

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

you believe that some religious act, good work, or outward devotion saves you, helps save you, or keeps you saved? Then you are not ready for baptism. If you believe in Christ based on His sacrificial death, and if you know that nothing you do contributes to your salvation, then you are ready for baptism.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8-9). If you believe in Christ alone as your Savior, then you are saved. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

(D.) “Do I believe Jesus is both man and God, and therefore the only way to God?”

The reason we need salvation is because God is a holy lawgiver and righteous judge, and therefore, He will not turn a blind eye to our sinful rebellion and lawless hearts. He must judge sin! He must hold true to His holy and righteous nature!

The world and our pride say, “God will not judge you. You will be fine.” The Bible says that “God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Do you believe you are accountable to God? That you will stand before God and answer for how you lived the life He gave you? If you acknowledge God’s authority over you, you are on the right path.

The world and our pride say, “You don’t need a Savior. You can get to God on your own.” The Bible says that “there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5). Do you believe that Jesus is both God and man and therefore, the only “way” to fellowship with God? “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’” (John 14:6).

The world and our pride say, “Jesus was a great teacher, but he lived and died just like everyone else.” The Bible says that “in fact Christ has been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:20), and therefore, “he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:9). Jesus lives! Jesus invites and warmly welcomes sinners! Will you go to Him in faith for the forgiveness of sins? Would you trust in the living Savior for the gift of eternal life? God is ready and willing to receive you into “the immeasurable riches of His grace” as found in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:7).

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Nursery Workers – May 17th

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 – May 17th – Danny Akers

Greeters – May 17th– Anita Gearhart and Brian Akers

Ushers - May 17th – 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*, and Donny Wetters

* ushers who greet in the lobby



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

May 10, 2026



READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week’s readings are:

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| □ 1 Samuel 9-12 | Psalms 91 | Proverbs 24:23-27 |
| □ 1 Samuel 13-16 | Psalms 92 | Proverbs 24:28-34 |
| □ 1 Samuel 17-20 | Psalms 93 | Proverbs 25:1-7 |
| □ 1 Samuel 21-24 | Psalms 94 | Proverbs 25:8-14 |
| □ 1 Samuel 25-28 | Psalms 95 | Proverbs 25:15-22 |

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Facebook) No Evening Worship Service
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Women’s Trip to Nemours Estate Meets at church
Wednesday	6:15 PM	Fellowship Supper
Friday	7:00-9:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

Behold Our God

Reading: John 14:15, 21, 23-24

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed? | *Speak, O Lord*

Offering

SERMON: Christian Character

Ephesians 4: 1-3 (Pew Bible Page 1571)

Jesus Paid It All | Closing Prayer

NO EVENING WORSHIP

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

There is no Evening Worship Service tonight so that families can enjoy their time together celebrating their mothers. We are thankful for our moms and for the women who have pointed us to Christ. We know that today is not an easy day for everyone. We pray that you will seek the "God of all comfort" today and have His comfort and peace (2 Corinthians 1:3).

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

May Prayer Meeting Attendance: 30

June Prayer Meeting: June 7th

6:30-7:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

April Men's Breakfast Attendance: 25

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

TRUSTEES UPDATE

The trustees have elected Bill Tomlinson as their new chairman. Please pray for Bill and the trustees in their stewardship of the church properties and structures. It is a massive job and requires a lot of time, energy, and wisdom.

YOUTH UPDATE

Pastor Anthony will be leading the youth. He will be teaching on Friday nights and planning the overall schedule of all youth programs. Pray for Pastor Anthony, the wonderful volunteers, and the teens.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR ALPHA'S GLORY

Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Resource Center is doing their annual Baby Bottle Drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Pick up a bottle in the lobby, fill it with change and money, and return it to the lobby by Father's Day. If you'd prefer to write a check, please make it out to Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Resource Center and place it in the bottle.

WOMEN'S TRIP TO NEMOURS ESTATE

On Tuesday, at 8:30 AM, ladies will meet at the church to carpool to Nemours Estate in Wilmington, DE. On their way to Nemours, they will stop at Creek Side Diner in Kennett Square to eat. If you'd like to skip the diner and meet at Nemours, please let Robyn Smith know. They plan to be to Nemours by 11:30 AM. You can still sign up to attend. You will need to purchase your tickets on Nemours Estate's website and let Robyn Smith know so she can count you in the diner's reservation.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

We'll have a Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:15 PM. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share, if you are able.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are having a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 16th 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.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

Pastor Matt will begin a new Bible Study on **The Minor Prophets of Israel** on Sunday, May 17th in the sanctuary.

CALL TO BAPTISM

If you have turned to Jesus in faith for salvation, contact the church to start the process to be baptized and join the church (info@NorthHarford.org). See Acts 2:40-41 and Matthew 28:19-20 on God's will for new believers to be baptized and join the fellowship of Christians.

ON THE HORIZON

MEMORIAL DAY EVE COOKOUT

Come join us for a fun and delicious cookout on Sunday, May 24th, at 5 PM. We'll enjoy burgers and hot dogs off the grill with sides and desserts. There will be yard games to play and popsicles to enjoy! Invite others. If you are able, please signup in the lobby to bring food. Please bring the food by 4:30 PM.

CHURCH NEWS

A LOSS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lew Carter went to be with the Lord early Thursday morning. Services will be held at McComas Funeral Home in Bel Air on Thursday, May 14th, with visitation at 11 AM followed by the funeral at noon. Interment will follow at Bel Air Memorial Gardens. Please keep Faye and family in your prayers.

BUSINESS MEETING

At last Sunday evening's Business Meeting, Phoebe Evans, Remona Fletcher and Eric Heinze were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. They will join Andrew Evans, Tom Neunaber, and Thelma Rush. Peter Vaughan will serve as the alternate. We, also, elected Pastor Matt Fortunato and Pastor Anthony Wilson to be messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting in June.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Justen Winemiller and Steve and Janice Sugarman were voted in as members at last Sunday's Business Meeting. We are thankful they have joined us! Welcome Justen, Steve, and Janice!

OUR GRADUATES

Please let the church office know of anyone who is graduation from high school or college this year or last semester.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

AM I READY FOR BAPTISM? PART 3

We've been thinking about the question, "Am I ready for baptism?" Since baptism is for believers in Jesus, the question is, "Do I believe?" We've been looking at questions to help you discern if you truly believe or not.

(C.) "Do I know salvation is a gracious gift of God that is received by faith, never by works?" The Bible teaches sinners can only be "justified by faith apart from works of the law" (Rom. 3:28) and that "by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight" (Rom. 3:20). Do

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AM Sermon: Christian Character
Ephesians 4:1-3

Five Character Traits of Children of God:

1. Children of God are _____.

2. Children of God are _____.

3. Children of God are _____.

4. Children of God are _____.

5. Children of God are _____.