

Morning Worship September 12, 2021

Welcome	Pastor Matt
Call to Worship	Pastor Matt
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Hymn 382
<i>O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	Hymn 211
Scripture Reading and Prayer	Pastor John
<i>Great Are You Lord</i>	
Sermon	Pastor John

Looking for Fulfillment
(In All the Wrong Places)
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

<i>Give Me Jesus</i>	Hymn 443
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Evening Worship	6:30 PM
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<i>Business Meeting</i>	
Westernport Report	
Worship	
Sermon	Pastor John

To Live Is ...?
Philippians 1:21

Welcome!

We are glad you are here! If you are visiting, scan the QR code or go to NorthHarford.org/connect to connect with us.



Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

Each year in September an extra offering is encouraged for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. 100% of this offering supports evangelism projects. These are described in the prayer guide in today's bulletin. You can give online at bcmd.org/smo or through the church by designating your offering to BCMD.

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 13th at 6:45 PM. Our church is invited to attend.



Attention all youth!

Talk to your parents about going to Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA on October 1st - 3rd. 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 THIS Wednesday, September 15th.** See our youth director, Jeremiah Brown, for more details.

Wednesday Night Updates

Plans are for Adult Choir, Youth on Mission (7th-12th grade), and Boys Bible Club (1st-6th grade) to resume THIS 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 THIS Wednesday, September 15th, 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 THIS Friday, September 17th from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on GoToMeeting. See Gerry Mack or Harmony Evans for more information.

Special Guest

Mike McQuitty will be our special guest on Sunday, September 19th at 6:30 PM. A love offering will be collected.

August Offering

General Fund: \$36,277.22
 Baltimore Rescue Mission: \$1,465.53
 Camp WoMeTo: \$925
 Jeff & Jamie Kelly: \$2,196
 Mission Dignity: \$690
 Other Missions: \$800
Total: \$42,353.75 *Budget: \$37,550.55*

September 12 – September 19

Today – 9/12

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

Wednesday – 9/15

6:00 PM	Puppet Ministry Practice
6:30 PM	Church-wide prayer
7:00 PM	Midweek Bible Study* in the Learning Center (Room 1) (church/FB)
	Adult Choir Interest Meeting (in the Sanctuary)
	Boys Bible Club (1 st -6 th grade boys), GA's (1 st -6 th grade girls), Mission Friends (PreK-K), Youth on Mission (7 th – 12 th grade)

Friday – 9/17

7:00-7:30 PM	Junior Youth Online on GoToMeeting (8-12 years old)
7:00-9:00 PM	Youth Group (7 th -12 graders)

Sunday – 9/19

9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service* (church/FB)
6:30 PM	Evening Worship*
M -F 8:30 – 9:00 AM	Ladies Phone Devotional (GoToMeeting)

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

Nursery Workers – September 19th

I AM – Jody Manry and Janie Steplowski
II AM – Marie Reid and Lorna Dorn
PM - Combined I/II – Meg Fornoff and Olivia Minichiello
Wed. (9/15) Lynette Winzenried and Marie Reid

Church Work Day

Weather permitting, a work day is scheduled for Saturday, September 18th at 8:30 AM.

Looking for Fulfillment

(In All the Wrong Places)

Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

- I. Earthly Pursuits Do Not Bring Fulfillment. 1-11
 - A. Fun and Laughter, 1-2
 - B. Drinking, 3
 - C. Achievements, 4-6
 - D. Possessions, 7
 - E. Money, 8
 - 1 Kings 10:14-20
 - F. Music, 8
 - G. Sex, 8
 - 1 Kings 11:3
 - Deuteronomy 17:17
 - Hebrews 13:4
 - H. Fame, 9
 - 1 Kings 10:24
 - I. Desire, 10-11
- II. Death Comes to Every Person.
 - A. Death Is No Respector of Persons. 12-15
 - B. Most Is Forgotten After Death. 16
- III. The Result of the Search
 - A. Hatred of Life, 17-19
 - B. Despair, 20-23
- IV. Steps Toward a Fulfilling Life
 - A. Acknowledge God and Enjoy His Blessings. 24-25
 - B. Accept Your God Given Responsibility, 24
 - Genesis 3:19
 - 1 Timothy 5:8
 - C. Acknowledge God's Personal Interest. 26
 - 1. He Blesses Obedience
 - 2. He Blesses Through Sinners

Implications:

- 1. Seek fulfillment "above the sun".
 - Hebrews 9:27
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - James 1:17
- 2. Seek fulfillment by faith.
 - 1 Kings 11:1-11
 - John 15:10-11



Ladies, join us for a relaxing evening around the fire on Tuesday,

September 21st 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.



Secret Pal Luncheon

The Secret Pal Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 16th 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.

Saving Faith

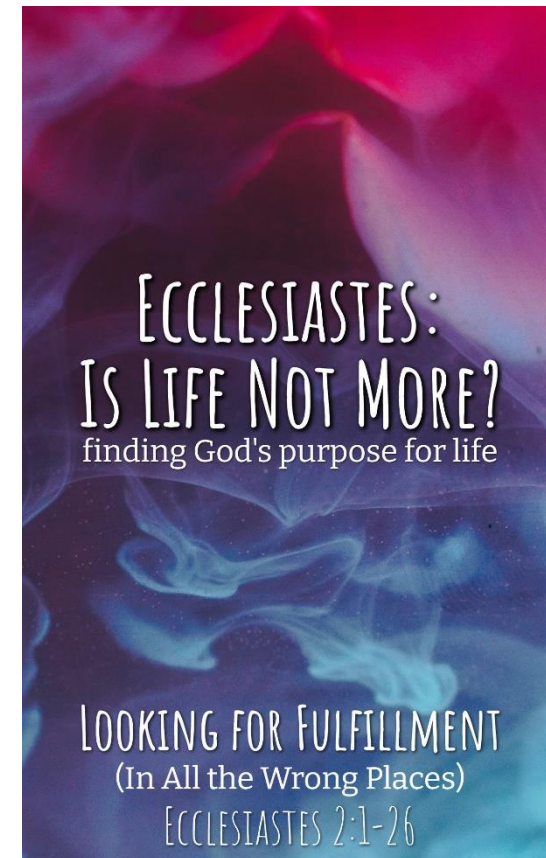
1. **I believe God is the Creator of my life:**
Acts 17:25 He... gives to all people life and breath and all things
 2. **I believe God is to be obeyed and has the right to punish those who disobey**
Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness 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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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)

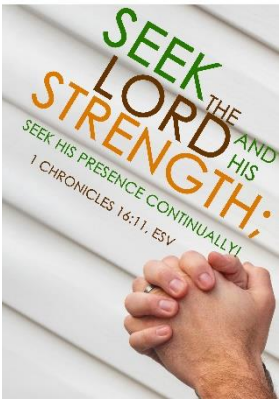
Thursdays: Noon, Tom McNeil's home

* 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.**



SATURDAY

May our churches grow in their awareness of the estimated 62 million Americans who have a disabling condition, most of whom are not being reached by churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please ask God to help churches embrace those who are hurting in their communities. Pray for wisdom and provision as they minister to those with special needs.

Please pray for divine appointments as churches participate in mission-focused and worship-fueled activities that help families affected by special needs.

Please pray that our churches will be welcoming, seeking to include families with special needs in ways that truly benefit them.

SUNDAY

May the Lord empower the staff of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware to be agents of healing, reconciliation and inspiration to the Southern Baptist churches in this vital region.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware leadership and their teams as they assist churches in blessing their communities by loving, serving and sharing Christ.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to revitalize churches all throughout our region. Pray for God to strengthen and reward leaders who are "growing weary in doing good" (Gal. 6:9).

Please pray for "more laborers for the harvest" (Luke 2:10). Pray for each of us to be burdened in a fresh new way to reach our communities for Christ.

You pray. You pour your life into people. And you participate in cooperative ministries to connect people to Jesus.

Every year in September, churches in the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware unite together to pray and financially support ministries that reach people in unique ways.

Did you know 100% of all funds supports various evangelism projects?

Through the State Missions Offering this year, your generous giving will assist:



servicing disaster victims and the most vulnerable population



supporting local MD/DE missionaries to serve in Kenya



ministering to families affected by special needs; today's largest unreached people group



investing in today's and tomorrow's pastors, missionaries, and business leaders

STATEWIDE GOAL: \$125,000



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DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

SUNDAY

May our hearts be unified as a body of Southern Baptist believers uniquely situated in this strategic region of the world. In His priestly prayer, our Lord earnestly prayed that His followers would be one, "so that the world may know that [the Father] sent Him" (John 17:21).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

John 13:35 says "everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Please pray for a great outpouring of love in and between our churches, and in our communities. May we be known by our love.

Pray our churches will make "every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3) before a watching world who is overwhelmed by divisiveness. May we be known by our unity.

MONDAY

May our pastors and MD/DE Baptists see how they can be a blessing to Christians in another part of the world - Kenya. May they richly share their educational and experience gifts with Kenyan congregations.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray that MD/DE Baptists will be open to scheduling time to be away to serve others, in the spirit of Acts 16:9.

Please pray that MD/DE Baptists will be encouraged and enhanced as they interact with Christ-followers from another continent.

Please pray that MD/DE Baptists shower love and encouragement on a new developing orphanage, in the spirit of James 1:27.

Please pray that orphans in the Koselli area of Kenya will find a place of security and love at the orphanage.

TUESDAY

May we be ever mindful of the generations of leaders who follow us. Today's teenagers who attend our summer camps are tomorrow's pastors, missionaries and business leaders. (1 Timothy 4:12)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for a continued vigor at the various camps at Skycroft Conference Center. Thank the Lord for the camp's intentional focus on mission projects in addition to the regular programming.

Please pray for the students who have attended these camps. May the spiritual lessons they learned impact the way they treat others in their schools and extracurricular activities.

Please pray the leadership lessons the campers were taught will shape their future ministries and careers. May these students win many to Christ!

WEDNESDAY

May we fulfill the Great Commission with urgency and power through church planting and evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the church planters who are tilling new ground in local neighborhoods all over this region.

May their efforts be fruitful.

Please pray for God to embolden churches to carry the gospel into difficult-to-reach communities and embolden church planters to choose the hard places so that the transforming power of the gospel might be apparent to all.

Please pray for God to increase the fire in our hearts for reaching our neighbors, co-workers, and families with His glorious gospel.

THURSDAY

Spiritual awakenings of days gone by often were spurred on by the fervent prayers of young college students. May our college campuses be the wellspring for future awakenings!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for each Baptist campus ministry in our multi-state convention to be effective in encouraging and equipping those God is calling out to be ministry leaders.

Please pray for each young believer on campus to use God's truth and grace to shape the culture around them, rather than allowing the college culture to shape them.

Please pray for a strong ministry presence on each of the 171 colleges and universities in Maryland and Delaware.

FRIDAY

May the trained disaster relief volunteers who minister in times of crisis be bearers of "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the individuals and families struggling in the aftermath of severe flooding, fires, and civil unrest. May they remember the love shown to them by Disaster Relief volunteers.

Please ask God to raise up more volunteers eager to prepare themselves so that they might stand ready at a moment's notice to bring help, healing and hope to those in need.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of disaster survivors to the gospel and to open the eyes of Disaster Relief volunteers to opportunities to share the good news of God's grace.