

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

The Spirit-filled preaching of God's Word is the centerpiece of worship, and the gracious gospel is the centerpiece of preaching. Why is that? Is it merely intellectual, just to be sure we still have the facts, the raw data, just so? No, it is because we have an ongoing pressing need for the grace of God in our hearts, minds, mouths, and lives in the practical ways listed above. "It is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace" (Hebrews 13:9). "The word of His grace... is able to build you up" (Acts 20:32). We need a steady diet of God's Word, "which is at work in you believers."

Worship's goal is the glory and praise of God. Its motive is love and gratitude toward God. Its standard is the Bible, whose teachings command us to gather as Christ's church on Sundays to:

- (1.) sing God's praises,
- (2.) give God thanks,
- (3.) cry out to God in prayer,
- (4.) read, preach, and receive God's Word,
- (5.) contribute to the work of God's kingdom,
- (6.) celebrate the Lord's supper, and
- (7.) enjoy Spiritual fellowship for mutual encouragement and edification.

Our hearts should be filled with joy and gladness, humility and sincerity, and a healthy fear of the Lord (which is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge). Our minds should be driven by a hunger for truth, a zeal for godliness, and a holy hatred for sin. Above all, our souls should be stirred with an affectionate love for God, an abiding sense of our need for God, and a longing to meet with Him by the power of the Word and through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit.

People who love God want to worship Him. Let us therefore, brothers and sisters, worship the One we love, the One who first loved us by the blood of Christ. Some people love money above all else. Others love attention. Others love fame, pleasure, or material possessions. We give ourselves over to whatever we love most. We lay everything else aside to pursue what we love the most. Do you love God most? Then repent, pray, and worship. As children of God through faith in Christ, our love for Him is first. God is first. "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24).

ONLINE GIVING

If you would prefer to give online, please scan the QR code for a secure online giving option.



NEED HELP?

Need help with a practical need? Your deacon is here to help make the resources of the church available to you. Email our secretary Jenn if you do not know who your deacon is (secretary@NorthHarford.org)

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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 14th

I AM (Crib) - Colleen Good and Janie Steplowski

II AM (Toddlers) – Matt/Jenn Evans and Sarah Evans

PM– Combined I/II – Lynette Winzenried and Jordyn Fortunato

Prayer Intercessor – June 14th – Joan Snyder

Greeters – June 14th – Sallye Hoover and Wes Evans

Ushers - June 14th – Brian Akers*, Bradyn Citro, Bill Fornoff, Richard Perrine, Bill Tomlinson*, and Don Wetters

Today's Ushers - Gil Brown, Josiah Brown, Mark Evans*, Wes Evans*, Mark Huna, and John Steplowski

* ushers who greet in the lobby



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

June 7, 2026

Prayer Meeting

TONIGHT
6:30-7:15 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:

2 Kings 13-16	Ps 108	Proverbs 29:15-21
2 Kings 17-20	Ps 109:1-15	Proverbs 29:22-27
2 Kings 21-25	Ps 109:16-31	Proverbs 30:1-9
Mark 1-4	Ps 110; Matt 22:41-46; Acts 2:22-26	
Mark 5-8	Ps 110; Heb 1:1-13; Eph 1:15-23	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Online)
	6:30PM	Prayer Meeting*
Wednesday	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	8:00 AM	Church Workday

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

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

Be Thou My Vision

Reading: Matthew 16:13-18, Christ's Church

To God Be the Glory

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Offering

SERMON: Biblical Maturity (in the local church)

Ephesians 4:7-16 (Pew Bible Page 1571)

Lord's Supper* | *His Mercy Is More*

Closing Prayer | *Doxology*

*Baptized believers may participate in the Lord's Supper

PRAYER MEETING

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Tonight at 6:30, we will have our monthly Prayer Meeting. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall around tables. No one will be forced to pray. The focused prayer for our nation and leaders will be a part of this meeting. Come be a part of a revival of congregational 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

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING

The Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting begins today and ends on Wednesday in Orlando, Florida. We are sending our pastors as messengers to the meeting. They will be out of the office Monday through Wednesday.

CHURCH WORKDAY

The trustees invite you to a workday on Saturday, June 13th, at 8 AM. Come help - many hands make light work! 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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Nominating Committee will meet on Sunday, June 14th, at 5:30 PM in Room 24.

REMINDER TO HEADS OF COMMITTEES

Your committee's budget requests are due next Sunday.

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, June 20th. 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.

ON THE HORIZON

MEN'S BREAKFAST CANCELED

The June Men's Breakfast has been canceled.

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on Friday, June 19th, at 6 PM to discuss next year's budget.

CHURCH NEWS

MAY GIVING

General Fund: \$37,468.47

Maintenance Fund: \$1,240.30

Baltimore Rescue Mission: \$1,760.15

Camp Wo-Me-To: \$300.00

Annie Armstrong: \$200.00

Mission Dignity: \$340.00

Other Missions: \$745.80

Total: \$42,054.72

Budget: \$43,870.29

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.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

REVIVAL OF PRAYER, PART 4

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

In this series about a *revival of prayer* from God, we have discussed the necessity of *genuine repentance and private prayer*. Another necessity is *congregational worship*. A man who wants a revival but neglects worship is a man who wants to get faster but never runs. He wants the results of a work of God, but he does not want God. He wants nourishment without food, hydration without water, strength without rest, and healing without treatment. He is a fool. Let us repent. Let us devote ourselves privately to prayer. But let us also gather faithfully for congregational worship according to His Word. In this, we avoid the dreadful sins of hypocrisy, self-deception, and useless religion.

Since the third generation of human existence, God's people have gathered for prayer and worship (Genesis 4:26). Since Jesus rose on Sunday, appeared on Sundays, and poured out the Spirit on Sunday, the church has gathered for prayer and worship on Sundays. For almost 2,000 years, faithful Christians have congregated to praise God and hear His Word because they love Him, need Him, fear Him, and desire to honor, please, glorify, and seek Him. We worship the Father who loves us, Jesus who died for us, and the Spirit who fills us.

When the church gathers to worship God "in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24), He receives our worship, is pleased by our worship, and meets us in our worship to administer His grace to our hearts in various ways. This is our greatest practical need, God's grace administered to our hearts by the Word and Spirit to comfort, guide, sanctify, strengthen, and preserve us as "we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

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AM Sermon: Biblical Maturity (in the local church)
Ephesians 3:7-16

Jesus gives a diversity of gifts for the maturity of the body.

1. Diversity of Gifts (verses 7-12)

a. The Provider of Gifts: _____

b. The Power of the Gifts: _____

c. The Purpose of the Gifts: _____

2. Maturity of the Body (verses 13-16)

a. Unity in Christ

b. The Truth of Christ

c. The Love of Christ

MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Ministry is planning a Men's Retreat at Mill Creek Falls Retreat Center in Airville, PA, for men and boys who are 14 years old and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult (preferably their father). The theme will be "Magnifying the Lord Together."

They will meet at the retreat center on Friday, September 18th, any time after noon, and leave on Saturday, September 19th, by 4 PM. The retreat will include a dinner on Friday, an overnight stay, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. There will be time for fellowship, hearing the Word of God, and enjoying the outdoors.

Cost will be \$25 for adults; free for minors.

Registration will begin on Sunday, June 21st. See Bill Tomlinson with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE