

What to Do When it Seems Darkness Is Winning

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"For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Psalm 11:2-3

Over the past 50 years, many of us have watched our world, our culture, and our country change dramatically. Growing up in the 1950s and growing up today are two extremely different experiences. A radical cultural transformation has taken place politically, morally, and economically. We live in a vastly different world!

One of the major characteristics of this new era is the fact that we are undeniably moving more and more into a post-Christian era. Every institution in our government, and even most in the private sector, has sought to become completely secular, stripping religion out completely.

So as believers, what are we to do in light of this cultural transformation? Well, we can fight against the changes we're seeing, which I believe is absolutely essential for issues like abortion and defending some of our fundamental institutions. But the tide has now turned against us and there's little doubt our nation will become increasingly secular in years to come.

But whatever happens in our culture, the church is the church and must continue to make a declaration of the truth of the Gospel whether people listen or not. We must fight the good fight for the future of our nation and our world. When the darkness seems to be winning, stay true to your calling and remember you serve a God who is in control!

**IN THE FACE OF DARKNESS AND SECULARISM,
DECLARE THE TRUTH OF CHRIST TO OTHERS AND
REMEMBER GOD IS IN CONTROL.**

Sermon Notes



Biblical Addiction

*I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that **they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,**) ¹⁶ That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth. ¹⁷ I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. ¹⁸ For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.*

What Kind of Spiritual Addictions Should We Have in the Ministry?

I. THE BIBLICAL ADDICTION OF PRAISE

A. Who is to Praise

B. Who to Praise

C. Where to Praise

D. The Reason to Praise

E. How to Praise



February 26, 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: 2

Praise Him Praise Him - 305

Greetings & Brief Fellowship

Announcements

Make Me a Blessing - 200

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - 177

Offering and Offertory Ministry

More About Jesus - 201

Prayer

Special Music

Message: Pastor Cook

Invitation

Closing Prayer: Pastor Cook

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
please pray for... **Daniel & Lisa Files**,
our missionaries to Thailand



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.



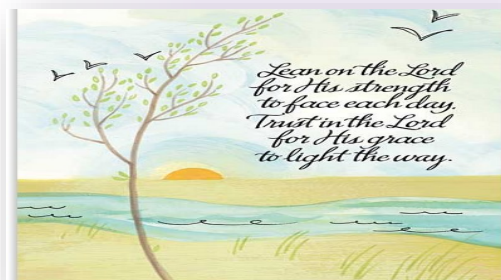
Visitation Ministry
Saturday March 25 - 9:45 AM



Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday - February 28 - 10-11 AM
in the missionary quarters
Michelle is leading the session.

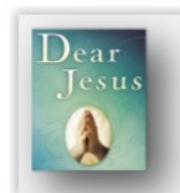
- Tonight there will be a business meeting after the evening service.
- Sunday evening, May 7th, WCBC Tour Team will be preaching/singing. A meal will need to be provided after the evening service for the ministry group. Contact Marlene Pedersen or Carol Moeller if you are able to help with the meal.

Please check your page in the church directory for accurate and up-to-date information. Let Carrie Cina know if everything is correct or if changes are needed. Changes can be given to Carrie so that your page is correct. New members will want to get acquainted with you.



OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 2/19/2023 - 2/25/2023	Month Total February
General	5,671.86	18,485.50
Missions	1,425.00	4,505.00
TOTAL	7,096.86	22,990.50
Native American Missions, Inc.	250.00	2,550.00
Registrations and Fees	75.00	255.00



*Go gently through this day,
leaning on Me and enjoying
My presence.*

Gently seems to be the only way I can make it through this day. I'm grateful for Your perfect understanding for commanding me to do precisely what I need most at this moment. Thank You also for inviting me to lean on You. I need to lean on someone and You are definitely the most reliable Person I could ever find. It amazes me that You, the Lord of the universe, are always available to help me.

Beloved, My availability is based on My commitment to you. Which is deeper and stronger than even the most ardent wedding vows. No matter how passionately in love a bride and groom may be, their vows last only until one of them dies. My commitment, however, is absolutely unlimited. When you asked Me to be your Savior, I wed you for eternity. Neither death nor life, nor anything else in all creation can separate you from My love. I want you to go gently through this day. Because I myself am gentle, especially with those who are weak. You are free to lean on Me as much as you like, but I also want you to enjoy Me. When you are weary, you find it easier to lean on Me than to enjoy my company. In an attempt to save energy, you tend to shut down emotionally. But it is possible for you to be joyful in Me, your Savior, even in desperate circumstances. Remember that I am your strength. Rejoice in Me and relax while I speak to you in a gentle whisper.

Romans 8:38-39 Habakkuk 3:17-19 1 Kings 19:12

Sarah Young