Harvest Baptist Church - *Where church still feels like church*' **Events and Opportunitie** Continued from the other side:



Pastor Appreciation Month - Basket In The Vestibule through the 30th



Ladies Bible Study Tuesday 10-11 AM. The Bible study group will meet in the large classroom in the main building.

Lear Jesus I definitely feel as if I've been spinning around today, but not like a a graceful ballerina. Just when I'm about to regain my balance, another event surprises me and sets me spinning again. I find myself moving faster and faster, trying to keep up with everything that's going on around me. Only as I look to You in the midst of my circumstances can I find equilibrium.

Make Me your focal point as you move through this day. Just as a spinning ballerina must keep retuning her eyes to a given point to maintain her balance, so you must keep returning your focus to Me.

Beloved, your only hope is to look to Me again and again and again. That's why I likened your situation to a ballerina who repeatedly finds her focal point as she twirls. Though many people think beginning the day with Me is sufficient, they frequently go off course unless they continue seeking Me throughout their waking hours. Learn from the ballerina: Each time she turns full circle, she returns her eyes to the same stationary point with a quick turn of her head. If she didn't do that, she would soon become very dizzy Similarly, you need a stationary focus as you face the dizzying swirl of events in your life. Because I remain the same forever. I am your best focal point. To avoid losing your balance, you must keep looking to Me.

I realize you cannot fix your gaze on Me continually. I understand the limitations of your human condition. You will lose sight of Me at times. But because I am with you always, you can reorient yourself with a quick glance my way. The more frequently you return your attention to Me, the better balanced your life will be. This is how to fix your eyes on Me while living in a fallen world. I assure you, though, that in heaven your limitation will be lifted. Now you see as if you are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim, blurred refection, but then you will see in reality—face to face! Hebrews 12:2 Psalm 102:27 I Corinthians 13:12

OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 10/2/2022 - 10/8/2022	Month Total October
General	11,430.00	11,430.00
Missions	940.00	940.00
TOTAL	12,370.00	12,370.00
Native American Missions, Inc.	150.00	150.00

An obscure child, unknown, unheard of, I listened to the Word of God; and that precious text led me to the cross of Christ. I can testify that the joy of that day was utterly indescribable. I could have leaped, I could have danced; there was no expression which would have been out of keeping with the joy of my spirit at that hour."

Whether we have been saved for days or decades, we should never lose the wonder and joy of being rescued from death and destruction and placed into God's family. The gift of eternal life we received through God's grace is worthy of all the praise we can give, and a constant source of joy.

Never allow anything in life to take away the overwhelming joy of being a child of God.



HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

Reverend K. Preston Gray, Pastor Associate Pastor, Ed Oster 535 N. Sarival Ave. Goodyear, AZ 85338 *** 602-361-8025 *** 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



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 81:1 Footprints Of Jesus - 178 God Leads Us Along - 197 God Is So Good - 71 Welcome & Announcements Instrumental Special I Will Praise Him - 212 Prayer Special Music Message: Pastor Invitation Closing Prayer





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.

Rejoicing Christians Dr. Paul Chappell

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:37-39

As a teenager, Charles Spurgeon was going to church on a Sunday morning when a sudden snowstorm disrupted his plans. Instead of the church he had planned to attend, he went into a little Primitive Methodist church. The pastor had been unable to make it, so a layman stood in the pulpit. He hadn't prepared a sermon, but he faithfully declared the way of salvation, preaching from Isaiah 45:22: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." As he talked about the simplicity of looking to Jesus alone, Spurgeon found what he had been seeking.

He described the experience this way: "That happy day, when I found the Savior, and learned to cling to His dear feet, was a day never to be forgotten by me.