with Christ. Union with Christ refers to the spiritual bond we have with Jesus through faith in Him. A husband and wife are united together through the bond of marriage. The two become one. Likewise, the sinner and the exalted Savior are united together through a bond of love. Because of God's grace and by the work of the Holy Spirit, the two become one.

Scripture says, "But he who is joined to the Lord becomes
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AM Sermon: New Life in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10

As Christ was made alive by God's power, you also have been made alive in Him.

Four Changes of Life in Christ:

1. In Christ, we have a new walk.

2. In Christ, we have a new master.

3. In Christ, we have a new heart.

4. In Christ, we have a new destiny.

Easter Flowers 2026

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one at Easter? You may order flowers that will decorate the front of the church at Easter, and then you or the recipient may take them home. Or you can make a donation to the Annie Armstrong Easter offering, which supports the missionaries of the North American Mission Board.

Order Deadline: SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

Please place the completed form and payment in the designated box in the lobby.
If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Akers.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS IN THE OFFERING PLATE!

Type	Quantity	Each	Total
Tulips		\$8.50	\$
Daffodils		\$8.50	\$
Donation to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering		\$10.00	\$
Please make checks payable to NHBC			\$

Type of Flower/Donation _____

In memory of -or- In honor of

Name of Loved One

Given by: _____

Name of giver as you want it shown in bulletin.

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