

**God is bigger than your sins, your hurts,
and your disappointments**

Dr. Jack Graham

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

As a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, I can say with integrity that every day with Him has been sweeter than the day before... just as the old hymn says.

Now, when I say that, please listen to what I'm *not* saying. I'm not saying that my life hasn't had its share of valleys. I'm not saying that I haven't experienced times of grief, illness, distress, or stress. I'm not saying that!

What I *am* saying is that I may have been afflicted in every way, but I've never been crushed. I may have been perplexed, but I've never been driven to despair. I may have been persecuted, but I've never been forsaken. I may have been struck down, but I've never been destroyed.

And you know why I can say this? Because of the work of Jesus Christ in my life. He's never let me be crushed. He's never let me driven to despair. He's never forsaken me. And He's never let me be destroyed!

But perhaps today you'd say, "Pastor Graham, that's great for you, but you don't know what I've been through. You don't know how hard my life has been. You don't know how many of my prayers have gone unanswered. You don't know how disappointed I am in God."

You know, I *don't* know. But you know what I *do* know? That we serve a God who is bigger than whatever it is you're holding on to. He's bigger than your past sins... your past hurts. And He's even bigger than your disappointments.

But more than that, He sympathizes with you... right where you are. The writer of Hebrews tells us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15).

Today... if your life has bottomed out... listen to me: *The love and mercy of Christ reaches deeper than where you are right now.*

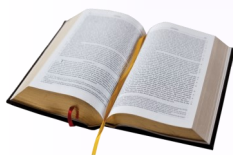
**SO DRAW NEAR TO HIS THRONE OF GRACE...SO THAT
YOU CAN RECEIVE HIS MERCY TO HELP YOU IN YOUR
TIME OF NEED!**

Sermon Notes

Retiring Pastor Kim Gray and his wife, Tina, have served the Lord for 47 years. They have ministered to Harvest Baptist Church for 35 of those 47 years. Please plan to attend a celebration of service gathering on February 5th after the AM service. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

There will also be a special box in the foyer where church members and friends can provide a token of their appreciation for Pastor Gray and Tina's ministry to Harvest Baptist Church through all these years.

Congratulations to Pastor Doug and Michelle



Our church family is pleased to have Pastor Doug as our new pastor. A vote was taken for Pastor Cook after the January 22nd AM service.

The vote was 97% positive to call Pastor Doug and Michelle to minister to our HBC family.



January 29, 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 from 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 and Opening Prayer

Choir Special

Psalms 96:1

Doxology: To God Be The Glory 457

Greetings & Brief Fellowship

Announcements

He Is Mine - 11

Something About That Name - 27

Offering and Offertory Ministry

I Must Tell Jesus - 115

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor Cook

Invitation

Closing Prayer Pastor Cook



Happy Anniversary
Pastor Doug and Michelle

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

please pray for...Shaun & Christin Evans,
our missionaries in Sierra Leone, West Africa



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 February 25 - 9:00 AM



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

* During the week of February 5, our missionary,
Frank Frausto, and family will be with us.

* Wednesday, February 22nd, our missionary,
Josiah DeCunha, will be speaking and giving a
missionary update.

* Sunday evening, May 7th, WCBC Tour Team will
be preaching/singing. The leaders and 2 girls will
stay in the missions apartment, and we will need
a place for 2 young men to stay. A meal will need
to be provided after the evening service for the
ministry group.

Contact Marlene Pedersen or Carol Moeller if
you are able to help with lodging and or meal.



"Come Sit Awhile"

Ladies' Conference 2023

Keynote Speaker -

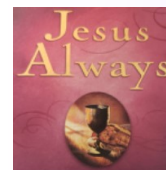
Mrs. Mickie Randolph

March 31—April 1, 2023

Signup sheet is in the foyer. **DEADLINE** for signing
up and payment is February 12. Please see
Marlene Pedersen for details and questions.

OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 1/22/2023 - 1/28/2023	Month Total January
General	3,428.32	20,328.41
Missions	1,065.00	3,525.00
TOTAL	4,493.32	23,853.41
Native American Missions, Inc.	100.00	2,020.00
Christmas Offering	.00	115.00



Beware of overthinking things -
obsessing about unimportant
matters. When your mind is
idle, you tend to go into plan-
ning mode: attempting to figure

things out and make various decisions before
you really need to do so. This is an unproduc-
tive way of trying to grasp control, and it's a
waste of your precious time. Often, you end up
changing your mind or forgetting what you
decided. There is a time for planning but it's
definitely not all the time - or even most of it.

Seek to live in the present moment, where
My Presence awaits you continually. Refresh
yourself in My nearness, letting My Love soak
into your innermost being. Relax with Me,
putting aside problems so you can be attentive
to Me and receive more of My Love. Your soul
thirsts for Me, but often you don't realize what
you're really longing for: awareness of My
Presence. Let Me lead you beside quiet waters
and restore your soul. Just as lovers don't need
to say much to communicate deeply, so it is in
your relationship with Me - the Lover of your
soul.

Ephesians 3:17-19 Psalm 63:1 Psalm 23:2-3

