

**THIS WEEK'S
OPPORTUNITIES**

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Prayer Time, 9:15 AM

Sunday School, 9:45 AM

Morning Worship, 11:00 AM

Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 PM

Evening Service, 6:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 9

Trail Life Meeting, 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Cradle /Discovery Clubs, 7:00 PM

Patch & PeeWee Clubs, 7:00 PM

Y.E.S. Discipleship Groups, 7:00 PM

Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 13

The Boot Camp Challenge,

6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 14

VBS Training Day, 9:00 AM

CI Maymester Cookout,

5:00 PM

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Lord's Supper, 15

Missions Trip Meeting, 15

Piano Recital, 20

Trail Life Campout, 20-21

Tailgate Party, 29

Psalms 116:1-10

I love the Lord, because He has heard
My voice and my supplications.
Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

**The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!"**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.
Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For You have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.**

I believed, therefore I spoke,
"I am greatly afflicted."
O Lord, truly I am Your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
Now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

(NKJV)

LAST WEEK'S

OFFERING

General Fund: \$12,143.45

Weekly Goal: \$11,635.00

YTD Total: \$232,765.79

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Thank you for joining us! If you are a guest today, we extend a special welcome to you. Please use the blue card in your bulletin to tell us more about yourself!

The Boot Camp Challenge: Teens (7th-12th grade) please invite your friends to this fun night of pizza, games, and intense competition at Harvest from 6-9 PM on May 13th. Contact Pastor Drew for more information.

VBS Training Day is May 14th, 9:00 AM. All volunteers should be at this important meeting. Please let Karen Rheuark know if you are unable to attend.

There will be a business meeting at the beginning of the evening service on May 29th.

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Harvest Baptist Church May 8, 2016

Opening Song Choir

Welcome

Hymn *Sing Praise to God, #75*

Prayer Mike Jensen

Special Music *Press On*
Words and Music by Brigitte Smisor

There's a course that must be finished, there's a race that must be run,
There's a mission to accomplish, and a battle to be won!
We've been called to take the challenge by God's might and through His Son;
He will give us grace to complete the race, moving forward, pressing on!

Chorus:
Toward the hope of our high calling, toward the promise we've received,
With the strength that we've been given, pressing on to victory!
And toward the One who's run before us, as we lay each weight aside.
'Til the race is run, 'til the prize is won, 'til we reach the finish line, press on!

There's a faithful cloud of witnesses who inspire us in our task.
They have fought the fight, they have run the race,
They have won the crown at last!
And the lives they've lived remind us that though the race at times seems long.
God will give the grace to complete the race, and the courage to press on.

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Scripture Reading John Keane

Hymns *Higher Ground, #421*
May the Lord Find Us Faithful, #429
Servant's Heart, #431

Special Music Patch Club

Message Rev. Marshall Fant IV

Hymn

Offertory John Manthei

Prayer Charles Dickens

The Eternal Perspective
Rev. Marshall Fant IV
2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Psalm 116

When you're tempted to quit, when it seems like the world is conspiring to frustrate you and cause you to give up, what should you do?

1. Recognize your weakness so you can show God's power. (4:7-12)

God sustains with His power. (4:7)

God sustains through your difficulties. (4:8-12)

Hard-pressed on every side	Yet not
Perplexed	But not in
Persecuted	But not
Struck down	But not

2. Believe in God's deliverance so you can cause others to praise God. (4:13-15; Psalm 116)

You can be confident in God's delivering power. (4:13-14; Psalm 116)

You can give thanks for God's abundant grace. (4:15)

3. Focus on God's priorities so you don't get discouraged. (4:16-18)

The encouragement from God's transformational work allows us to not lose heart. (4:16)

The realization that earthly affliction is temporary and weak allows us to not lose heart. (4:17)

The focus on the eternal matters allows us to not lose heart. (4:18)