

Harvest Church



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THE BEACON

March 2022 Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DOUG



COURAGE

As the Russian tanks roll and the bombs fall, an unlikely hero has arisen. Volodymyr Zelensky was a standup comedian before going into politics and becoming the President of Ukraine.

I have no idea what the situation will be by the time this newsletter goes out, but in the beginning of the battle for Ukraine, this unlikely comic has become a hero of the Ukrainian people and free people everywhere.

Unlike so many "leaders" over the decades, he hasn't just made speeches, then disappeared when things got hot. He has spoken the truth to the Russians, to the European Union and to NATO, and he has remained in Kyiv, defiantly challenging the invaders.

I think his most iconic move came when the US offered to rescue him from Kyiv when things got too hot. His simple reply: "I need ammunition, not a ride." Zelensky's courage is rallying the nation of Ukraine. The Russians, with their large army and advanced weapon systems, expected to roll over Ukraine and receive a surrender in the first several days. Instead, they are paying a huge price in casualties, destroyed equipment and logistical failures. The Ukrainians aren't rolling over, they're fighting back with all they've got.

What a contrast to the fall of the Afghan government. When the Taliban launched a major offensive, the President fled, the army abandoned their equipment and the Taliban prevailed in a few days with minor losses.

One man with courage has rallied Ukraine to stand strong against a much stronger aggressor.

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From the Desk of Pastor Doug (Continued)

When things get tough and people are beginning to lose their nerve, one person with courage can often shift the momentum. We naturally draw strength and resolve from those who refuse to be intimidated.

Too often American Christians have been taught to be “nice,” so nice that we let things go unchallenged that should be confronted. There’s a lot of room for grace in our dealings, but there’s also a time when we must speak up, take a stand and bear the consequences.

I don’t know if Zelensky or Ukraine can survive the Russian onslaught, but one man’s courage has rallied and inspired a nation, and turned the hearts of the free world.

Joshua said it well as the Israelites started their conquest of the Promised Land: “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.” Joshua 1:6

Be gracious where you can, but when circumstances call for someone to take a stand, be strong and courageous.

-Doug

PS- Writing this reminded me of an old (1927) song from a Sugmund Romberg that I wanted to share.

Give me some men
Who are stout-hearted men
Who will fight
For the rights
They adore

Start me with ten
Who are stout-hearted men
And I'll soon give you ten
Thousand more

Shoulder to shoulder
And bolder and bolder
They grow as they go to the fore
Then there's nothing in the world
Can halt or mar a plan
When stout-hearted men
Can stick together man to man

PASTOR DOUG'S MARCH SERMONS:

Series: Lessons of Covid

March 6th

Matthew 7:24-27
Anchored on the Rock

March 13th

I Corinthians 1:2
The Church is People

March 20th

Guest speaker

March 27th

Psalm 42:4
Worship at the Center

Thank You!

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to donate \$587.87 to Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Waterloo. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



Alternatives
PREGNANCY CENTER

GAME NIGHT

At Harvest Church

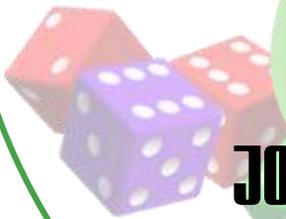
Friday, March 18th

7:00 P.M.

Join us for a night of fun and games!

Bring a friend and a snack as we enjoy

each other's company!



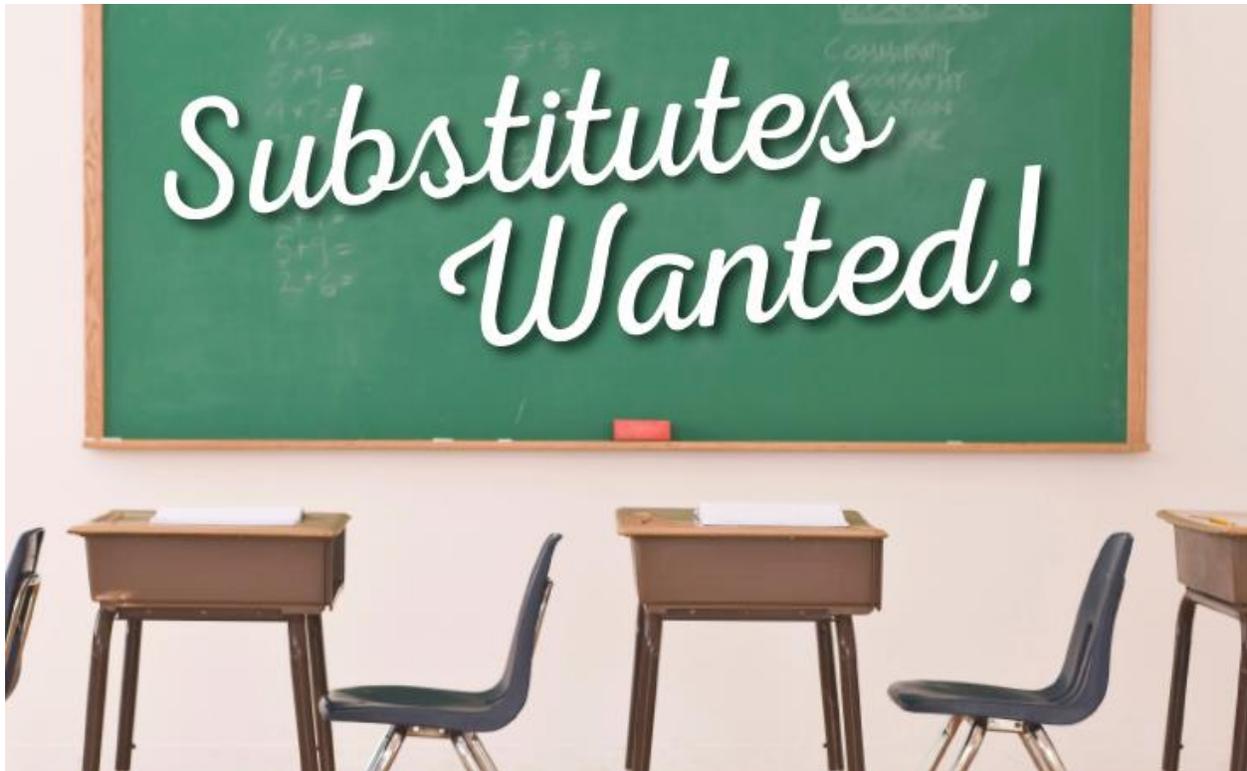
PAUL HASSMAN

We were saddened by the death of Paul Hassman in February. Paul was 108 and the longest-lived member of Harvest Church. His example of Christian character and service has inspired many through the years. He was the oldest man in Iowa when he died, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

LEROY KELLOGG

Our sympathies and prayers to go Lynette Kellogg at the death of her husband, Leroy, in February. He died just a few weeks shy of the 50th anniversary of his wedding to Lynette.





SUBSTITUTE(S) NEEDED

Someone has stepped up to volunteer to begin a Sunday School class for grade-schoolers. We have some really great material for the class. It is kid-friendly and teacher-friendly. We can only move forward if we also have one or two people willing to be substitutes.

One of the last things we haven't been able to revive since Covid hit has been children's Sunday School. We've focused on Children's Church as we've been rebuilding, but it's time to renew Sunday School for kids. This is important as a ministry to the children, and also as a ministry that frees parents to attend adult Sunday School.

If you would be willing to be a substitute occasionally, please let Doug, Pat, Mike Tobin or Josh Schuchhardt know,. Tthe sooner, the better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Cassie Storlie - March 1st
Olivia Schuchhardt - March 18th
Jason Walter - March 25th



MILITARY BIBLE STICKS

Harvest Church invites a special offering for Military Bible Sticks during the month of March. The Bible sticks are small, lightweight memory sticks with the entire New Testament in an audio format that play through ear-phones. They are distributed through military chaplains in the active military, the reserves and at veterans medical facilities. Currently, they are receiving 5-6,000 requests per month for the Bibles. Over the years, Harvest Church has paid for 481 sticks for our military folks.

We like to talk about how we believe in the power of Scripture and how much we support our troops. This is an opportunity to actually do something that ties these two commitments together.

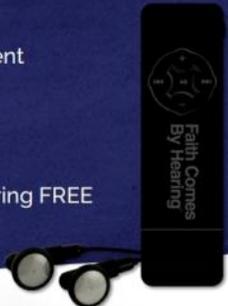
We need to receive your offerings by March 27th if possible, as a donor has offered to match Bible Stick gifts from churches through the end of March. In a time of world unrest and unease for our military, let's get behind our troops with the Word of God.



**MILITARY BIBLESTICK**
A ministry of **Faith Comes By Hearing®**

**Supporting our troops at home and abroad with
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- Low-light for safety in the field
- Pocket-sized
- Each BibleStick includes a response card offering FREE Audio Drama Bibles to loved ones at home!



- **\$25 sponsors one service member and his or her family**
- **\$2,500 impacts an entire company of 100 service members and their families**

With the help of churches nationwide, Faith Comes By Hearing has provided over 1 million Military BibleSticks to chaplains who share them with our troops from all branches of service.

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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	2	3	4 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" on Facebook	5 7:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting
6 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	7	8 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	9	10	11 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" on Facebook	12
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27 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	28	29 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	30	31		