

Harvest Church



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January 2021 Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DOUG

2020 IS OVER; NOW WHAT?

If you're reading this, congratulations! You survived 2020. It's been a year of disruptions, confusion and conflict. And it's now officially over.

The catch is that life doesn't recognize our calendars, and it's actually pretty normal to have disruptions, confusion and conflict. There's a sense of relief in bidding goodbye to 2020, but I can confidently predict that 2021 will not usher in a golden age of prosperity, ease and peace.

Why can I confidently predict that? Because in 2021 people will continue to be broken and sinful, just like people always have been and the world will be struggling under the curse of sin and will continue to do so until Jesus returns.

I'm not saying this to be a pessimist. You know me, and I'm not a gloom and doom type. My concern is that we don't get the feeling that with 2020 over we can relax and settle into the good life. You will be deeply disappointed if you think turning over the calendar will somehow fix things.

The bottom line is that we're not going back to "normal." 2020 has changed our lives. Some of those changes are temporary, some are permanent. In 2021, good things are going to happen. In 2021, bad things are going to happen. In 2021, plenty of things are going to happen that aren't particularly good or bad. In 2021, just like every other year we've lived through, we're going to have to do some adjusting, some changing, some standing firm and some simply surviving.

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From the Desk of Pastor Doug (Continued)

The important thing is that in 2021, as in 2020 and 2019 and every other year that ever passed, Jesus will continue to be Lord. He will bring salvation to all who seek Him. He will send His Holy Spirit to all who ask. He will lead all who will follow. He will build His church.

You and I can either focus on the disruptions or we can focus on the rock of our salvation. Our lives will hang in the balance of that choice.

Choose well.

-Doug



Harvest Church's annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 17th.**
We will meet in the sanctuary after the worship service.

The meeting will focus on approving a budget and the election of officers for 2021. Details on the proposed budget and slate of officers, along with the church's Annual Report, will be distributed at the worship service on January 3rd and made available online at the same time.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and speak. Church members have voting privileges. We will observe social distancing by using the staggered layout of chairs in the sanctuary: the same layout we use in worship.

PASTOR DOUG'S JANUARY SERMONS:

January 3rd

Romans 5:12-19

“Two Adams”

January 10th

Romans 5:20-21

“The Rules Make Me Worse”

January 17th

II Chronicles 10:1-17

“Starting Right”

January 24th

II Chronicles 11:1-4

“Choose Your Battles”

January 31st

II Chronicles 12:1-8,12,14

“Repentance”

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

For years, Harvest has posted the Sunday sermon online on the church's website (harvestcares.com). Since the Covid crisis began, we have also broadcast the entire Sunday service live on Facebook Live and then as a recording on Facebook.

We recently added an option on the website for those who prefer accessing material there instead of Facebook. You can choose to watch a recording of the entire worship service with music and prayers, or you can opt for the sermon alone. Just go to the website and click on "Sermons" at the top of the page and you will be able to choose either format on the page that comes up.

We are working hard to improve our online presence, and are planning more choices and upgrades that will be announced in January when planning and preparation is complete.



BABY BOTTLES FOR ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER



Sunday, January 17th, is national Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. On that day, we will make baby bottles available for you to fill and return to the church for Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Waterloo. The idea is to fill the bottle with cash, change, or a check to support this important ministry.

Bottles should be returned to the church on Sunday, February 7th.

Being pro-life isn't just about having an opinion, it is about doing something to help those struggling with unplanned pregnancies choose life.



Annual Chili Cook-off & Christmas Caroling



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Marilyn Njus - January 11th

Paul Knoll - January 16th

Thelma Allen - January 18th

Paul Hassman - January 23rd

107 YEARS OLD!

Wyatt Sabelka - January 27th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Scott & Lori Carey - January 6th

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.

January 2021

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