

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

church but lazy in prayer in life? Repent today. Weep and mourn and seek the mercy of Christ. Israel was saved from Egypt but ignored God, served Him superficially and hypocritically, and gave their hearts to idols. "Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:12-13).

It is a grotesque and atrocious thing to claim God's Name and not seek and rely upon Him. A prayerless life is not a godly life. A religious life void of prayer is a sham that God despises. Children of God long for prayer because they long for God. "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God" (Psalm 42:1-2)?

2. Those who know God do not ramble aimlessly with "empty phrases" that neither worship Him, thank Him, confess to Him, or ask Him anything. "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:7-8). Prayer is not storytelling. Prayer is not pointlessly describing the world to God.

To pour out your heart to God: (1.) worship Him for who He is, what He is like, and what He has done and said, (2.) thank Him for all He has given and promises, for physical and spiritual blessings, for temporal and eternal gifts, for guidance, wisdom, power, etc., (3.) confess your sin to Him, ask for forgiveness, and plead for mercy, cleansing, and the gift of repentance, and, (4.) ask Him to provide all that you need for life and godliness, laying your requests before Him with humility, honesty, and a conscience shaped by His Word.

3. Those who know God will, over time, learn more and more how to pray the model prayer in all its elements. "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil'" (Matthew 6:9-13). Read 1 Samuel 1 to learn some things about prayer through the story of Hannah. Also begin reading through the Psalms to learn how to pray in different situations, struggles, and sorrows. Growing in prayer takes time. And it requires a context where you are already growing in faith and seeking the Lord according to His Word. A seed cannot be planted in concrete. It must be planted in good soil, then it will bear fruit. Despair of yourself and look to Christ. Receive and rest in Him, and cry out to Him to revive you in and prayer. *Revival will come through prayer only after a revival of and in prayer.*

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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 – June 7th
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 – June 7th – Tina Holmes
Greeters – June 7th – Andrew Evans and Jenn Evans
Ushers - June 7th – Gil Brown, Josiah Brown, Mark Evans*, Wes Evans*, Mark Huna, and John Steplowski
Today's Ushers - Danny Akers, Dave Good, Nathan Good, Wayne Hudson, John McDonald, and Blair Knouse
** ushers who greet in the lobby*



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

May 31, 2026

Ladies' Breakfast and Plant Exchange
Saturday, June 6 at 9 AM
Sign up in the lobby or on the Church Center app. Bring a breakfast food and plants (if you have any)

Prayer Meeting
JUNE 7
6:30-7:15 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:
1 Kings 13-17 Ps 105:23-45 Proverbs 28:8-14
1 Kings 18-22 Ps 106:1-23 Proverbs 28:15-21
2 Kings 1-4 Ps 106:24-48 Proverbs 28:22-28
2 Kings 5-8 Ps 107:1-22 Proverbs 29:1-7
2 Kings 9-12 Ps 107:23-43 Proverbs 29:8-14

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Service* (Church/Online) 5:00PM Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM Evening Worship* (Church/Online)
Monday	6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 PM Men's Prayer Group (Pr Matt's office) 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
Saturday	9:00 AM Ladies' Breakfast and Plant Exchange

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

O Praise the Name

Reading: Proverbs 21:3, Justice and Worship

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

There Is a Redeemer

Offering

SERMON: God's Justice, part 1

Exodus 20:13-15 (Pew Bible Page 121)

All Glory Be to Christ | Closing Prayer

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome

Reading & Prayer: Matthew 12:33-34, Words Come
From the Heart

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Reading & Prayer: Matthew 12:35-37, Words Will be
Judged

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SERMON: Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible Page 1164)

Closing Prayer

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

May Men's Breakfast Attendance: 22

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

KIDS KAMP REGISTRATIONS DUE TODAY

Kids Kamp is a day camp for 9-to-12-year-olds held at Camp Wo-Me-To. The camp will be held on June 29th through July 3rd from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. The cost is \$140. There are discounts for sending multiple campers and scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit is required per camper at the time of registration. *Registrations are due TODAY.*

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet today at 5 PM in Room 24.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The trustees will meet on Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 PM in Room 1.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUPS

Our men's prayer groups meet every FIRST and THIRD Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall and at 6:30 PM in Pastor Matt's office. Come when you can for encouragement and prayer. They meet this Wednesday.

LADIES' BREAKFAST AND PLANT EXCHANGE

The ladies will have a breakfast, a devotional, and a plant exchange on Saturday, June 6th, at 9 AM. Please bring a breakfast food and a plant(s) to exchange (if you have one). Please sign up in the lobby or Church Center App to let us know you're attending and what breakfast food you will bring. If you decide to bring plants, please include a note with them that lists their names and planting instructions (e.g., full sun or shade).

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.

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.

LOOKING FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS?

Pastor Matt's Sunday School Class, which meets in the sanctuary, will begin a new study next Sunday at 9:30 AM. The study will examine the Minor Prophets.

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.

BASKETBALL CAMP VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Jarrettsville Basketball Camp volunteers will meet after church on Sunday, June 14th, for 45 minutes in Room 1. More volunteers are needed! Sign up on the Church Center App or in the lobby. Contact Brian Akers with questions.

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 the pastor will bring a message from The Book of Proverbs. Sign up on the Church Center app or in the lobby.

CHURCH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday, Stacy Dondalski was baptized. We are thankful for her profession of faith. A vote for her membership will take place at the next Business Meeting. If you have not introduced yourself to her yet, please do so. Congratulations, Stacy!

CRIB NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We have an immediate need for two crib nursery workers and a crib Sunday School teacher. Please contact Lynette Winzenried for more information and to volunteer.

JUNE MAGAZINES AND SUMMER DEVOTIONALS

New magazines and devotionals are available in the magazine racks on either side of the lobby and by the exit downstairs. Please help yourself!

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

REVIVAL OF PRAYER, PART 3

Private prayer is the engine of a spiritually minded life. It is the legs of walking by faith, carrying God's children forward in humility, reverence, and a pressing awareness of their desperate need for His presence, power, help, and guidance. Without prayer, we are hypocrites. If hypocrites, we are lost. If lost, look to Christ in faith and be born again.

1. Those whose reward is God seek Him in private prayer. "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward." ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:5-6).

Have you not been praying? Are you busy in ministry at
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AM Sermon: God's Justice, part 1
Exodus 20:13-15

The Ten Commandments:

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath
5. Honor your father and mother
6. **You shall not murder**
7. **You shall not commit adultery**

6th Commandment

The Why:

The Way:

7th Commandment

The Why:

The Way
