

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

Events and Opportunities

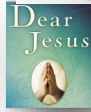
CHURCH CLEANING

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



Saturday September 24 - 9:00 AM

Visitation Ministry



This is more than I can fathom—that Someone so great and majestic would choose to live in someone so small and sinful. My mind almost recoils at the thought of Your perfect holiness living in me. Indeed, I am an exceedingly humble home for You. It helps to remember that though You live in me, You also inhabit the highest heavens. Someday I will behold You in the courts of the heaven, where I will see You in all Your Glory.

I am thankful You are willing to live in my heart, because I deeply desire intimacy with You. However, I am weak and easily distracted by the noise of the world. Help me hear Your whispers in my heart.

I am the Creator of the universe, yet I choose to make My humble home in your heart. It is there where you know Me most intimately; it is there where I speak to you in holy whispers.

Beloved, you do well to struggle with the thought of My holiness inhabiting your body. That shows Me you have some understanding of the absolute purity of My Being. Nonetheless, be assured that your sinfulness cannot taint My holiness. The influence goes the other direction: My righteousness purifies you! Delight in this blessed transaction, gratefully receiving My goodness.

You need stillness—outer and inner—to hear my gentle whispers in our heart. Find a quiet place, where the noise of the world is minimal. Then, focus your mind on the verse: "Cease striving and know that I am God." Be still, let go, and relax in my Presence, while I commune with you in holy whispers.

Hebrews 1:2 Ephesians 3:16 1 Kings 19:12 Psalm 46:10

Walking to the world's tempo is tempting at times. The desire to blend in can be both subtle and powerful. Self-sufficiency is certainly promoted in the world, sometimes to the point of self-deification. Though I don't really want to be self-sufficient, I sometimes find myself trying to appear as if I am. I know better: I have discovered that depending on You is the way to live more abundantly. Whenever I face difficult situations, I am grateful I can rely on You to help me. Teach me to depend on You more and more.

Although self-sufficiency is acclaimed in the world, reliance on Me produces abundant living in My kingdom.

Beloved, the first thing you must deal with is being overly concerned about appearances. Remember that I look at your heart not your outward appearance. What is most important to Me should also be most important to you. Resist the desire to look good and blend in it with the world. Recognize that most people who appear self-sufficient are actually struggling deeply; many are even dependent on harmful substances to help them keep up appearances.

Reliance on Me results in abundant living because it is the way I designed you to live: I create people to be dependent on Me. The essence of Adam and Eve's first sin was their desire to be like God and thus capable of living independently. Ever since then, depending on Me continually has gone against the grain of human nature. Notice I said "continually"; this is the way I want you to rely on Me. Depending on Me in difficult circumstances is a good start. However, the more frequently you look to Me for help, the more you will find Me faithful. I sustain you moment by moment, so there is never a time when you don't need Me. Awareness of your neediness is actually a rich blessing—connecting you to Me and My abundant supply!

1 Samuel 16:7 Genesis 3:4-5 Psalm 16:8

OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 9/11/2022 - 9/17/2022	Month Total September
General	4,172.95	10,512.95
Missions	830.00	2,110.00
TOTAL	5002.95	12,622.95
Native American Missions, Inc.	450.00	1,670.00

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he can live, forsakes in order to have, gives might be full, admits that he is wrong so he can be declared right, goes down in order to get up. He is strongest when he is weakest, richest when he is poorest, and happiest when he feels worst. He dies so away so he can keep, sees the invisible, hears the inaudible, and knows that which passeth knowledge."

The measurement of growth in the Christian life is not found in methods or techniques or rituals, but in becoming more and more like Jesus. We do this the same way the disciples did—by spending time with Him through His Word and by surrendering to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

The more like Jesus we become, the more powerful and effective our work for Him will be.



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

Welcome To Harvest Baptist Church

Psalms 68:32

Wonderful Words Of Life - 472

Love Lifted Me - 413

Look and Live - 411

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

Without Him - 468

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Be Like Jesus

Dr. Paul Chappell

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

There was no question in the minds of those who knew the disciples what the greatest influence on their lives was. They were like Jesus after spending time with Him. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). The more we become like Christ, the more influence we will have on the world around us. Being godly, not in the sense of false piety or showy religion, but literally living and responding like Him, changes everything about the way we live.

A. W. Tozer wrote, "He talks familiarly every day to someone he cannot see, expects to go to Heaven on the virtue of another, empties himself in order that he

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MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for... Al & Marty Mular,
 our missionaries to Argentina



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.