

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

For a revival of prayer in our hearts, homes, and church, we need to look away from ourselves and turn intently and intensely to God. We need Christ, our living Savior, to revive our pleas and cries before God's throne. "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you" (Psalm 85:6)? In the spirit of looking away from self unto Christ above, **here are four reasons to trust God for a revival of prayer.**

1. God's Sovereign Power. Since God rules over all things, we trust His power to accomplish His will in our hearts, lives, families, and church. "The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all" (Psalm 103:19). We cannot do a single good thing without God, but "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

2. God's Providential Mercy. Since God shows mercy daily, we trust we will have compassion and kindness toward us as we strive to do His will. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Without mercy we can only produce a shell of false religion, but with a fresh supply of daily we walk with God in sweet communion and holy power. Christ is our daily bread, our provision of divine mercy.

3. God's Spirit Mighty Upon Us. Since the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts and binds us together in Christ, we trust God will strengthen, sanctify, and sustain us through trials and tribulations. May God "grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Ephesians 3:16). Without the Spirit we are a sail without wind, a wheel without an axle. We would surely lose heart if left alone. Let us thank God for the gift, presence, and work of the Holy Spirit.

4. God's Word Working Within Us. Since we have been born again by the living and abiding Word of God (1 Peter 1:23), we trust God to build us up and teach us how to live for Him and not ourselves. Jesus saved us through "the word of God, which is at work in you believers" (1 Thesalonians 2:13). The holy fruit of salvation is that we deny ourselves (Matthew 16:24), imitate God (Ephesians 5:1), and live for Jesus. "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).

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Nursery Workers – May 24th
I AM (Crib) - Page Knox and Lynette Winzenried
II AM (Toddlers) – Maria Minichiello and Julia Minichiello
PM– Combined I/II – No Evening Service
Prayer Intercessor – May 24th – Meg Fornoff
Greeters – May 24th– Wayne and Sharon Hudson
Ushers - May 24th – Malik Baker-Gore, Bob Burman, Frank Cicone*, Jim Feldbush, Gary McAllister, and Tom Neunaber*
Today's Ushers - Bob Doss, Jim Dougherty, Andrew Evans*, Eric Heinze, Vince Minichiello*, and Peter Vaughan
*ushers who greet in the lobby



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

May 17, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY "EVE" COOKOUT

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Sunday, May 24th at 5 PM

FREE Family-Friendly Fun!

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
off the grill with sides and desserts
Yard Games | Popsicles
Short Devotional

Sign up in the lobby if you can provide a side or dessert.

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

- This week's readings are:
- 1 Samuel 29-31 Psalm 96 Proverbs 25:23-28
 - 2 Samuel 1-4 Psalm 97 Proverbs 26:1-7
 - 2 Samuel 5-8 Psalm 98 Proverbs 26:8-14
 - 2 Samuel 9-12 Psalm 99-100 Proverbs 26:15-21
 - 2 Samuel 13-16 Psalm 101 Proverbs 26:22-28

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Service* (Church/Facebook) 6:30PM Evening Worship* (Church/Facebook)
Wednesday	9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:30 PM 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	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

The Goodness of God

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

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King | Holy, Holy, Holy

Offering

SERMON: Christian Character

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

10,000 Reasons | Closing Prayer

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading & Prayer: Matthew 7:21-23, Those Who Never
Knew Christ

I Need Thee Every Hour

Reading & Prayer: Luke 18:9-14, The Pharisee and Tax
Collector

Nothing But the Blood

SERMON: Martha's Problem

Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible Page 1360)

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 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

PASTOR ANTHONY IS ON VACATION

Pastor Anthony and family are on vacation. He will return to the office on Wednesday. Pray for the family to have a good, restful vacation and safe travels.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Our Men's Prayer Group meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30—10:00 AM every FIRST and THIRD Wednesday. They will meet this Wednesday. Come when you can for encouragement and prayer. They have a new additional time for meeting. See the announcement under Church News.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR ALPHA'S GLORY

Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Resource Center is doing its 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.

MEMORIAL DAY EVE COOKOUT

Join us for a fun and delicious cookout next Sunday, May 24th, at 5 PM. We'll enjoy burgers and hot dogs hot 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 sign up in the lobby to bring food.* Please bring the food by 4:30 PM.

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

CHURCH WORKDAY

The trustees invite you to a workday on Saturday, June 13th, at 8 AM. Many hands make light work - come help! Contact Bill Tomlinson for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are having a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 20th, 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.

CHURCH NEWS

NEW MEN'S PRAYER GROUP!

In addition to the morning Men's Prayer Group, we are adding one at 6:30 PM on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesdays of the month.

OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to our college and high school graduates!



Josiah Brown from Churchville Christian School (homeschool)



Bradyn Citro from Churchville Christian School (homeschool)



Andrew Evans from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (Diesel Technology)



Grace Feldbush from Harford Community College (Nursing)

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

REVIVAL OF PRAYER, PART 1

One of my chief prayers for our church family is that God would grant us a great revival of prayer. How can that happen? Where does it begin? What would it look like? I will address these questions in a short series of articles.

How can a revival of prayer happen? ***The first step is to realize we cannot produce such a thing on our own, but only God can do it. A revival of prayer is a work of God, not of man.*** Step one is believing this fact. In Jerusalem in 520 B.C., Zerubbabel the governor was leading the effort to rebuild the Temple. God reminded him, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). Could the Temple be rebuilt by mere human effort and wisdom? No, only by the Spirit of God would it be achieved. What is the lesson? The lesson is that only God can do what needs to be done for the people of God.

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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 _____.