

# Harvest Baptist Church - 'Where church still feels like church'

## Events and Opportunities

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### CHURCH CLEANING

Our church is prepared for services each week by HBC volunteers who do the vacuuming and necessary cleaning. Please sign up today on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

Saturday

May 28th - 9:00 AM

## Visitation Ministry



*Be still, and know that I am God.* Your life has been tumultuous recently—full of change and new responsibilities. You have continued to spend time alone with Me, but you've found it hard to really be still and focus on Me. You need to set aside time for listening to me—blocking out distractions and reconnecting with Me in the depths of your soul. Without this focused time in My Presence, your soul will become malnourished. Other people may not notice, but you can tell the difference. Of course, I notice the difference even before you do. I can see the neediness within you—needs that only I can meet.

As you pour yourself into listening to Me, I want you to experience My delight in you. I see you as you truly are: My beloved child, gloriously clothed in My righteousness. Open your arms and your heart—to receive My delight in full measure. The Light of My Love is shining upon you. Be still in this holy Light, resting in the assurance of My unfailing Love.

*Psalm 46:10 Psalm 16:3 Isaiah 61:10 Exodus 15:13*

I am good—a refuge in times of trouble. I care for those who trust in Me. Even though you inhabit a world full of trouble, I assure you that I am completely, 100 percent good! *I am light and in Me there is no darkness at all.* Seek in Me the perfection you have longed for all your life.

Because of the brokenness of this world, you always need a refuge—but especially *in times of trouble.* When you are hurting, I yearn to shelter you in My powerful, loving Presence. So, turn to Me in tough times, and you will find Me faithful.

Many of My children fail to receive My help during difficult times because they don't really trust Me. When adversity strikes, they either lash out angrily at Me or become so focused on their problems that they forget I am with them. An essential element of trusting Me is remembering My promise to *be with you always.* Trust in Me, My child, and I will take care of you.

*Nahum 1:7 1 John 1:5 Psalm 56:3 Matthew 28:19-20*

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

## OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 5/8/2022 - 5/14/2022	Month Total May
General	4,259.83	14,403.83
Missions	1,020.00	2,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,279.83</b>	<b>16,653.83</b>
Native American Missions, Inc.	100.00	1,045

Paul lauded the church at Philippi because they stood with him in the work no matter what. When others churches did not support the missionary work, they did. When Paul was left in Thessalonica without resources, they stepped up, and not just once. There is a great deal that can be accomplished by those who simply keep on doing what is right no matter what. Very few things that are worthwhile and meaningful can be accomplished without overcoming obstacles. If we quit the first time things go wrong, we will not make progress. But if we are “once and again” Christians, like the believers in Philippi, we can be part of something that will produce eternal results. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, “The test of your character is what it takes to stop you.”

**Those who quit when things get hard will never know the joy and reward of perseverance.**

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Romans 5:3-5

## HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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www.hbcgoodyear.org  
Men's Prayer Meeting 9:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 pm



## Welcome to Harvest Baptist Church

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we hope that you have already received a warm welcome by our Church Family. Our prayer is that the singing, teaching and preaching of the Word of God will meet a need in your heart and life.

### Worship Service

Welcome To Harvest Baptist Church

Psalms 47:6

Doxology-37

To God Be The Glory - 457

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder - 463

Brethren We Have Met To Worship - 495

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

Without Him - 468

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor Gray

Invitation

Closing Prayer

### Once and Again

Dr. Paul Chappell

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

**Philippians 4:15-17**

For most of his short life Robert Louis Stevenson suffered serious physical ailments. He moved again and again, seeking a climate that would help, but nothing took away the problems. So Stevenson decided to work anyway. In a letter to a friend he said, “I have written in bed, and written out of it, written in hemorrhages, written in sickness, written torn by coughing, written when my head swam for weakness.” Though he was right handed, Stevenson wrote much of *A Child's Garden of Verses* with his left hand after a stroke. When he could no longer write at all, he dictated some of his best-known works. When he got to where he could not speak, he used sign language to convey his thoughts to his daughter-in-law who wrote them down. He could easily have just given up, but he refused to stop because things were hard.

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THE TRUE TEST OF CHARACTER IS NOT HOW MUCH WE KNOW HOW TO DO. BUT HOW WE BEHAVE WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK  
please pray for ... Chuck and Susan Callahan,  
our missionaries to the US Military in Japan



Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.  
John 4:35

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES**  
are available for use during the church services. Please see Robert in the sound booth if you wish to use this equipment.