

Prayer Is The Key
Dr. Paul Chappell

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:46-50

I came across this letter to Santa that says a lot about the way we view ourselves. "Dear Santa, there are three little boys who live at our house. There is Jeffrey; he is two. There is David; he is four. And there is Norman; he is seven. Jeffrey is good some of the time. David is good some of the time. But Norman is good all of the time. I am Norman." We like to think that we are at least mostly good people. In truth though we are all sinners. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

God does not judge us on a scale by comparing us to others. He judges us against the perfect standard of His holiness, and each one of us falls short of meeting that standard. None of us are good enough to stand before God on our own.

Mary was a godly young woman who was selected for the amazing honor of giving birth to the Messiah whom the Jewish people had been waiting for over the centuries. God clearly placed a great deal of confidence in her, or He would not have given her such an overwhelming responsibility. Yet even Mary recognized her own need for salvation and a Savior. She rejoiced that in the baby to whom she would give birth, her own sins would be forgiven. Rather than viewing herself as someone special who did not need a Savior, she exalted God and rejoiced in what He was doing in and through her life.

Christmas reminds us not only of God's love for us, but of our great need for His salvation.

Sermon Notes

...work out your own salvation with
fear and trembling; for it is God
who operates in you...
Phil. 2:12-13



December 18, 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

Psalm 95:1

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Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

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Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor

Invitation

Closing Prayer

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for... **Chuck and Susan Callahan**, our missionaries to the US Military in Japan



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.

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.



Saturday December 31 - 9:00 AM

Visitation Ministry



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

Chili Supper Wed. Dec. 21st at 6 PM

Sign up in the foyer

No Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve Services.

December 25 Morning Service only. No evening service.

January 1 morning service as usual.

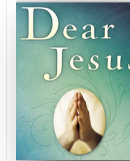
6:00 PM evening service is a Candlelight service followed by soup and sandwiches in the other building.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Jeremiah 29:12

Thank You, God, for hearing every single prayer. Sometimes I don't understand why things are happening the way they are but I trust in You with all of my heart. More than anything, I want Your will to be done in my life. Amen

OFFERING UPDATE

700	For The Week of 12/11/2022 - 12/17/2022	Month Total December
General	4,680.95	13,698.95
Missions	1,090.00	1,855.00
TOTAL	5,770.95	15,553.95
Native American Missions, Inc.	1,650.00	1,650.00
Christmas Offering	700.00	1,700.00



Anxiety wraps you up in yourself, trapping you in your own thoughts. When you look to Me and whisper My Name, you break free and receive My help.

You understand me so well. When I'm feeling anxious, I lose the ability to think clearly.

My thoughts spin out of control with ever-increasing velocity. This sets me on a downward spiral of increasing anxiety and runaway thought. At such times, it's hard to remember You are with me - ready to help.

Beloved, I know how difficult it is for you to break free when you are trapped in anxious thought. That's why I encourage you to change the subject by whispering my Name: "Jesus." The very simplicity of this act makes it possible to do – even when you're not thinking clearly. There is immense Power in My Name to help you break free from the anxiety closing in on you. When you speak My Name, however quietly, you acknowledge My continual Presence. This truth is promised to all My followers, and it sets you free. Freedom and My Presence are an excellent combination: enabling you to turn your thoughts into conversation with Me.

Begin by thanking Me for always hearing your prayers. Then, talk with Me about whatever is worrying you, trusting that I understand you and your situation perfectly. As you converse with Me, the weight of your burden shifts to My strong shoulders, enabling you to relax. Now you are ready to receive My help, which I continually offer you.

John 8:31-32 Psalm 139:23 Deuteronomy 33:12

