LUKE 1:26-45, ANNOUNCING CHRIST (PM)

Main Question: Who is Mary's baby?

1. Savior

2. Son

3. Ruler

4. God

CHURCH NEWS

FORMING A SEARCH COMMITTEE

I am in the beginning stages of forming a Search Committee for our next Associate Pastor. It will be comprised of me (Pastor Matt), Jenn, a couple of deacons, and hopefully 5 others from the church. We will collect names for about a month, and then those names will come before the church on a ballot to narrow it down.

To be considered for the ballot, you must be an active member for at least 6 months and consistently attend Sunday School, a.m. worship, either Sunday p.m. or Wednesday p.m., and have participated to some degree in our monthly prayer meetings and our recent season of prayer and fasting in your own way. If you would like to be considered or if you have questions, please email me and Jenn at info@northharford.org.

If you think someone else should be considered, please contact them directly and ask them to think and pray about it. If they decide, they can also email us personally. Continue to pray for God's wisdom, guidance, and patience, and for us to have humility, peace, and the charity of Christ in this process.

SECRET PAL

Ladies, would you like to be a Secret Pal to a widow in our church family? You would send them a card each month and small gifts for holidays and their birthday. See Bev Herbert, Sara Caro, or Shannon Lewis if you are interested.

PASTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT

PROVERBS 3:9-12

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. 11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof,
12 for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

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MINISTRIES – OCTOBER 25TH

Nursery Workers
Crib – Page Knox and Lynette Winzenried
Toddlers – Maria Minichiello and Julia Minichiello
PM – Combined – Dave Good and Linda Perrine
Prayer Intercessor – Gerry Cicone
Greeters – John and Denise McDonald
Ushers – Bob Burman, Frank Cicone*, Jim Feldbush, Gary McAllister, Tom Neunaber*, Steve Sugarman
Today's Ushers – Jim Dougherty, Andrew Evans*, Eric Heinze, Vince Minichiello*, Peter Vaughan, and Justen Winemiller
* *ushers who greet in the lobby*

NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

October 18, 2026



This week's readings are:

Obadiah	Proverbs 8
1 Chronicles 1-5	Proverbs 9
1 Chronicles 6-10	Proverbs 10:1-16
1 Chronicles 11-15	Proverbs 10:17-32
1 Chronicles 16-20	Proverbs 11:1-15

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service*
	After Church	Christmas Choirs Practice
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship*
Tuesday	9:15 AM	Precept Ladies' Bible Study
	5:00 PM	GriefShare (Youth Café)
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Women's Ministry Meeting
	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)
Saturday	12:00 PM	Secret Pal Luncheon
Friday	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: November 1st 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 Pastor Appreciation Presentation
Announcements
Reminder of Grace: Psalm 86:15, Mercy and Grace
Prayer: Adoration and Confession
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
Proverb of the Week: Proverbs 3:9-12, Honor Yahweh
Prayer: Thanksgiving and Supplication
Immortal, Invisible
Behold Our God
Offering (Romans12:12-13)
SERMON: The Fruit of the Gospel
Romans 1:5-7 (Pew Bible Page 1493)
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Invitation to Christ and Benediction

EVENING WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements
The Law of God: Exodus 20:8-11, The Fourth Commandment
Blessed Be Your Name
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 7, Refuge in God
Prayer: Thanksgiving and Supplication
And Can It Be?
SERMON: Announcing Christ
Luke 1:26-45 (Pew Bible Page 1334)
Lord's Supper (Baptized believers may participate in the Lord's Supper)
Doxology
Prayer: Consecration

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!

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS PRACTICE

Both the Children's and Adult Choirs practice in the fellowship hall downstairs immediately after church. The Children's Choir practices first for ten minutes, then the adult choir. See Ruth Good with any questions.

COOKIES FOR THE BALTIMORE RESCUE MISSION

To ease the busyness of the Christmas season, we are collecting cookies for the Baltimore Rescue Mission early. Our first collection is today! 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. We'll have another collection in November.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

The Women's Ministry team will meet on Wednesday at 11 AM.

SECRET PAL LUNCHEON

The Secret Pal Luncheon is this Saturday, October 24th, at noon.

DEACONS' MEETING

The deacons will meet next Sunday at 5 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Pastor John will be preaching the evening sermon on October 25th.

ON THE HORIZON

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 or the Church Center app if you can attend.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

We are having a Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, October 28th, at 6:15 PM. If you are able, please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share with your church family.

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.

LADIES' COFFEE KLATCH

We are trying a monthly coffee klatch. Our first date is now Monday, November 9th, from 9:30-10:30 AM. This will be an opportunity to get together for coffee/tea and light snacks; attendees can contribute. It's also a chance to chat, share prayer requests, or hear someone's testimony. Sign up in the lobby or the Church Center app.

DRIVEN BY THE WORD CONFERENCE

Our third annual Driven by the Word Conference will be held at First Baptist of Perryville on Saturday, November 14th, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. A lunch will follow the conference. This year's theme is worship. Nursery will be provided. Sign up in the lobby or the Church Center app if you plan to attend.

ROMANS 1L5-7, THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL (AM)

Main Point: The gospel bears much fruit in us and through us for the glory of God.

1. Fruit born through us.

2. Fruit born in us.