

Do You Come to Church to Serve or to Be Served?

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Mat 20:26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

Mat 20:27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. **Matthew 20:26-28**

A little boy went with his daddy to church one day. On their way into the service, the two stopped to admire a memorial plaque the church had just installed for all of the members who had died in the armed forces.

The boy asked his father, "Daddy, what are all those names on the wall?"

"Well, son, those are all the people who died in the service," the dad responded.

The boy took a look at the sanctuary doors and got a very frightened look on his face. "Daddy, did they die in the first service or the second service?"

What does "service" mean? We often use that word to describe our Sunday morning gatherings. But I think you'd agree with me that too many people come to church not to give service, but to be served. They want the music their way. They want the pastor to say everything just right. And they want to leave with a warm fuzzy feeling inside.

Our Father is seeking true worshippers... those who will be willing even to give their own lives in His service. And the genuine, committed believer in Christ will see him or herself in just that way. Don't come to church to be served. Follow Jesus' example of serving others!

**DON'T JUST COME TO CHURCH TO BE SERVED.
LIVE LIFE EACH DAY TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S
EXAMPLE OF SERVING OTHERS.**

Sermon Outline



Christ, The Great Defender

John 8:1-11

I. The Accusation vs. 4-6a

vs. 4 It seems that she was taken in the very act of Adultery.

Vs.5 Condoning this woman's sin, would be sanctioning open sin.

Many folks and young people try and yet fail. Are we looking only at the failure or are we trying to see their heart?

II. The Acquittal vs. 6b-9

v.7 *"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."*

How tragic that these wicked men left the presence of **the Only One** whom could save them from sin and Hell!

Forgiveness of sins does not condone the sin.

Friend, be acquitted now; by letting Christ's death on the cross provide the payment for your sins.

The Accusation, The Acquittal

III. The Assurance vs. 10-11

She went her way a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Salvation was not given to us based on our future conduct. It is given to us based on the finished works of Jesus Christ.

Christian, have you strayed from the One who saved you? His arms are open and ready to heal and forgive you today.

I John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness".*

**Why leave this place today unclean or unsaved?
Why leave unsure about your future and relationship
with Jesus Christ?**

Sermon Notes



March 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.

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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

of Goodyear

'Where church still feels like church'

Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer
 Choir Special
 Psalms 98: 1
To God Be the Glory - 457
It's Amazing What Praising Can Do
 Greetings & Brief Fellowship
It's Amazing What Praising Can Do
 Announcements
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - 285
Showers of Blessing - 335
 Offering and Offertory Ministry
I'd Rather Have Jesus - 391
 Prayer
 Special Music
 Message: Pastor Cook
 Invitation
 Closing Prayer: Pastor Cook



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
 please pray for... **Jon Eric and Lesa Kreh**, our missionaries to the Netherlands



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 April 29 - 9:45 AM

- Men’s coffee fellowship—HBC Fellowship Hall : Tuesday 8:30 am
- Ladies’ Discipleship class: Weekly on Thursdays at 10 AM.
- Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, HBC Parking Lot
- Missionary Pastor Ryan Nez-Navajo Indian Reservation–Window Rock, will be speaking April 30th in the PM Service
- Sundae Sunday after the evening service →
- * “She’s Got ‘Purse’-sonality!” Ladies’ Luncheon Saturday, May 6th, 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet in the Foyer
- 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.
- March Birthdays: Mike Cherry 3/27, Loida Hagadorn 3/30, Mark Norton 3/30

April Anniversaries
 

Leonard 4/3
 Gray 4/7
 Kreger 4/7
 Stone 4/20

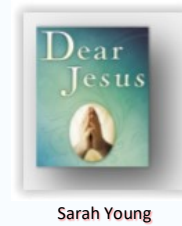


April Birthdays
 

Kim Gray 4/3
 Connie Ullman 4/5
 Tony Werner 4/5
 Fred Hill 4/7
 Dave Bushaw 4/17
 Wayne Tomlin 4/26

OFFERING UPDATE

	For The Week of 3/19/2023 - 3/25/2023	Month Total March
General	4,505.00	21,646.41
Missions	755.00	3,316.00
TOTAL	5,260.00	24,962.41
Deacon Fund	.00	1,667.00
Special Projects	.00	1,100.00



A thankful attitude opens the windows of heaven. Spiritual blessings fall freely onto you through those openings into eternity.

I love the image of spiritual blessings falling upon me through heaven’s open windows. And all you require of me is to be thankful! That seems such an easy condition; yet I stumble over it almost every day of my life. Help me overcome my ungrateful attitude.

Beloved, I rejoice in your desire to become more grateful. Throughout the Bible, I repeatedly command thankfulness because it is vital to your well-being. It is also crucial for a healthy relationship with Me since I am your Creator, your Savior, your King. When you thank Me, you acknowledge your indebtedness to Me: how much I have done for you. This attitude brings joy both to you and to Me.

Giving thanks is similar to priming a pump with water so that it will produce more water. Since thankfulness is one of the spiritual blessings I bestow on you, it will increase along with the others when you “prime” Me with Thanksgiving.

Remember that I am the God of all grace. When you fail in your endeavor to be thankful, simply ask Me for forgiveness. As you freely receive this priceless gift - remembering what it cost Me, - your gratitude will grow. Look up to Me, and see spiritual blessings cascading down on you through wide open windows of heaven.

Psalm 100:4 Ephesians 1:3 Zechariah 9:9

