

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

The first-generation church was devoted to worshipping on Sunday for *fellowship, eating together, hearing the Word, and celebrating the Lord's Supper*. Luke wrote, "On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7). They also took up a *collection* on Sundays for the work of God's kingdom throughout the world. Paul commanded, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

When the church assembled on Sunday, it was the prime opportunity to *join their voices* together to sing God's praises and give Him thanks. "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6). When the church gathers for worship, the many members of the church become "one voice" that honors God and calls upon Him in humble prayer.

In addition, when the church assembles for worship on Sunday, we *encourage each other* in faith, love, and good works for the Name of Christ. Scripture exhorts us, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:23-25). When we neglect gathering with the church, we neglect each other. The church is people, not an impersonal institution.

Since we love God and love people, we therefore love the church (which belongs to God and is filled with people). To continue to seek God and learn His will for your life, *first, keep prioritizing Sunday worship according to the example of Christians in the Bible.*

Second, feast on God's Word (the Bible) more and more. I offer six tips on how to do this in a way that will truly benefit you in heart, mind, soul, and life.

1. *View the Bible as God's life-giving Word that came through man, not as man's word about God based on their ideas and experience.* Paul commends the ancient church, saying, "we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers" (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

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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 – April 5th

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 – April 5th – Tina Holmes

Greeters – April 5th – John McDonald and Denise McDonald

Ushers - April 5th – Gil Brown, Josiah Brown, Mark Evans*, Wes Evans*, Mark Huna, and John Steplowski

Today's Ushers - Danny Akers, Dave Good, Nathan Good, Wayne Hudson*, Blair Knouse, and John McDonald

* ushers who greet in the lobby



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

March 29, 2026



READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:

- Deut. 17-20 Psalm 67 Prov. 19:13-16
- Deut. 21-24 Psalm 68:1-18 Prov. 19:17-20
- Deut. 25-29 Psalm 68:19-35 Prov. 19:21-24
- Deut. 30-34 Psalm 69:1-8 Prov. 19:1-6
- Catch-Up Day

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Facebook)
	After church	Youth/Adult Choir Practice (upstairs)
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Sister to Sister (Youth Café)
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group
	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	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

The Centurion Song (choir)

Reading: Revelation 15:3-4, The Song of the Lamb

It Is Well With My Soul | Abide With Me

Offering

SERMON: Nothing Can Stop God

Luke 19:28-40 (Pew Bible Page 1376)

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor | 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 51:1-6, A Cry for Mercy

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Reading & Prayer: Psalm 51:7-12, A Plea for Cleansing

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

SERMON: Forgiveness and Confession

Psalm 32 (Pew Bible Page 713)

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

DEACONS MEETING

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

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Prayer Group meets this Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

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. *There will be no Youth Group on Friday.* **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!

SECRETARY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Penny Brown will be filling in for Jenn Evans the next two weeks as Jenn's husband recovers from surgery. Penny will be the contact for the Prayer Chain during this time.

ON THE HORIZON

BCMD DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

A Disaster Relief Training will be held on Saturday, April 11th, from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM, at Covenant Church in Shepherdstown, WV. Classes will include an Introduction class, Mass Feeding, Recovery, Administration, Assessment, Shower and Laundry, and Chaplaincy. To register, visit bcmd.org/events. For more information, see Richard or Linda Perrine.

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.

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.

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.

APRIL MAGAZINES

April magazines are available in the magazine racks on either side of the lobby and downstairs by the exit. We also have a 7-day Easter devotional next to the bulletins. Please help yourself!

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

SEEKING GOD (WORSHIP AND GOD'S WORD)

"How do I seek God?" "How can I know God's will for my life?" Lots of people have these questions, and the world offers all kinds of answers. In this article, I point you to two simple and practical things that God tells us for how to seek Him and follow His will. **Number one: prioritize Sunday worship.** **Number two: feast on God's Word (the Bible) more and more.** When number one is done correctly, it becomes the best way you can do number two.

As the sea is saturated with water, proper worship is saturated with God's Word. If you want an Italian feast, go to an Italian restaurant. If you want to feast on God's Word -- so that you might seek God and learn His will -- go to a church that worships God properly. They are obviously, passionately, and unceasingly focused on God along with His love, power, goodness, and wisdom. What better place to be if you want to discover God and His will!

I give you, therefore, two encouragements to map out your future. **First, prioritize Sunday worship.** Commit to it. Plan other things around worship, rather than placing it in the "if I can" category. Cherish Sunday worship. Treasure it like a wounded soldier treasures the medic, like a lost hiker longs for a rescue party. Walk into the assembly with the right motive and the right goal. "I am coming for God." "I am coming for His Word and His will." "I want to glorify Him and sing His praises." "I want to give Him thanks and call out to Him in prayer." From the beginning of the Bible, God set apart one day each week for His people to give special attention to worship and rest. In our day, that day is Sunday.

We worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, because Jesus rose and first appeared on Sunday (John 20:1). He also first visited the disciples on Sunday (John 20:19), and then visited them again the next Sunday (John 20:26). Finally, Jesus also poured the Holy Spirit to establish the church on Sunday (Acts 2:1). These unique historical events set the pattern for Sunday worship. And Sunday worship will spread throughout the world and endure until Christ returns. (continues to the next page)

AM Sermon: Nothing Can Stop God Luke 19:28-40

“The honor of Christ is not left to the courtesy of men, it is secured by the decree of heaven.” -John Flavel

God orchestrates:

1. Prophecy
2. History
3. Worship



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.

