

## Morning Worship September 5, 2021

Welcome	Pastor Matt
Call to Worship	Pastor Matt
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Hymn 8
<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	Hymn 58
Scripture Reading and Prayer	Pastor John
<i>O Great God</i>	
Sermon	Pastor John

### The Vanity of Earthly Pursuits Ecclesiastes 1

<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	Hymn 379
The Lord's Supper*	

\*Each who has repented of his or her sin and believes in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Lord and Savior and who has publicly professed such faith to the church through baptism is welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper.

<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	Hymn 286
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## Evening Worship 6:30 PM

Worship	
Sharing/Prayer	
Sermon	Pastor John and Pastor Matt
	<b>Vanity or Value</b>
	Philippians 3:4-11

Welcome!

We are glad you are here! If you are visiting, scan the QR code or go to [NorthHarford.org/connect](http://NorthHarford.org/connect) to connect with us.



**Pastor John to Preach at Fellowship Chapel**  
Fellowship Chapel is celebrating 40 years and is hosting an event called 2021 North Harford Tent Revival: Jesus, Our Firm Foundation. Pastor John will be preaching there on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM. Our church is invited to attend.



### Attention all youth!

Would you like to get away for a weekend with the youth group? Then talk to your parents about going to Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA on October 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. The youth will leave from the church at 6:00 PM and will return at 3:00 PM on Sunday. Cost is \$60. Discounts for families with multiple youth and scholarships are available. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Sign-up no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. See our youth director, Jeremiah Brown, for more details.

### Wednesday Night Updates

Plans are for Adult Choir, Youth on Mission (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), and Boys Bible Club (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) to resume on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM. Midweek Bible Study will move to the Learning Center, Room 1 off the Fellowship Hall. We pray that Wednesday evening ministries will be a blessing to your family.

### Adult Choir

On Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, there will be an adult choir interest meeting in the choir loft. Pastor John, along with veterans of the choir and newly elected leaders, will share the hopes for choir ministry going forward.

### Junior Youth Online

Junior Youth will resume on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on GoToMeeting.



### Secret Pal Luncheon

The Secret Pal Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Secret Pals is an annual ministry where ladies from the church “adopt” a widow in the church. They send the widow a monthly card and surprise them with a small gift for their birthday and other special times. The Secret Pals’ identities are revealed at the luncheon.

## September 5 – September 12

### Today – 9/5

9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service* (church/FB) <i>Sunday School Teachers Meeting in Room 7</i>
6:30 PM	Evening Worship*

### Monday – 9/6

*Happy Labor Day!*  
Church Office Closed

### Wednesday – 9/8

6:00 PM	Puppet Ministry Practice
6:30 PM	Church-wide prayer
7:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study* (church/FB)
	<del>Boys Bible Club</del> (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys); GA's (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade girls), Mission Friends (PreK-K), Girl Teen Bible Study (7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade girls)

### Friday – 9/10

7:00-9:00 PM	Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 graders)
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### Sunday – 9/12

9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service* (church/FB)
6:30 PM	<i>Business Meeting</i> Evening Worship*

**M -F 8:30 – 9:00 AM** Ladies Phone Devotional  
(GoToMeeting)

\* *Nursery Provided (birth-3 years old)*

### Nursery Workers – September 12<sup>th</sup>

I AM	– Colleen Good and Melissa Good
II AM	– Matt Evans and Jennifer Evans
PM	– Combined I/II – Lynette Winzenried and Gracie Fortunato
Wed. (9/8)	Lynette Winzenried and Lorna Dorn

## The Vanity of Earthly Pursuits

Ecclesiastes 1

### I. Why Was This Book Written?

A. To Reveal the Futility of All Earthly Pursuits. 2-3

1 Kings 10:23-27

1 Kings 11:3

B. To Recognize the Source of All We Enjoy in Life.

C. To Remember Our Ultimate Accountability to God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

### II. Five Reasons Earthly Pursuits Are Empty. 4-18

A. Earthly Pursuits Are Temporary. 4

B. Earthly Pursuits Do Not Satisfy for Long. 5-8

C. Earthly Pursuits Are Nothing New. 9-10

D. Earthly Pursuits Are Not Remembered Like We Think They Will Be. 11

E. Earthly Wisdom Cannot Correct Sin. 12-18

1 Kings 4:29-34

### Implications:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

John 10:10

John 17:3

## Camp Wo-Me-To

Are you a young person interested in a part-time job? Camp Wo-Me-To is hiring! See Frank Ulmer for details.



Ladies, join us for a relaxing evening around the fire on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at the church. We will have a time of sharing, singing, and praying together. Please bring a chair, blanket, snack, and drink for yourself.

#### Saving Faith

**1. I believe God is the Creator of my life:**

Acts 17:25 He... gives to all people life and breath and all things

**2. I believe God is to be obeyed and has the right to punish those who disobey**

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.

**3. I believe I have disobeyed God and deserve His punishment:**

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of glory of God,  
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death.....

**4. I believe there is nothing I can offer to erase my sin and earn a place in heaven:**

Romans 6:23...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**5. I believe God, by sending His Son Jesus to the cross, has provided the way for my sin to be forgiven.:**

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

**With repentance and faith in my heart, I call upon God to mercifully forgive me:**

Romans 10:13 Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.



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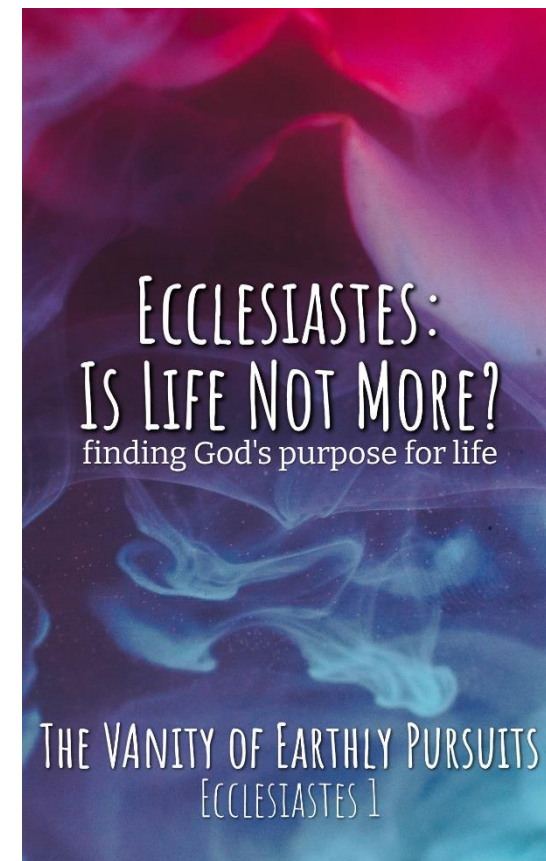
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**Sunday**

**9:30 AM**

**Sunday School**

**10:45 AM**

**Morning Worship\***

**6:30 PM**

**Evening Worship\***

(No evening service last Sunday of the month)

**Wednesday**

**6:30 PM**

**Prayer Meeting**

**7:00 PM**

**Midweek Chapel\***

**Children and Youth**

**Missions Groups**

**Friday**

**7:00 PM**

**Youth Group**

\* Nursery Provided (birth – 3 years old)

## Men's Prayer Huddles

Men, join us in fellowship and prayer for the church and community. There are **various huddles** you can choose from; they run between **15-25 minutes**. They will meet from September through November and then we will break for the winter. The theme this season is, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel." Here they are, and I truly hope to see you at one.

**Tuesdays: 4:30pm, Peach Bottom Rec Center (Pavilion)**

**Thursdays: 8:00am, Akers Financial, Forest Hill**

**Thursdays: 9:00am, Jarrettsville Rec Complex (Pavilion)**

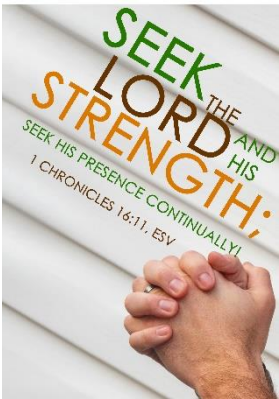
**Thursdays: Noon, Tom McNeil's home**

\* I'd like to do one at 4:30pm Thursdays at NHBC OR one at 5:30pm Tuesdays at NHBC, but only if a couple others want and would commit to one of those options. Let me know if one of those would work for you.

\*\*Men, this is a season for prayer! We need the power of God in a desperate way. I plead with you to join the effort. The hardest part

about committing to prayer is the first step; once you are out the door and with the brothers, it is always a blessing. And God really does hear and answer our prayers.

\*\*\* Contact Pastor Matt with any questions or interest.



## The Place of Music in Corporate Worship Pastoral Direction

*When we think of the worship service, it is common to think of*

*God as the prompter,  
pastors and musicians as the  
participants/performers,  
and the congregation as the audience.*

*In reality, biblically, the*

*pastors and musicians are the  
prompters,  
the congregation is the  
participant/performer,  
and God is the audience.*

According to Colossians 3:16 there are two clear purposes of music in corporate worship: to support the proclamation of God's Word and to encourage sincere thankfulness and praise to God.

***Colossians 3:16 (NASB)*** *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

By necessity, we have simplified the way we utilize music in corporate worship in the last year and a half. This simplification gives us the opportunity now to go forward in a thoughtful way. Going forward will be governed by the questions "Does *this* serve the biblical purposes for music in worship?" and "Do we have what we need to do *this* with excellence?" We are not looking to go back to what we were doing before but to go forward with clear purpose.

It is our recommendation that the role of Song Leader be renamed Music Leader. Along with the pastors, this person will coordinate the musical elements of the worship service. This will involve choosing songs, old and new, that doctrinally support the preaching of the Word and are sing-able by the congregation. The Music Leader's goal will be to encourage the congregation to sing with thankfulness to God. The primary instrument is to be the voice of the congregation, an assembled "choir", singing together to God. This person will also coordinate instrumental and vocal accompaniment and necessary practice and sound checks.

A choir of skilled singers can be included, as can instrumental offerings and soloists, in ways that support the purposes of music in worship and avoid the appearance of performance. For example, a choir number could lead into congregational singing. An instrumental piece or vocal solo could lead into prayer. The Music Leader would coordinate these and any other musical elements.

Going forward in this way makes things simpler and more sustainable, while incorporating the musical abilities God has blessed us with in a way that serves corporate worship.

The Nominating Committee will bring motions to elect a Music Leader and Adult Choir Director at the business meeting on Sunday, September 12 at 6:30 PM.