

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:11).

Let each of us take this goal to heart and make it our own: “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:17). There are numerous systems of morals and ethics in the world, and each has its own goal. The biblical goal of Christian ethics is to honor, praise, and glorify God in all things.

2. The Proper Ethical Motive. *Biblical thoughts, values, words, and actions are those which have love for God as their motive.* What motivates you to act the way you act at work? What inner desires shape the way you treat your family at home? Are you aware of your deepest motives when deciding how to vote? What to watch? How to conduct yourself in business deals and other social interactions? We cannot escape being driven by our heart’s desires and motivations. The question is, what is our primary motivation?

What is the biblical motivation that drives children of God? Love! *First, children of God desire to love God with all that they are, with their whole being and soul.* Jesus, referencing Deuteronomy 6:5, said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the great and first commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38). Because of God’s exceeding greatness, wonderful deeds, and incomparable love, grace, mercy, and compassion, we treasure Him deeply and sincerely. In response to all that God has done, given, and promised in Christ, our hearts overflow with adoration and an ongoing seeking, longing, and clinging to God. We have a sincere affection for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we have a genuine concern, a zeal even, for His Name, glory, and kingdom in the world. We love Him with all that we are.

Second, children of God desire to love God most, to love Him above all else. Jesus preached, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37). Every aspect of our lives should be driven by loving God above all things: above ourselves and our comfort, above others, above material and financial wealth, and above any other good thing that God gives us out of His kindness and care. We love Him not only with all that we are, but above all things.

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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 29th

I AM (Crib) - Cheryl Brown and Lynette Winzenried

II AM (Toddlers) – Marie Reid and Emma Evans

PM– Combined I/II – Bill Tomlinson and Donna Tomlinson

Prayer Intercessor – March 29th– Joan Snyder

Greeters – March 29th – Anita Gearhart and Brian Akers

Ushers - March 29th – Danny Akers, Dave Good, Nathan Good, Wayne Hudson*, Blair Knouse, and John McDonald

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.

March 22, 2026

Join us for Easter

Palm Sunday
March 29th
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Good Friday
April 3rd
6:30 PM

Easter Sunday
April 5th
10:45 AM

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week’s readings are:

- Numbers 33-36 Psalm 62 Proverbs 18:13-16
- Deuteronomy 1-4 Psalm 63 Proverbs 18:17-20
- Deuteronomy 5-8 Psalm 64 Proverbs 18:21-24
- Deuteronomy 9-12 Psalm 65 Proverbs 19:1-6
- Deuteronomy 13-16 Psalm 66 Proverbs 19:7-12

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Facebook)
	After church	Youth/Adult Choir Practice (downstairs)
	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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Reading: Romans 2:28-29 and John 1:11-13,
Children of God

By Faith | Be Thou My Vision

Offering

SERMON: One Household of God
Ephesians 2:17-22 (Pew Bible Page 1569)

The Goodness of Jesus | Closing Prayer

YOUR RESURRECTION BODY

Ever wonder what your resurrection body will be like? Check out Pastor Matt's article about what Scripture says about it.



EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading & Prayer: Psalm 103:1-10, The Lord's Works
Jesus Paid It All

Reading & Prayer: John 12:36-43, The Unbelief of Man
In Christ Alone

SERMON: The Contrast Between God and Man
Jonah 4 (Pew Bible Page 1169)

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 FLOWERS

Easter flower order forms and monies are due today.

SISTER TO SISTER

Ladies are invited to join Sister to Sister on Tuesday, March 24th, at 7 PM in the Youth Café for a time of prayer and encouragement from God's Word. See Penny Brown with questions.

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet next Sunday at 5 PM in Room 24.

ON THE HORIZON

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. We will have our morning worship at 10:45 AM and an evening worship at 6:30 PM.

Our **Good Friday** service will feature music and time in the Word, focusing on the atonement of our sins. It will be held on Friday, April 3rd, at 6:30 PM.

Easter Sunday is April 5th. We will celebrate our risen Savior together at 10:45 AM. There will be no Evening Service.

Be sure to invite others to these services.

NEMOURS ESTATE VISIT

Ladies, the Women's Ministry is planning a trip to the Nemours Estate in Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday, April 28th (tentative date). The cost is \$23 for adults (ages 17+); \$21 for seniors (62+), students, military, and teachers; disabled veterans are free; \$10 for children (6-16); children aged 5 and under are free. Two adults cost \$40 and a family of 2 adults and up to 4 children costs \$43. Sign up in the lobby to express your interest in attending.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 18th, at 8 AM. Sign up in the lobby or the Church Center app.

LADIES CRAFT DAY

The ladies will have a Craft Day on Saturday, April 18th, at 10 AM. BYO craft or do the provided craft. Sign up in the lobby or the Church Center app.

CHURCH NEWS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

100% of monies given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering go directly to support the 3,000 missionary families serving in North America.

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.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

BIBLICAL ETHICS

"How do we know what is right and wrong?" is one of the most important questions for humanity. What is the standard of morality? Who decides what is good and evil? Who says whether something is pure or defiled, ethical or unethical? As God's children, we know God is the source for knowing right from wrong. He teaches us true morality in His written Word, the Bible, so that we would not be lost in endless speculation and the supposed wisdom of man. We believe in Biblical ethics, and we strive by grace for our thoughts, values, words, and actions to be shaped by Biblical ethics through the work of Christ within us.

Biblical ethics means having the **biblical goal, motive, and standard of morality** firmly fixed in our hearts and minds. In our series on Christian living, we have so far summarized: (1.) Union with Christ, (2.) Sanctification, and (3.) Practical Discipleship. This article summarizes the fourth and final subheading: (4.) Biblical ethics.

1. The Proper Ethical Goal. *Biblical thoughts, values, words, and actions are those that have the glory of Almighty God as their goal.* Paul commands the Christians at Corinth, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31) because in that way, they will learn to imitate Christ. Just three verses later, he summarizes the point of that whole section, saying, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Our number one practical goal is that all our thoughts, longings, and words, all our conduct, ministries, and attitude would glorify God, not ourselves. Peter exhorts the church, "whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be

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AM Sermon: One Household of God

Ephesians 2:17-22

Five design features of God's house:

1. One Entrance (vv. 17-18)

2. One Kingdom (v. 19)

3. One Foundation (v. 20a)

4. One Cornerstone (v. 20b)

5. One Indwelling Spirit (vv. 21-22)

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.

Your Name (in case we need to contact you)

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