

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him” (1 John 3:6).

### 2. You will love God above all things, not things above God.

“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).

### 3. You will long to worship God and congregate with God’s people.

In one of the most sobering and heart-piercing passages to professing Christians in our day: “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries” (Hebrews 10:24-27). The ongoing deliberate sin of verse 26 is neglecting worship and fellowship with the church from verse 25. If this continues after receiving the truth, then those in question should expect what? What does Scripture say? “A fearful expectation of judgment.” Verse 26 says that for these professing Christians, “there no longer remains a sacrifice of sins.” That means that they should no longer consider themselves forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Christ. Are they forgiven? Are they cleansed? Do they belong to God? Then they will repent, and the last thing they will want to do is to “go on sinning deliberately” by “neglecting to meet together” as the habit of their lives. This is God’s Word. May God have mercy on us. In the Bible, the church is the body and bride of Christ, and a reliable gauge of our attitude toward Jesus is our attitude toward the church (Acts 9:4-5!).

4. You will long to hear God’s Word. God’s truths are “More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb” (Psalm 19:10). Children of God are desperate to hear the Word preached and to read the Word in private prayer.

5. You will long to be like Jesus (aka to be godly, holy, obedient). “Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me” (Psalm 119:133).

6. You will long for God and seek Him in prayer. “O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water” (Psalm 63:1; see Psalm 42:1-2).

If you have none of these, you are not born again. If you are born again, you will have at least a *seed* of these implanted in your heart. You will see these Spiritual realities to some degree and in some measure if you have been born of the Spirit through faith in Christ. These signs or evidences of new birth do not need to be fully grown or mature, but they will be present at least in *embryonic* form. The issue is the *true* presence of life, *not fully developed* life.

Are you born again, born of the Spirit, and born of God through faith in Jesus? Measure your life against the ruler of God’s Word. If you are born again, you will see biblical evidence in your heart, mind, and life. Jesus teaches, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).

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### Nursery Workers – April 26<sup>th</sup>

I AM (Crib) - Page Knox and Lynette Winzenried

II AM (Toddlers) – Maria and Julia Minichiello

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

**Prayer Intercessor** – April 26<sup>th</sup>– Gerry Cicone

**Greeters** – April 26<sup>th</sup>– Wayne and Sharon Hudson

**Ushers** - April 26<sup>th</sup>– Malik Baker-Gore, Bob Burman, Frank Cicone\*, Jim Feldbush, Gary McAllister, Tom Neunaber\*

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

\* ushers who greet in the lobby



## NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

*To live for Jesus and not ourselves.*

**April 19, 2026**

# Prayer Meeting

MAY 3

6:30-7:15 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

## READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week’s readings are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor. 9-13  | Psalm 78:32-55 | Prov. 21:21-26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 1-4   | Psalm 78:56-72 | Prov. 21:27-31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 5-8   | Psalm 79       | Prov. 22:1-8   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 9-12  | Psalm 80       | Prov. 22:9-16  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 13-16 | Psalm 81       | Prov. 22:17-23 |

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Facebook)
	After church	Music Ministry Meeting (Rm. 1)
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Rm. 1)
		Boys Bible Club (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys)
		Girls in Action (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls)
		Mission Friends (Nursery-K)
		Youth on Mission (7 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Reading: Philippians 3:7-11, The Surpassing Worth of Christ

*Rejoice the Lord is King | Immortal, Invisible*

Offering

**SERMON:** The Wonder of Christ

Ephesians 3:7-11 (Pew Bible Page 1570)

*In Christ Alone* | Baptism

Closing Prayer | Receiving Line

## EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading & Prayer: John 5:39-47, He Wrote of Me

*Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

Reading & Prayer: Acts 28:23-27, The Law and the Prophets

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**SERMON:** Opened to Us the Scriptures

Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible Page 1390)

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

\*Baptized believers may participate in the Lord's Supper

## 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](mailto:info@NorthHarford.org) if you have any questions or special prayer requests.

## UPCOMING PRAYER SERVICES

**March Prayer Meeting Attendance:** 35

**May Prayer Meeting:** Sunday 5/3

6:30-7:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

## WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

### MEETING WITH MUSIC MINISTRY

If you have been involved in the Sunday worship music ministry, you are invited to a meeting after church TODAY in room 1 regarding our search for a music minister AND your involvement in the process.

### DEACONS MEETING

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

## ON THE HORIZON

### SISTER TO SISTER

Ladies are invited to join Sister to Sister on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the Youth Café for a time of prayer and encouragement from God's Word. See Penny Brown with questions.

### BUSINESS MEETING

We will hold a Business Meeting on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 PM.

### PRAYER MEETING

Our next Prayer Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No one is forced to pray. Come be a part of a revival of congregational prayer.

### YOUTH GROUP SPRING FORMAL

The Youth Group will have a spring formal on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. It will be held at the Dallas Sutton building. This event is for students in high school (grades 9-12). The cost is \$20/person. Scholarships are available. There will be food, entertainment, and a photo booth. Please sign up in the lobby or at Church Center app so we know how many will be attending. Any questions, please see Jeremiah Brown.

### NEMOURS ESTATE VISIT

Ladies, the Women's Ministry is planning a trip to the Nemours Estate in Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The estate is open 10 AM—5 PM. We plan to meet at the entrance at 10 AM. You will have an option of touring the gardens and grounds (Garden Day Pass) or grounds, gardens, mansion and chauffeur's garage (Estate Day Pass). We will provide a ticket link when it becomes available. This is a new date, so there is a new sign-up sheet (pricing included). Please sign up so we know how many will be attending.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are having a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. The Men's Ministry will provide a hearty breakfast and Pastor Anthony will bring a message from The Book of Proverbs. Sign up on the Church Center app or in the lobby.

### BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

Please consider joining the Builders for Christ trip to Hillside Baptist Church in Springfield, MO from Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit their website [www.marylandbuildersforchrist.com](http://www.marylandbuildersforchrist.com) or contact Roger Williams.

## CHURCH NEWS

### MUSIC LEADER POSITION

In October, when our church's fiscal year begins, we approved a budget that includes a new part-time position for a music leader for our church (up to 8 hours/week at \$20/hour). We have begun to move forward in that endeavor. The opening, along with the full job description, is on our website so we can see and share it as the Lord leads. We have also posted it on select job sites. Below is the first section of the opening. It explains the duties and expectations:

1. We are prayerfully seeking a Christian man to lead a group of singers and musicians to create a rotation of various "teams" for morning and evening worship, teams that he will lead during worship, but is also able to lead music solo as needed.
2. Lead a regular – not necessarily weekly – practice for team building and development (flexible).
3. Working in collaboration with the pastors, choose a mix of older and newer songs for each service.
4. Working under the direction of the pastors, view the musical aspect of worship in service to the ministry of the Word and prayer, not an independent or autonomous ministry.

### INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR MUSIC LEADER

As applications come in, the pastors will bring viable candidates to the deacons for further review. If we begin an interview process for anyone, I will involve the music ministry team for collaboration, support, and feedback. The interview process will include but not be limited to: Discussion(s) with pastor and pastor(s), and a formal interview with the pastors and deacons. Part of that will be open to music ministry people to observe and take notes so that they can provide feedback and ask us questions. This will be followed by some sort of fellowship time and meal for face time and conversations. Part of the process will include the candidate leading music for AM and PM worship, along with some kind of fellowship time for more face time and conversations. If the pastors and deacons unanimously agree on 1 candidate, we would bring it to the church for a vote, requiring a 3/4 majority.

## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

### ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

Jesus taught that sinners need to be born again to be forgiven and enter a restored relationship with God. "You must be born again" (John 3:7). Being born again happens through the work of the Holy Spirit when a person believes in Jesus as Savior and Lord. To be born again is to be "born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Being born again is not something we earn by good works or achieve through religion. It is a gift from God that results immediately from His love, grace, and power. To be born again and born of the Spirit is to be "born of God" (1 John 5:1).

Are you born again? Is there evidence that you have been born of the Spirit, born of God through faith in Christ? If you are born again, then:

1. **You will desire to turn away from sin, not toward it.** "No one  
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## AM Sermon: The Wonder of Christ Ephesians 3:7-11

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Has the wonder of Jesus Christ captivated your heart?

1. The wonder of **preaching** Christ (vv. 7-9)

a. The purpose of preaching:

b. The point of preaching:

c. The power of preaching:

2. The wonder of the **church** of Christ (vv. 10-11)

a. The church \_\_\_\_\_ God's wisdom.

b. The church \_\_\_\_\_ God's purpose.

3. The wonder of **faith** in Christ (vv. 12-13).

a. Faith in Christ gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.

b. Faith in Christ give us \_\_\_\_\_ through suffering.