

Bread From Bethlehem
Dr. Paul Chappell

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. **John 6:32-35**

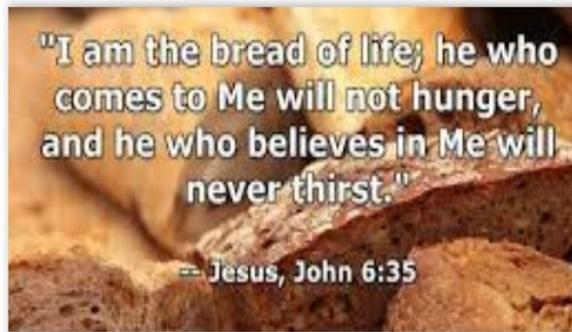
The city of Bethlehem was just a small town not far from Jerusalem. There was nothing particularly set it apart from any other village in Israel. Yet it became central to the history of the Jewish people, and then to the history of the whole world. First it gained fame as the birthplace of the great king David who united Israel and made Jerusalem the capital. Then, of course, it was the birthplace of Jesus Christ which had been foretold by the prophet Micah. It was an agricultural town where crops and herds were the main business of the town. The name *Bethlehem* means "house of bread," which is a fitting name for the birthplace of the Bread of Life.

Because of the fall and the entry of sin into the world, there is a great need in our hearts—a hunger that cannot be satisfied by any of the things of this world. Yet God offers salvation freely to those who come to Him. Isaiah wrote, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1). Jesus satisfies every need that we have both for this world and the next. Long after this world ends, He will still be all we need. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat" (Revelation 7:16).

Jesus is all we need, and no one and nothing else can satisfy our hunger for salvation.

Please come to hear
a special speaker,
Douglas Cook
preach at both the morning and
evening services
on Sunday, **January 8, 2023**
and at the Wednesday night service
January 11th

Pastor Gray and the
Pulpit Committee
have scheduled these
opportunities for you to meet
Brother Cook and his wife, Michelle,
in view of a possible pastoral call.
Please plan to attend.



December 25, 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.

**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

Harvest Baptist Church
'Where church still feels like church'

Worship Service

Welcome To Harvest Baptist Church

Psalms 95:1

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

Born To Die - 139

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.

Events and Opportunities

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our church members who give of their time, energy and talents to keep our church looking nice.

Visitation Ministry
 Saturday December 31 - 9:00 AM



Ladies Bible Study
 Every Tuesday
 10-11 AM in the
 missionary quarters.

December 25 Morning Service only. No evening service.

No New Year's Eve Services.

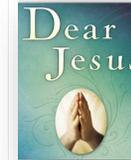
January 1 morning service as usual.

6:00 PM evening service is a Candlelight service followed by soup and sandwiches in the other building. Please sign-up in the foyer.



OFFERING UPDATE

700	For The Week of 12/18/2022 - 12/24/2022	Month Total December
General	4,311.92	18,010.87
Missions	550.00	2,405.00
TOTAL	4,861.92	20,415.87
Native American Missions, Inc.	.00	1,650.00
Christmas Offering	.00	1,700.00



Let Me be your positive focus. When you look to Me, knowing Me as God with you, you experience Joy.

I am so thankful You are God with us—constantly, eternally. That knowledge alone is sufficient to fill my days with Joy. Sadly, though, my mind easily slips out of focus, and I forget about your abiding presence. When my thinking is unfocused, almost anything can grab my attention. Then You slip even further from my awareness. Worries and worldliness attack my mind while it is idling, out of gear, but I definitely need help.

Beloved, I created you in My image: with the capacity to communicate with Me. As My image bearer, you have the ability to choose the focus of your mind. I understand that many thoughts come and go unbidden, but understand you can control your thinking more that you may realize. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit., Paul wrote, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right think about such things." I would not instruct you to think about certain things unless it was possible to do so.

Because the world contains both good and evil, you can choose to think about excellent, praiseworthy things or about terrible, upsetting things. Sometimes, of course, you have to deal with the brokenness around you. However, each day contains moments when you are free to choose the focal point of your mind. These are the times when I want you to take charge of your thoughts. When your mind is idle, it often moves toward a negative focus—such as regretting things in your past or worrying about the future. Meanwhile I am with you in the present: waiting for you to recall My Presence. Train your mind to run toward Me frequently. Remembrance of who I Am can brighten even your darkest times, blessing you with Joy.

Matthew 1:23-23 Philippians 4:8 John 8:58

Focus on God,
not your problem.
Listen to God,
not your insecurities.
Rely on God,
not your own strength.