GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

COOKIES FOR BALTIMORE RESCUE MISSION

To ease the busyness of the Christmas season, we are collecting cookies for the Baltimore Rescue Mission early. These cookies will be a part of the Rescue Mission's gift bags for the 250 men who will be at the mission on Christmas Eve. We are the only church that supplies these cookies. That is why our goal is to make 250 dozen cookies. We will use any leftovers to make a cookie tray for the Karis Home for women and children.

Please label the bags with the quantity and type. Please don't freeze your cookies; place them in the fridge. Please bring your cookies by **Sunday, November 15th**. Our last collection date will be Sunday, December 6th.

We will gather to pack the cookies on Thursday, December 10th at 7 PM.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be printing directories in time for Christmas. Please look at your listing and let the church secretary know of any changes or corrections by November 22nd. You can call the church or email Jenn at secretary@NorthHarford.org.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS (GRIEF SHARE)

This Grief Share event helps us cope with the holidays after we lose someone. It will be held on November 19th at 10:30 AM in the café at the Dallas Sutton building. If you have any questions, see Robyn Smith. Use the QR code to sign up.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Youth Group will have its Christmas party on Friday, December 11th at 7 PM in the Dallas Sutton building.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas concert will be on Wednesday, December 23rd at 7 PM and will feature our children's and Youth/Adult choirs.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

NOVEMBER MAGAZINES

November magazines are available in the magazine racks on either side of the lobby and downstairs by the exit.

PRAYER INTERCESSOR NEEDED

We need one more prayer intercessor for the fifth Sunday of the month (4x/year). A prayer intercessor takes a guide to the prayer room and prays for the congregation and pastor during the morning worship service. If you would like to become a prayer intercessor, please contact the church office.

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

We need one crib nursery worker immediately. Please contact Lynette Winzenried for more information and to volunteer.

PASTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT

PROVERBS 3:19-27

19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the
heavens; 20by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the
dew. 21My son, do not lose sight of these – keep sound wisdom and discretion, 22and
they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. 23Then you will walk on
your way securely, and your foot will not stumble. 24If you lie down, you will not be
afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. 25Do not be afraid of sudden
terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, 26for the LORD will be your
confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. 27Do not withhold good from
those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

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MINISTRIES – NOVEMBER 8TH

Nursery Workers
Crib – Colleen Good and Jenn Evans
Toddlers – Matt Evans and Sarah Evans
PM – Combined – Lynette Winzenried and Jordyn Fortunato
Prayer Intercessor – Meg Fornoff
Greeters – Wayne and Sharon Hudson
Ushers – Brian Akers*, Bradyn Citro, Bill Fornoff, Richard Perrine, Bill Tomlinson*, Donny Wetters
Today's Ushers – Gil Brown, Josiah Brown, Mark Evans*, Wesley Evans*, Mark Huna, John Steplowski
** ushers who greet in the lobby*

NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

November 1, 2026

Prayer Meeting

TONIGHT
6:30-7:15 PM
SANCTUARY

This week's readings are:

2 Chronicles 16-20	Proverbs 14:1-18
2 Chronicles 21-25	Proverbs 14:19-35
2 Chronicles 26-30	Proverbs 15:1-16
2 Chronicles 31-36	Proverbs 15:17-33
Ezra 1-5	Proverbs 16:1-16

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service*
	After Church	Christmas Choirs Practice
	5:45 PM	Business Meeting
	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting*
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Grief Share (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 - 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.

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: Romans 1:7, Grace and Peace
Prayer: Adoration and Confession
O Praise the Name
Proverb of the Week: Proverbs 3:19-27, The Benefits of Wisdom
Prayer: Thanksgiving and Supplication
All I Have is Christ
Speak, O Lord
Offering (Exodus 35:21-22)
SERMON: The Power of the Gospel
Romans 1:16-17 (Pew Bible Page 1494)
Lord's Supper*
Jesus, Lover of My Soul
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

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**.

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!

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 five 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. (continued)

PLANS FOR THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR (CONTINUED)

To be considered for the ballot, you must be an active member for at least 6 months, consistently attend Sunday School, a.m. worship, and either Sunday p.m. or Wednesday p.m. worship, and participate, 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 Jenn and me 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 humility, peace, and the charity of Christ in this process.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

We are having a Business Meeting tonight at 5:45 PM.

PRAYER MEETING

Tonight at 6:30 PM, we will meet in the sanctuary for our monthly Prayer Meeting. No one will be forced to pray out loud.

ON THE HORIZON

LADIES COFFEE KLATCH

We are trying a monthly coffee klatch. Our first date is 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.

BCM/D ANNUAL MEETING

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware will be meeting November 9th and 10th at the Crowne Plaza in Annapolis, MD.

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.

THANKSGIVING HYMN SING

Wednesday, November 25th at 7 PM. Gather to sing and reflect on God's blessings.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Saturday, November 28th, 9 AM to 11 AM: pick-up flag football game. Everyone is welcome to play. Free lunch will be provided.

ROMANS 1:16-17, THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL (AM)

The gospel's great power is God's way of meeting our great need.

1. The gospel's power explained

2. The gospel's power experienced

3. The gospel's power examined