

THE BEACON

Harrisburg Christian Church
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

November, 2026

Greetings HCC,
November. A month traditionally known for a thankful spirit and a grateful heart. A time to gather with family and friends. And a time to praise God for the many blessings in our lives.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

~ Psalm 100:4

One of the things I am thankful for is our church. Not the building (although I do appreciate that we have a beautiful, safe place to gather), but this family of believers. The people who share a common belief and desire to worship. Those who seek to know God, and make him known. I am thankful that we live in a nation where we can worship together. A place where we can pray for one another and lift our voices in songs of praise. And a community that continues to grow and mature in the faith.

As we navigate our own spiritual journey, we have an opportunity to grow closer to God each day. Through personal discipline and study, spending time alone with God, and gathering with other believers, we continue to grow.

In the past several weeks, HCC has been blessed with different speakers who have been encouraging and thought-provoking. We have been given many different examples and opportunities to learn. It is up to each of us to take the messages from Sunday mornings and continue to explore the scriptures and apply the lessons to our lives. Here is just a brief recap of how we have been challenged during Pastor John's sabbatical:

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Week 1: Corey - GRASP:
Gather – where will I gather? Read – what will I read?
Advertise – what will I advertise?
Serve – will I serve? Personal – will my relationship with God be personal?

Week 2: Maddie (John 15:5)
I want to remain in Christ. I want to allow God to produce fruit in my life. I want to plant seeds in others' lives.

Week 3-4: Rod (1 Kings 19:11-12, Mark 1:32-38)
The Power of a Whisper. Small things matter. Your contribution matters. Your seemingly small contribution matters a lot to someone(s) and you are a terrible judge of its value.
Be the gift you are – perfectionism is a hurdle to fruitfulness. Practice Immanuel Journaling. Together we submit our lives (divine whispers) to the Bible, good reason, shared experiences, and church tradition to discern what God's will is for us. Find your "ing" words and put them to work.
"I love _____... so that _____...

Week 5: Corey (1 John 1:5)
Know Your WHY
Why Sin? Why is sin everywhere? Why does God make such a big deal about sin?
Sin has become normalized in our world. God's reaction to sin is offensive to sinful people. We confuse God's love for us with God's approval of all we are and do. Awareness of sin in the world can point us to God's goodness. God is light.

Week 6: Nate (Hebrews 11:1-2, 13:17)
Run your race with endurance. Faith is a gifted ticket for a difficult, spirit-led journey with Jesus to dwell with God. Pray for and obey your spiritual leaders. Important life lessons in servanthood, leadership, knowing and understanding your calling, and "life mapping" your journey.

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I encourage you to pause each day and reflect on your many blessings. May we have a posture of gratitude year-round, not just for this season. And may we all continue to grow and mature in Christ until we are complete in His presence.

In His service,
Cindy

Special Shoutout:
Welcome our newest members **Bob and Marva Iglehart**



JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM OR 10:30AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

You can be apart of

Find an event and get connected!

Operation Christmas Child

01 Shoeboxes due November 8th.
Deadline for online boxes is Nov. 15th

Woman's Fellowship

02 November 6th and 7th.
See Grace Franklin for more details.

Senior Luncheon 11/10

03 11-12pm in the Fellowship Hall

Operation Christmas Child

04 PACKING DAY
2pm Fellowship Hall
Are are welcome to help.

Small Groups

05 Youth Small Groups are in full swing. If you have a 3rd-12 grader, ask which house they can attend on Sunday evenings.

Elders & Deacon Meeting

11/24 from 6:30-7:30

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We have set a goal to pack 450 Shoeboxes this year for Operation Christmas Child.

Each shoebox gift represents an opportunity for a child to hear the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a tangible expression of God's love. We have plenty of boxes available and HCC will pay the requested donation of $10/box.

OR

You can build a box online. (Info below)

Let's help take the gospel to the ends of the Earth!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST: GLOBAL CALL TO PRAYER @ 5 P.M., CT: LEAD BY CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD, JOIN FOR A POWERFUL TIME OF PRAYER. WE WILL KICK OFF THE 2026 SHOEBOX SEASON AS WE SEEK GOD'S FAVOR OVER THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK AND BEYOND!
HTTPS://BIT.LY/CALL2-PRAYER

Build a box online: https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/37f19bb3-addd-4335-a0b1-84fc67a72f95