

Welcome to  
**Harper Christian Church**  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**9:00—OPEN PRAYER MEETING** ..... West overflow room

**9:30—ADULT BIBLE STUDY** ..... Ed Hughlett, Sr.  
*“The Most Well-known Verse in the Bible”*

**10:30—PRAISE & WORSHIP**

- #29—Wonderful Words of Life
- #469—Higher Ground
- #67—Blessed Assurance
- #69—Standing on the Promises
- Lord, You Are So Precious to Me

**COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE ANYTIME BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AUDITORIUM. PLEASE HONOR SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES FOR OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE CONCERNS.**

**AN OFFERING PLATE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY ONE OF OUR ELDERS/DEACONS IN THE CHURCH FOYER AFTER THE SERVICE.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**..... Fortune/Walker/Rogers/Isaacs Quartet  
*“Lord, I Hope This Day Is Good”*  
*“Where No One Stands Alone”*

**THE MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Ed  
*“FINDING JOY IN TIMES OF PERSECUTION, Pt. 2” Matthew 5:10-12*

*If you are a guest, we welcome you to our service and ask that you fill out the perforated portion of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. Our greatest desire is for you to have a personal, spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. He is our only hope for experiencing God's forgiveness for sin (John 3:16) and the joy that can be ours in this life (Romans 14:17).*

*If we can help you with any physical or spiritual need, feel free to contact us at 620-896-2461.*

**AUGUST**

**TODAY** ..... Jesus says that everyone who does wicked things **“hates the light”** (John 3:20). They love darkness because they think it shrouds their evil. If the light is in you, expect to be hated.

If you grow in Christ as He expects, the light of Christ shines from within you. A sinner has to suppress his own conscience to sustain what he's doing. A godly colleague or neighbor brings the light that sinners are trying to avoid.

So, don't expect to be thanked for living a godly life at work, with unsaved family or neighbors. Sinners will be suspicious of you for living a godly life—at best, and hostile towards you for living a godly life—at worst.

This morning we will look the pattern of persecution, the forms in which it comes, and the blessing and rewards that come with it.

**TONIGHT**... **Movie Night, 6 pm** showing, **“Tortured for Christ.”** The Voice of the Martyrs presents this inspiring cinematic retelling of the testimony of VOM founder Pastor Richard Wurmbrand as written in his international bestseller *Tortured for Christ*. Filmed entirely in Romania, including in the very prison where Pastor Wurmbrand endured torture and solitary confinement, this powerful film uniquely presents the story with live action rather than interviews. The dialogue is presented in English, Romanian and Russian (with English subtitles) to hold to the authenticity of this true story.

Wed ..... **Youth Group** will resume on September 2nd.

**SEPTEMBER**

Sep 7 ..... Labor Day

Sep 13 ..... **Elders/Deacons Meeting**, 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Nat'l Grandparent's Day

Sep 11 ..... Patriot Day

Sep 22 ..... First Day of Fall

Sep 23 ..... **SYATP (See You At The Pole)**, an annual student-led prayer meeting designed to encourage prayer for our nation's public schools. It begins around 7:30 am at any local school flag pole. See you at the Pole.

**Notes**

*More space available on the back of the Prayer List Insert*

**SoulCare**

If you have questions about God, need spiritual guidance or would just like to pray with someone, please contact one of our prayer partners after the service. They will be located in the back of the auditorium (Northwest corner room). They have been praying for you to contact them even before today's service.

Prayer partners are especially for those who have questions about Salvation (becoming a Christ-follower), Baptism, or becoming a part of our church family.

For a digital PDF or hard copy of today's message send an email request to [harpercc@hotmail.com](mailto:harpercc@hotmail.com) or call and leave a request at (620) 896-2461.

**Restrooms, Nursery** (for pre-school and under) and **Cry Room** (for mothers with active children) are located downstairs. This area provides closed circuit video broadcast of the service.

Please silence your **cell phone**.



For **hearing assistance** contact the control booth in the back of the auditorium for a personal receiver. The system is ADA compatible for hearing aids with a telephone coil (T-Switch).