

Giving Ourselves

Dr. Paul Chappell

For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:3-6

God is the ultimate owner of all the resources that exist. He could provide for the needs of His work in any number of ways. He could send birds to fly into the church building and drop money in the offering plates, like the ravens feeding Elijah. He could drop money on the church grounds every morning like the manna that fell to feed the Israelites. He chooses instead for His work to be funded and supported by the gifts of His children. Giving is a touchy subject in some churches, but it is God's plan.

A.W. Tozer, said, "Before the judgment seat of Christ my service will be judged not by how much I have done but by how much I could have done! In

God's sight, my giving is measured not by how much I have given but how much I have left after I made my gift. Not by its size is my gift judged, but by how much of me there is in it. No man gives at all until he has given all! No man gives anything acceptable to God until he has first given himself in love and sacrifice." No amount of money someone puts into an offering will make up for a heart that is not fully devoted to God. We do not buy His favor. Though there are blessings promised for those who give generously, the primary motivation for our obedience is our love for the Lord Who has given us so much.

Giving God our hearts and our lives must precede any acceptable gift we could bring to Him.



January 15, 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

I Am Resolved - 243

Living By Faith - 34

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God - 222

Welcome & Announcements

Instrumental Special

Jesus Will Outshine Them All - 17

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor Cook

Invitation

Closing Prayer Pastor Cook

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for...**Josiah and Gloria DaCunha**,
our Missionaries to Portugal



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.



Visitation Ministry
Saturday January 28 - 9:00 AM



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

CHURCH VOTE

Members of Harvest Baptist
Church will be voting to call Doug
Cook as their new pastor on
Sunday, January 22 immediately
following the morning service.



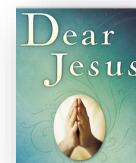
Sunday Evening January 22nd
there will be a reduced business
meeting to discuss the
financial report.



Wednesday, January 25, our
Missionary, Gary Craft, will be
speaking and giving a
ministry update.

OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 1/8/2023 - 1/14/2023	Month Total January
General	8,269.09	14,015.09
Missions	810.00	1,785.00
TOTAL	9,079.09	15,800.09
Native American Missions, Inc.	1,270.00	1,570.00
Christmas Offering	0.00	115.00



*Bearing your circumstances
bravely—even thanking Me for
them—is one of the highest forms of
praise. This sacrifice of thanksgiving
rings golden toned bells of Joy
throughout heavenly realms. On
earth also, your patient suffering
sends out ripples of good tidings in ever-
widening circles.*

*You have been training me in the discipline of
thankfulness for a long time. Yet I still find it quite
challenging to thank you for suffering - my own or
others'. Sometimes, though, I am able to thank
You for painful circumstances. This seems unnat-
ural at first, but it is actually quite freeing. When I
am able to do this, I find that I relax and feel closer
to You. Please help me endure my circumstances
bravely—with gratitude.*

Beloved, thanking Me for adversity requires a deep
level of trust: in My goodness, My mercy, My Love.
People who are leaning on their own understanding
cannot achieve this depth of trust. So, handling diffi-
culties courageously involves relinquishing your de-
mand to understand.

You have experienced personal benefits from
thanking Me for hard situations, but there is more—
much more! Your fearful acceptance of adversity has
major repercussions far beyond yourself: in heaven as
well as on earth. Joy-bells resound in heavenly do-
mains when suffering believers trust Me enough to
give thanks. Also, your sacrifice of thanksgiving has
divine Power to weaken spiritual strongholds of evil.
Moreover, your patient endurance of suffering can
strengthen and encourage My people on earth.

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and declare his works with rejoicing (Psalm 107:22)!

Ephesians 5:20 Proverbs 3:5
2 Corinthians 10:3-4