

Welcome to  
**Harper Christian Church**  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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

**9:30—ADULT BIBLE STUDY** ..... Ed Hughlett, Sr.  
"Rebuilding The Gates"

**10:30—PRAISE & WORSHIP**

- #27—Trusting Jesus
- #221—No Not One
- #469—I'm Pressing on the Upward Way
- Hide Me in Your Holiness
- There's Something About That Name

**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**

**GAITHER VOCAL BAND** ..... "This Is The Place"

**THE MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Ed  
"Where Have All The Blessings Gone?"

*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** ..... There seems to be a rush to condemn American conservative values these days. What distinguished our nation in the beginning and why did we jump on to the world stage in such an impressive way? Simply put, we are a nation that has been shaped by the Judeo-Christian ethic found in the Bible. We are a Biblical nation from our very roots. And it is those roots that made us great, Our text this morning is found in Ps 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." We must never forget that it is GOD who sets up one nation over another; who blesses one nation over another according to His good pleasure as we yield to His divine plan and sovereignty. Our founding fathers knew this and devised a government accordingly and according to Biblical principles.

The influence of the Bible and Christ is undeniably seen in our nation's Founding Documents. Christian ethics and moral codes were accepted as the rule for our social order.

Our nation's twenty-eighth president, Woodrow Wilson in his famous speech entitled, "The Bible and Progress," stated the following,

**"AMERICA WAS BORN A CHRISTIAN NATION. AMERICA WAS BORN TO EXEMPLIFY THAT DEVOTION TO THE ELEMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH ARE DERIVED FROM THE REVELATIONS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE."**

This morning we will look briefly at America in the context of Christianity's influence upon it.

Wed ..... **Youth Group** scheduled to 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.

**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.

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Please silence your **cell phone**.



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