

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](#).

Saturday
May 28th - 9:00 AM

Visitation Ministry



My eyes are on those whose hope is in My unfailing Love. To enjoy abundant Life, it is essential for you to have hope. However, many people indulge in false hopes and find themselves increasingly disillusioned as the years go by. So I urge you to choose well the object of your hope. The best choice is: My unfailing Love. From the time you first trusted Me as Savior, nothing—including death, life, things present or things to come—can separate you from this Love.

When you follow My divine guidelines, you can enjoy the Peace of My Presence. I am everywhere and I see everything, but My eyes are *especially* on those who are putting their hope in Me. Such people are ever so precious to Me, and I watch over them vigilantly. This does not mean I shield them from all adversity. It means I bless them with My nearness in good times, in hard times—at all times.

So persevere in placing your hope in My perfect love. Look up to Me in the midst of your moments, for my eyes are indeed on you!

Psalm 33:18 Romans 8:38-39 2 Thessalonians 3:16

You are a delight to Me! I know you find it difficult to receive this blessing. It is based on the unconditional Love I have for all of My followers. I love you more than you can begin to imagine, so just relax in the Light of My Presence—and take time to soak in this luminous Love. Relax within Me and listen while I *rejoice over you with singing*.

Living in a fallen world is a constant challenge. There is brokenness all around you, as well as within you. Each moment, you can choose to focus on what is wrong or to *seek My Face* and enjoy My approval. Even in the midst of important activities, you can breathe this short prayer: "I seek You, Jesus."

Remember that My delight in you is based on My finished work on the cross. So don't fall into the trap of trying to earn My Love. Instead, live as the one you truly are—My beloved—and let your gratitude keep you close to Me, eager to follow wherever I lead. I delight in you!

Zephaniah 3:17 Psalm 27:8 Numbers 6:25-26

OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 4/24/2022 - 4/30/2022	Month Total April
General	2,767.00	45,531.62
Missions	485.00	3,130.00
TOTAL	3,252.00	48,661.62
Native American Missions, Inc.	100.00	1,695.00

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ing to hear our prayers as a dishonest judge would be. It was to create a comparison—if even a corrupt earthly leader could be influenced by continuing supplication, a loving God would be even more quick to respond when His children cried out to Him.

The alternative to persistence in our praying is that we become discouraged and give up. We faint rather than continuing. While there are times when God answers prayer immediately, we must not allow a delay to make us give up on prayer. God loves us and wants the best for us, and prayer is the means by which He provides for our needs.

We are always to pray—not just all the time, but persistently until the answer comes.



HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Psalms 47:6

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Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor Gray

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Persistent Prayer

Dr. Paul Chappell

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

Luke 18:1-5

Prayer was not a new concept in Jesus' day. God's people had been praying for centuries. Yet much of that prayer had become simply the rote repetition of words and phrases that had been learned without any connection to the heart. Jesus condemned those who prayed in this fashion. "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matthew 6:7). Prayer to Jesus was a vital communication to His Father in Heaven. He continued to pray throughout His ministry, and He taught this way of praying.

In his parable on the importance of persistence in prayer, Jesus described a judge who had no regard for either God or man. Shockingly, this corrupt and uncaring man is the representative for God in the story. Jesus' point was not to say that God is unwilling

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for ... **Nathan Walters** serves as the Director of Marketing and Project Coordination for mission trips to Haiti, Jamaica, Guatemala, Mexico



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.

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