

The Greatest Light

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Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. **Isaiah 9:1-2**

The birth of Jesus was announced to the world by a bright host of angels shattering the darkness over the hills where shepherds were watching their sheep. The arrival of the King of the Jews was announced to the wise men by the appearance of a new star in the darkness of the night sky. That is only fitting, for the baby born in Bethlehem came to bring light into the world darkened by sin. "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

The light of Jesus is not just a light of example or a light of kindness or a light of teaching, though it includes all of those things. It is the light of God Himself. It is the Source of all light and shines forth with both truth and grace. It provides the hope of salvation for all who believe in Jesus as Saviour. John wrote, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (Luke 1:9).

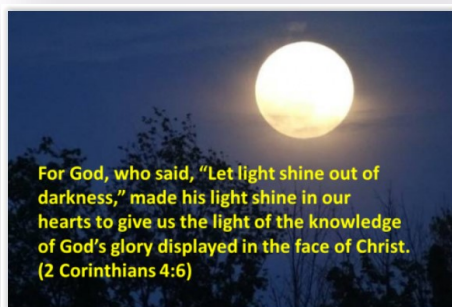
Ever since sin entered into the world, man's default condition has been darkness. Our only hope of finding our way out of the bondage of sin and the certainty of death and eternal separation from God is for someone to bring light into that darkness. Jesus is that Someone. "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not....But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:4-5, 12). We who have received Christ as our Savior should reflect the glorious light of the gospel to others.

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Sermon Notes

Please plan to attend and listen to
a special speaker,
Douglas Cook
preach at both the morning and
evening services
on Sunday, **January 8, 2023**
and at the Wednesday night service
January 11th

Pastor Gray and the
Pulpit Committee
have scheduled these
opportunities for you to meet
Brother Cook and his wife, Michelle,
in view of a possible pastoral call.
Please plan to attend.



January 1, 2023

*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

Psalms 96:1

Go Tell It On The Mountain - 134

Glory To His Name - 195

Faith Is The Victory - 174

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

In Times Like These - 176

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Happy New Year
2023

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for... John Mark and Kristin Catalan,
our missionaries to Manila



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 January 28 - 9:00 AM

Visitation Ministry



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

January 1 - 10:00 AM morning service.

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

Only Jesus can Satisfy your Hunger

Jesus said to those who were satisfied in their
sins, "Woe to you who are well-fed now, for
you shall be hungry."

(Luke 6:25)

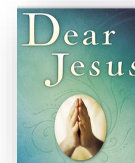
But Jesus said to those who are thirsting for
righteousness, "Blessed are you who hunger
now, for you shall be satisfied."

(Luke 6:21)

Jesus is the only source for satisfying your
hunger and eternal life (John 14:6).

OFFERING UPDATE

Giving Accounts	For The Week of 12/25/2022 - 12/31/2022	Month Total December
General	6,262.32	24,273.19
Missions	2,065.00	4,470.00
TOTAL	8,327.32	28,743.19
Native American Missions, Inc.	600.00	2,250.00
Christmas Offering	10.00	1,710.00



*I hate it when My children grumble,
casually despising My sovereignty.
Thankfulness is a safeguard against this
deadly sin Furthermore, a grateful atti-
tude becomes a grid through which
you perceive life.*

*I confess I am a grumbler. When things are not as I'd
like them to be, my first impulse is to complain. Even if
I manage to keep my mouth shut, I tend to grumble in
my thoughts. Usually when I complain, it doesn't occur
to me that I am opposing You and Your ways. It shocks
me to realize that grumbling amounts to casually des-
pising Your sovereignty. Forgive me, Lord!*

Beloved, complaining is quite common among My chil-
dren, but it is nonetheless a deadly sin. When the Israelites
grumbled against their leader, Moses, I dealt with them
severely. Though they may not have been aware of it, they
were actually rebelling against Me, and I responded ac-
cordingly: All these complainers who were twenty or older
died in the desert, never reaching the Promised Land.

The best safeguard against falling prey to grumbling is
thankfulness. When gratitude fills your heart and mind, you
will not be tempted to complain. My Word is seasoned with
multiple commands to be thankful—for good reason! I ran-
somed you from eternal punishment through My torturous
death on the cross. That alone is sufficient reason for
thankfulness. However, I continue to shower additional
blessings upon you. Work at developing a grateful mind-
set., and you will be able to perceive My gifts more clearly.
Gratitude also enables you to draw closer to Me. As you
learn to give thanks in all circumstances, My loving Pres-
ence will increasingly brighten your vision of life.

Exodus 16:8 Numbers 14:29 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**When you are going
through tough times,
guard your heart
against complaining. In
every situation, choose
to worship God and
give thanks. God hates
complaining and
murmuring.**