

Harvest Church



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February 2021 Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DOUG

THIS, TOO, SHALL PASS

First, I want to acknowledge that this newsletter is going out a bit late, and I am the reason for the delay. As most of you know, I had a rough bout of Covid in January. Thankfully, I was not bad enough to need the hospital, but it seemed to hit me harder than many folks who say it's like a bad case of the flu.

This newsletter is late because I'm still under the strange, lingering symptom called "brain fog." I completely lost track of the fact it was a new month, then when Jennifer reminded me she needed my newsletter material, I seemed incapable of creating anything.

By prerecording, I only missed one Sunday, but preaching out of brain fog turned into a difficult task. Pat assures me she can't tell, but when I speak I am constantly struggling to stay on point. I am usually able to preach with a sense of freedom, but the last several weeks it's been a task to stay engaged. Instead of the usual liberty of speaking, my foggy brain has to be pushed and pulled to do the speaking that usually flows so naturally.

The good news is that everyone assures me that this, too, shall pass. That's good news. In a few weeks, I expect to be back to "normal."

The Covid crisis and the subsequent restrictions have put our church through a difficult time. I want to encourage everyone to remember that this, too, shall pass. I have no idea when, but there will come a time when the Covid stuff is a memory.

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From the Desk of Pastor Doug (Continued)

I encourage you to remember this, and to prepare for your place in the post-Covid world. Stay engaged with your church as much as you can, while exercising proper precautions. Support your church faithfully, just as you would if you could be in worship every Sunday. Plan to re-engage fully as you are able.

Covid looms large over all of us right now. But keep your sight on the fact we will emerge from this odd time. Plan to get back into the church and its ministries as Covid passes.

-Doug



We are pleased that Children's Church has resumed during the sermon time on Sunday mornings. A team of four people will share the leadership responsibilities. More help is always appreciated. If you would like to be in the rotation or volunteer to substitute, please talk to someone on the Christian Education board (Mike Tobin, Pat Harvey, Josh Schuchhardt).

**PASTOR DOUG'S
FEBRUARY SERMONS:**

February 7th

II Chronicles 12:1-12
"Repentance"

February 14th

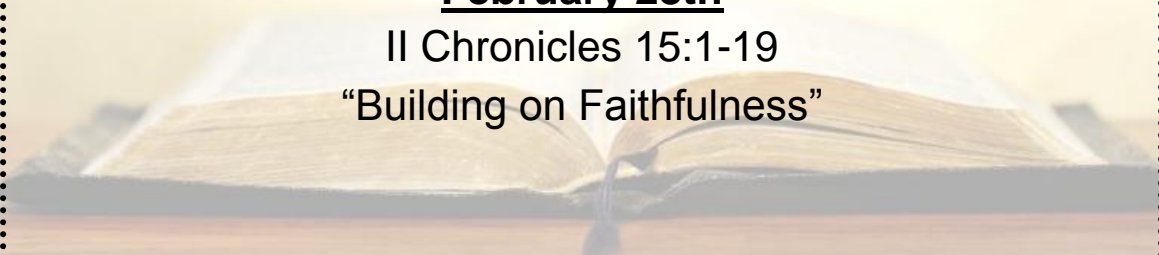
II Chronicles 13:3-18
"The Battle is the Lord's"

February 21st

II Chronicles 14:2-7
"Throw Off Everything that Hinders"

February 28th

II Chronicles 15:1-19
"Building on Faithfulness"





CHURCH ONLINE

In February, we are going to begin an experiment with the broadcast of our services on Sunday mornings. For most people, staying engaged with a service of an hour or so is difficult. For the next several weeks, we are going to experiment with a different format than just broadcasting the live worship service. We are going to pre-record the service with a shorter segment of music and a shorter message.

We are asking our online folks to give this a couple of weeks, then to give us feedback about whether or not this is helpful.

Harvest Church lost two former members recently - Virgil Truman and Virginia Blietz-Kotz. Both will be missed dearly, but we rejoice in the assurance that they are with their Lord and Savior. As a church, we sent flowers to the memorials and received the thank you notes below:



Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We appreciate the thoughts in remembering Dad. - Virgil Truman Family

Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gestures of caring and the love you offer. - Virginia Blietz-Kotz Family



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Makayla Sabelka - February 2nd

Alex Sabelka - February 2nd

Deb Allen - February 19th

Dorothy Beyer - February 22nd

Arnold Knoll - February 22nd



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter, please let Jennifer know by calling the church office, or email office@harvestcares.com.

Alternatives
PREGNANCY CENTER

Thank You!

Sunday, January 17th, was national Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Harvest Church supports the ministry of Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Waterloo throughout the year, but most particularly with the Baby Bottle Drive. Thank you to everyone who participated. We will have a grand total in next month's newsletter!



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" with Pastor Doug	3	4	5 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" with Pastor Doug	6 7:00 a.m. Trustee Board Meeting
7 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	8	9 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" with Pastor Doug	10	11	12 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" with Pastor Doug	13
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