ON THE HORIZON

COOKIES FOR THE BALTIMORE RESCUE MISSION

The Women's Ministry Team received a suggestion to bake cookies for Christmas for the Baltimore Rescue Mission over the months of October and November to alleviate some of the busyness during the Christmas season. Our first collection is on Sunday, October 18th. Please make what you like but be sure to label the bags with the quantity and type. If we get enough, we'll pack some bags. If not, we'll freeze them and pack them at our normal packing time in December. Please do not freeze your cookies but place them in the fridge. Sign up in the lobby if you plan to bring cookies for October.

LADIES' COFFEE KLATCH

We are trying a monthly coffee klatch. Our first gathering will be Wednesday, October 14th, from 9:30-10:30 AM. This will be an opportunity to get together for coffee/tea and light snacks; attendees can contribute. It will be about an hour long, with an opportunity to chat, share prayer requests, or have someone share their testimony. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

MEN'S CAMPFIRE

The men are having a campfire on Saturday, October 24th, at 6:30 PM at the Evans' house in Jarrettsville. The theme is "On Fire for the Lord." Pizza and drinks will be provided. Sign up in the lobby if you can attend.

FALL WORKDAY

We are having a church workday on Saturday, October 31st, at 8 AM. All members of all ages are encouraged to come help! We'll be cleaning, painting, repairing, and whatever else is needed in the Ralph Minton Building. Lunch will be provided for the workers. Please sign up in the lobby if you can attend.

CHURCH NEWS

WITH SYMPATHY

Norma Dunn, Suzanne Heiss' mother, went to be with the Lord on September 9th. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 17th, at 11 AM, at First Baptist Church of Elkton. Please keep the family in your prayers.

CHURCH NEWS (CONTINUED)

SEPTEMBER GIVING

General Fund: $42,072.78
Benevolence: $330.40
Annie Armstrong: $200.00
Jarrettsville Basketball Camp: $650.12
Total: $46,578.30

Maintenance: $690.00
Baltimore Rescue Mission: $1,580.00
Mission Dignity: $535.00
Other Missions: $520.00
General Fund Budget: $44,033.77

PASTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT

PROVERBS 2:16-22

16 So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words,
17 who forsakes the companion of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God;
18 for her house sinks down to death,
and her paths to the departed;
19 none who go to her come back,
nor do they regain the paths of life.
20 So you will walk in the way of the good
and keep to the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright will inhabit the land,
and those with integrity will remain in it,
22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land,
and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

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MINISTRIES – OCTOBER 11TH

Nursery Workers
Crib – Colleen Good and Jennifer Evans
Toddlers – Matt Evans and Sarah Evans
PM – Combined – Lynette Winzenried and Jordyn Fortunato

Prayer Intercessor – Susan Dougherty
Greeters – Andrew Evans and Jennifer Evans
Ushers – 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.

October 4, 2026

Prayer Meeting

TONIGHT
6:30-7:15 PM
SANCTUARY

This week's readings are:

Ezekiel 1-5	Proverbs 1:1-19
Ezekiel 6-10	Proverbs 1:20-33
Ezekiel 11-15	Proverbs 2:1-15
Ezekiel 16-20	Proverbs 2:16-22
Ezekiel 21-15	Proverbs 3

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service*
	After Church	Christmas Children's Choir Practice
	After Children's Choir	Christmas Choir Practice
	2:00 PM	Youth Return to the Church
	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting*
Tuesday	9:15 AM	Precept Ladies' Bible Study
	5:00 PM	GriefShare (Youth Café)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study* (Room 1)
		Boys Bible Club (1st-6th grade boys)
		Girls in Action (1st-6th grade girls)
		Mission Friends (Nursery-K)
		Youth Bible Study (7th—12th graders)
Friday	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bonfire at the church
	7:00 - 9:30 PM	Youth Group

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

Scan the QR Code to visit our Sermon Audio page to view our pastor's articles and sermons.

NEXT PRAYER MEETING: TONIGHT at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary

Scan the QR code or email info@NorthHarford.org to sign up for weekly emails and inclement weather announcements.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements
Reminder of Grace: Genesis 6:7-8, Noah Found Favor
Prayer: Adoration and Confession
This Is My Father's World
Proverb of the Week: Proverbs 2:16-22, The Paths of the Righteous
Prayer: Thanksgiving and Supplication
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Abide with Me
Offering (1 Timothy 6:17-19)
SERMON: Welcome to the Gospel
Romans 1:1-6 (Pew Bible Page 1493)
Lord's Supper*
In Christ Alone
Invitation to Christ and Benediction
Doxology
*Baptized believers may participate in the Lord's Supper.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting: for revival, awakening, a harvest of souls, our next associate pastor, and our nation and leaders
The Law of God: Exodus 20:4-6, The Second Commandment
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 5, Consider My Groaning

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

PLANS FOR THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Our church is in a time of transition. But God is faithful and more than competent to sustain us and work out His will among us. He is faithful, and He knows exactly what we need. The first and by far the most important thing **in** this process is to seek God's will through **humble prayer and private fasting**. Then, I hope to begin the process of forming a search committee near the end of September for an Associate Pastor who will focus on youth and young adults, also called student ministries.
FIRST, I plead with you to come to our prayer meeting tonight at 6:30 in the sanctuary. **SECOND**, please consider a time of fasting during which you can seek God in private prayer, while also experiencing and demonstrating a deep dependence on God to sustain you. There are different ways to fast, and you can choose the time and length of your fast. Just remember that fasting is **meant to be private (Matthew 6:16–18). Making a show of it is abhorrent to God.** People should not know that you are fasting, and you don't need to ask anyone else about their fasting!
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PLANS FOR THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

SOME IDEAS:
1. **Fast from food**, drinking only water or black tea or coffee. For example, skip dinner and breakfast for a 24-hour fast. Or skip a whole waking day for essentially a 48-hour fast. Go longer if the Lord leads you.
2. For health reasons, some cannot do #1. But you can eat only what is necessary, fasting from any extra indulgences, e.g., desserts, unnecessary snacking, or "treat" beverages.
3. **Fast from all screens and/or entertainment and games** to give that time to prayer and the Word. For this to be felt like a food fast, it would need to be longer **because food is a necessity, but screens and entertainment are not**—a week, two weeks, a month?

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

YOUTH RETREAT
Thank you to everyone who provided cookies for the retreat! Please continue to pray for the 34 youth and 10 youth workers who are on the retreat. They will return to the church today at 2 PM.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE
Choir practice is in the fellowship hall downstairs ten minutes after church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Children's choir, 4-year-olds through sixth grade, begins practicing today immediately after the morning church service for 10 minutes. We will continue to meet every Sunday for 10 minutes until December 20th. The children's choir will be a part of the Christmas Concert on December 23rd. Please meet in the fellowship hall downstairs by the piano. The adult choir will still meet but will start 10 minutes later, directly following the children's choir. If you have any questions, please see Ruth Good.

LADIES' BONFIRE
Our Ladies' Bonfire is this Friday at 7 PM at the church. Please sign up in the lobby to indicate your attendance and whether you plan to bring additional snacks. Remember to bring your chair, but if you don't have one, we will bring one from the church. We'll provide water and supplies for s'mores. We sent an invitation to the youth group moms to join us.

GUEST PASTORS
On October 11th, Pastor Matt will be guest preaching for a close friend in New Jersey. Jason Manry will teach his Sunday School class and preach in the morning service. In the Evening Service, Pastor Matt will be here, and Mike Christ will preach.

ROMANS 1:1-6, WELCOME TO THE GOSPEL (AM)

The gospel is the good news of salvation in Jesus.

1. The Giver of the Gospel

2. The Glory of the Gospel

3. The Goal of the Gospel