

**Harvest Baptist Church - 'Where church still feels like church'**  
**Events and Opportunities**

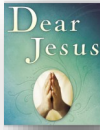
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**CHURCH CLEANING**

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.



**Visitation Ministry**  
 Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM



*A successful day is one in which you have stayed in touch with Me, even if many things remain undone at the end of the day.*

That sounds almost too good to be true. I rarely reach the end of the day feeling successful. I nearly always experience a sense of some degree of failure. There are numerous ways of measuring success, and I feel the pull of many of them. That can leave me in a fragmented, unfocused condition. Help me to view success from Your perspective.

Beloved, there are indeed many measures of success in the world, and most of them are meaningless. To avoid confusion, you need a rule of thumb: seek to please Me. When communicating with Me is your highest priority, I am pleased. The more you commune with Me as you go through a day, the more you walk in My ways. The light of My Presence illuminates the path before you, making sin both obvious and abhorrent. This same Light satisfies your soul. So, staying in touch with Me is an excellent measure of success.

Matt. 22: 37-38 Psalm 90:8 Jeremiah 6:16 Psalm 63:5

Do not seek approval in the mirror or in the eyes of other people. In My Presence you have infinite approval. It's so easy for me to judge myself on the basis of what I see in the mirror. I know that is fickle and shallow because my mirror-image is always changing. I'm equally enslaved to viewing myself through the eyes of other people. I tend to evaluate my interpersonal performance rigorously, and I am almost always displeased with something I have said or done. I desperately desire to experience Your approval!

Beloved, "enslaved" is an appropriate word to use. You are indeed a slave when you try to see and judge yourself through people's eyes. Evaluating your worth on the basis of how you look, to yourself or to others, is always a trap. It's as if you are sifting sand, searching for gold—yet looking only at the grains of sand filtering through the sieve, ignoring the gold nuggets that remain. The gold represents the eternal part of you: your soul. It is invisible to everyone but Me, the One who plans to spend eternity with you. Though invisible, a well-nurtured soul can actually improve your appearance: As you rest in the certainty of My unfailing Love, your face glows with the Joy of My Presence.

My approval of you is infinite because it will continue forever. It is based entirely on My righteousness which is yours for all eternity. When you look in a mirror, try to see yourself as you truly are—arrayed in perfect righteousness, adorned in glowing approval.

Psalm 90:14 Psalm 21:6 Isaiah 61:10

**OFFERING UPDATE**

	For The Week of 7/31/2022 - 8/6/2022	Month Total July
General	6,364.00	26,147.58
Missions	715.00	3,633.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,079.00</b>	<b>29,780.58</b>
Native American Missions, Inc.	145.00	3,615.00

far short of what God deserved. No Temple, regardless of how vast or costly or beautiful it was could truly be home to the infinite God who created Heaven and Earth. In Paul's sermon in Athens on Mars' Hill, he pointed out the transcendent nature of God. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:28). God's willingness to take notice of our feeble prayers and attempts to praise Him are a measure of His grace toward us. He does not laugh at our efforts or hold us in contempt because we fall short, but instead opens His ears and accepts our worship.

With all of His grandeur and glory, God still cares about us, and listens when we call out to Him.



**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**

**Harvest**  
 BAPTIST CHURCH  
**August 7, 2022**

*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 67:4**

**Rescue The Perishing - 105**

**Draw Me Nearer - 223**

**Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone - 217**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Instrumental Special**

**Grace Greater Than Our Sin - 241**

**Prayer**

**Special Music**

**Message: Pastor**

**Invitation**

**Closing Prayer**

**The Infinite God**

*Dr. Paul Chappell*

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. **1 Kings 8:27-29**



**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**  
 please pray for...Jon Eric and Lesa Kreh,  
 our missionaries to the Netherlands

*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.

The Temple that Solomon built to be a permanent home for the Ark of the Covenant was one of the most beautiful and expensive buildings ever created. No cost was too great to make sure everything was perfect. Building materials were brought from far away countries, and prepared off site so that they were ready to assemble. The furnishings and altars were made of pure gold, and an overlay of gold was used throughout. Some historians estimate that the approximately 34 tons of gold used represented half of the total gold then known to have been mined.

Yet despite the beauty and cost of what he built, Solomon recognized that it still fell

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