

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

## Events and Opportunities

### 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 [signup sheet](#) in the foyer.

## Visitation Ministry

Saturday  
May 28th - 9:00 AM



I am the LIGHT that shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it—and it never will! When multiple problems are closing in on you, the Light of My Presence may seem like a dim memory. If you are feeling distant from Me, it's time for you to stop everything and *pour out your heart to Me*. Carve out some time and space to talk with Me about your problems and your feelings. Let Me help you carry your burdens and show you the way forward.

No matter how much darkness you see in the world around you, My Light continues to *shine on*, for it is infinitely more powerful! Because you are My child, this Light shines not only upon you but also within you. You live *in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation*, and this is the perfect backdrop for you to *shine as light in the world*. Take time to bask in My radiant Presence. Let My boundless energy recharge your strength so you can blaze boldly in the darkness around you.

John 1:5 Psalm 62:8 Philippians 2:14-15

My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts—as the heavens are higher than the earth. People are always trying to diminish Me: to cut Me down to a god who is understandable and predictable. When these attempts fail, they often respond by judging Me or denying My very existence.

You are not immune to such struggles. Leaning on your own understanding is your strong inclination, and this mind-set dies hard. But the truth is, you can no more understand the infinite wisdom of My ways than you can create something out of nothing. I made people in My image, and I have gifted some of them with remarkable creativity. However, every human creation is formed from substances that I made when I spoke the world into existence.

Whenever you find yourself struggling to accept My ways with you or My ways with the world, stop and remember who I AM. Bow your mind and heart before My infinite intelligence, and worship me—the mysterious, majestic, holy One who suffered and died for you.

Isaiah 55:6-9 Proverbs 3:5 Genesis 1:3,9

### OFFERING UPDATE

|                                   | For The Week of<br>5/1/2022 - 5/7/2022 | Month Total<br>May |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| General                           | 10,144.00                              | 10,144.00          |
| Missions                          | 1,230.00                               | 1,230.00           |
| TOTAL                             | 11,374.00                              | 11,374.00          |
| Native American<br>Missions, Inc. | 945.00                                 | 945.00             |

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that we allow the things that matter most to weigh more heavily as we make those choices.

Abraham left behind a prosperous life in the city of Ur and spent the rest of his life living in a tent. He never found in this life the eternal city, but he certainly did in the next. When we are seeking God and His Kingdom, we will not find the hold of the things of the world so strong. We will instead value what He values. Jesus asked, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

**If we want our lives to count, we must invest them in things that are eternal rather than temporal.**

Invest your time, energy, resources in things that will have eternal value.

Where you focus your resources like time and money is an indication of where your heart is focused.

Where are you storing your treasure?

Life is about more than just things, Jesus says.

Seek God's Kingdom first.

## HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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[www.hbcgoodyear.org](http://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.

### Seeking Eternal Things

Dr. Paul Chappell

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10

The choices and decisions that we make in this life are dictated by what we value most. No one willingly gives something that is worth more to them and exchanges it for something they value less. For our choices to be right, our values must be right. Al Smith wrote:

With eternity's values in view, Lord,  
With eternity's values in view;  
May I do each day's work for Jesus  
With eternity's values in view.

This world is not all there is. The things of this world, no matter how stable or lasting they seem, are temporary. The things of this world are not as important as the things of the next. That means that our lives must be lived with an eye not just on what is before us, but on what is coming next. There are many things that compete for our time and attention, and it is crucial

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### Worship Service

Psalms 47:6

Welcome To Harvest Baptist

Happiness Is The Lord - 188

Jesus Is Coming Again - 125

Sweet By and By - 75

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

The Longer I Serve Him - 13

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Ed Oster

Invitation

Closing Prayer

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK  
please pray for ... Hannah Bennett,  
our missionary to South Africa



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.