#### Harvest Baptist Church - 'Where church still feels like church' Continued from the other side:

#### **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.





You know how ambivalent my heart is. I long for the glorious adventure that a life abandoned to you can be. At the same time I cling to old ways, because change frightens me. I feel safest when my life is predicable and things seem to be under control. Help me break free and discover the adventures you have planned for me.

Instead of striving for a predictable safe lifestyle, seek to know Me in greater depth and breadth. I want to make your life a alorious adventure, but you must ston climing to

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Beloved, the greatest adventure is knowing Me superabundantly: discovering how wide and long and high and deep is My Love for you. The power of My vast Love can feel overwhelming. That is why many people choose to limit their knowledge of Me, keeping Me at a safe distance. How that grieves Me! People settle for mediocrity because it feels more comfortable. However, they continue to battle fear. Only My Love is strong enough the break the held that for her a new way. to break the hold that fear has on you. A predicable lifestyle may feel safer, but it can shield you from what you need most of all—

When unexpected events shake up your routines, rejoice. This is exactly what you need, to wake you up and point you toward Me. Recognize that you are on the threshold of a new adventure and that I will be with you every step of the way. As we venture out together, cling tightly to My hand. The more you abandon yourself to Me, the more exuberantly you can experience My

Ephesians 3:17-18 1 John 4:18 Psalm 63:8

My kingdom is not about earning and deserving, it is about believing and receiving.

That is very good news, because I could never work That is very good news, because I could never work hard enough or be good enough to deserve Your kingdom. Yet I struggle with a strong desire to earn my way—at least partially—rather than simply receive everything from You. In some ways, believing and receiving seem more difficult than earning and deserving. I find myself wanting recognition for my efforts and accomplishments. Help me

to desire Your way more than mine.
Beloved, I know how vulnerable you are to idolatry. One of the most prevalent temptations is to idolize yourself or your own good works. For this reason, I often withhold success until people are weak enough to handle it. When they have been sufficiently broken by adversity and failure, they are better able to deal with success. So, when trials of many kinds come your way, receive those things as gifts from Me. Believe that I know what I am doing and My way is perfect. After you have suffered a little while, I Myself will make you what you ought to be, ground you securely, and strengthen you. This is how I prepare you to share in My eternal Glory.

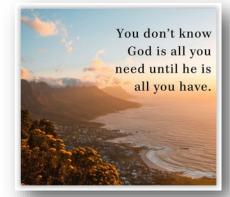
James 1:2-3 2 Samuel 22:31 1 Peter 5:10

### **OFFERING UPDATE**

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	For The Week of 8/7/2022 - 8/13/2022	Month Total August
General	7,918.66	7.918.66
Missions	1,165.00	1,165.00
TOTAL	9,083.66	9,083.66
Native American Missions, Inc.	200.00	200.00

The power of God is strong enough to overcome any obstacle or opposition. The power of God makes us effective preachers, teachers, soul winners, counselors and it makes us better parents, siblings, children, and friends. The power of God is not just for those in vocational ministry, but for every believer. Each one of us has a place in God's plan, and we must have His help to accomplish it. Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ve can do nothing" (John 15:5).

God's power is available to all those who are committed to doing His work and His will.



# HARVEST BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Reverend K. Preston Gray, Pastor Associate Pastor, Ed Oster 535 N. Sarival Ave. Goodyear, AZ 85338 \*\*\* 602-361-8025 \*\*\* www.hbcgoodvear.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 67:4** A New Name In Glory - 488 Whosoever Will - 549 I Gave My Life For Thee - 543 Welcome & Announcements **Instrumental Special** 

Rock Of Ages - 185 Prayer Special Music Message: Pastor Invitation **Closing Prayer** 



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.

## God's Power Works In Us

Dr. Paul Chappell

The work God has set before us is impossible for us to accomplish in our own strength and power. No matter how talented or dedicated we may be, we do not have the resources to impact the lives of others the way God wants us to. However we are not limited to what we have, because the power and promises of God are made available to His children to do His work in the world. In the Upper Room Jesus told His disciples that He would be leaving them. He also told them that they would not be abandoned. Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18).

The work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives is what empowers us to successfully do the work of God in the world around us. Dr. John R. Rice wrote, "God takes the part of every Christian who is true to Him. Go on, my brother, my sister, and win souls at any cost! Take your plain stand against sin anywhere and everywhere. God never leaves one alone and ashamed and forsaken who is true to Him. Trouble may come in the will of God, but thank God, always God allows only what is best and then delivers His servant who is faithful!"

The power of God enables us to accomplish things that are beyond our ability.

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