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Summer 2018 Sermon Series

**How you can #BeConfident of God's love for you
and live confident in your faith.**

Our Pastor Writes

by Rev. Rob Armstrong, Senior Pastor



Our youngest daughter, Sarah, turned three years old on June 17, 2018. In the days leading up to her birthday last week Jill and I talked about how exciting it is to see our girls growing up, but we have also recognized that there is a sense of loss that accompanies the maturity and growth of our kids. We want them to grow up, and we are praying for them to grow up. We desire for them to follow Christ and grow into mature young women who love the Lord and live for Him. But, for them to become who God wants for them to be, they must change as they grow. While talking about this with Jill, it hit me that the same thing is true for Christians and the church.

In the same way that our kids are growing and maturing into who God desires them to be, so is the church. Not only is there a similarity in growth, but there is also a similarity of loss. Just like we experience a sense of loss as our kids grow, it is common for us to be sentimental in the church.

Because God is unchanging, the church is always changing. What I mean, is that every one of us is changing as we grow in our relationship with Christ. You don't always see the growth, but it is happening. For instance, you may not notice that your children are growing until you measure them, or find out that shoes don't fit, or that pants are too short. In the church, you may not notice on a week to week basis all that God is doing, but there are moments where you stop to measure. There are other times where you realize that what God is doing no longer fits in what you have- so you consider building. But, more often than not you see it and hear it in the lives of members the same way you notice that your child's pants are a little too short.

Harrisburg we are growing. We are growing in ways that we can measure, we are growing in ways that make it hard to fit in some of our spaces, and we are growing in ways that you have to pay close attention to notice. So far in 2018, we have baptized 20 people (28 in all of 2017), and the Lord has added another 46 to our membership (50 in all of 2017). These are measurable and exciting areas of growth in our church! But, they are not the only ways we are growing.

This summer we are renovating part of our children's area and our youth area to make room for more children, youth, and families to participate in what God is doing in our church. Our youth no longer fit in the youth room, our children need larger space on Wednesday nights, our choir fills the practice room, and the Fellowship Hall is often full on Wednesday nights. There will be some subtle changes to Wednesday nights this year to accommodate for our growth and position us to reach more with the Gospel.

Throughout our hallways, in Sunday School rooms, and in our community you can hear stories of how God is working. There are stories of sharing the Gospel, stories of going on mission trips for the first time, stories of families spending time in prayer together, stories of senior adults grasping more of God's Word and His love, stories of husbands loving their wives, stories of marriages becoming healthy, stories of teenagers sharing their faith, stories of children knowing God loves them, stories of God answering prayers, stories of God comforting in times of struggle, and stories of God transforming us and renewing us on a weekly basis.

You may hear that things are changing at Harrisburg. If you hear this, know that the stories are real. We are changing as God daily and weekly changes each of us to be more like Christ. My prayer is that God will continue to grow us and use us in each other's lives, our communities, and all over the world so that more people will know His love, mercy, and grace.

By His Grace,
Pastor Rob

PRESCHOOL NEWS

What an awesome week God gave us at Vacation Bible School! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who help make it a smooth and exciting week for our preschoolers to learn about "gearing up" to serve God. We are very thankful to God for all of our leaders and for your commitment to Him & to our children.



KINGDOM TALES, JR | 3 (by Sept. 1, 2017) through 5 year old can join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm this month (except July 4th) for our Knight Training, as we look for and talk about the Armor of God. We meet in Room 119. There is childcare for younger preschoolers and babies.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT will be on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. We will have a great time celebrating our freedom in America and in Christ. We will also play on inflatables, go outside, and make a craft. We will enjoy a special snack. The cost is \$15 per family for members and non-members. The cost will go up \$20 after the deadline. The deadline to reserve your spot to ensure proper childcare will be Sunday, July 8, 2018. Please call Tonya Cox at 348-2505 or 372-6592 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at PNO!

We are beginning to look at **SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes for the fall. Please pray about whether or not God is leading you to help teach our preschoolers this year. And pray for our nominating committee members who will be helping find teachers for our classes. We know God has a plan for each class, and we look forward to seeing what He has in store!

Our next **FAMILY DEDICATION SERVICE** will be on Sunday morning, September 9th. If you are interested in participating in this service, please contact Angela Mitchell at 823-7124 or amitchell@harrisburgonline.org by Sunday, August 19th.

PARENTS, I hope you will choose some scriptures to read through with your family this summer. Try reading together from Psalms to teach your children how God is always with us & is our stronghold (Psalm 46); how we can & should praise Him! (Psalm 67); how He loves us & is faithful to us (Psalm 92); how we should be thankful to Him (Psalm 100). There are so many wonderful messages in the Psalms! These are just a few. See what you and your family can discover together in God's Word this summer.

"God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1



CHILDREN'S NEWS

WinShape Camps for Communities

July 9th - 13th

Monday - Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

1st - 6th Graders (grade completed)

Cost: \$214.00

Scholarships and discounts are available.

Registration continues for WinShape Camps for Communities. 1st - 6th graders and 7th - 9th graders may register at www.winshapecamps.org. The cost is \$214 per child and includes all activities, a t-shirt and family lunch on Friday. Don't miss out on the best week ever! Kids may customize their camp experience by choosing from 21 skills that include: gymnastics, flag football, wacky science, cheerleading and many more! Camp is from 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Volunteers are also needed to help the WinShape Staffers. Those age 16 and older may register as a volunteer at www.winshapecamps.org/wscvolunteer. When you register online you will be able to indicate what days and times you are available. A background check will also be required. Background check information will be e-mailed to you after you register.



MAKE AN IMPACT

Volunteers
Needed!

WinShape
Camps
VOLUNTEER

WWW.WINSHAPECAMPS.ORG/VOLUNTEER

DEACON ELECTION 2018

In preparation for our **upcoming deacon election** this fall, all men who are 25 years or older by January 1, 2018 who are members of Harrisburg Baptist Church and active members of Harrisburg Sunday School, will be included on this year's Deacon Nomination Ballot. The Deacon Leadership is asking all qualified men who are not willing or able to serve as a Deacon to please notify the church office so their names may be removed from the initial ballot.

To have your name removed, please contact Stephanie Ritchey, by calling 842-6917 or by email to sritchey@harrisburgonline.org by August 1, 2018. All active deacons' names will automatically be removed from the ballot.

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CLASSES
DISCOVER 101

If you've ever wondered what Harrisburg is all about, join us for our **Discover Class** on Sunday, July 15th at 9:45 a.m. in the HBC Lodge. Pastor Rob will share about the vision, values and the mission of Harrisburg and what it means to be a meaningful part of Harrisburg's church family. This will be followed by a lunch at Noon in the Fellowship Hall where you'll have the opportunity to meet the staff of Harrisburg and learn more about what God is doing among us. Sign-up by July 11th by calling Donna Sharp at 662-823-7102.



HOMECOMING CONCERT | July 1st | 5:00 p.m. | HBC Worship Center

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MISSIONS MOMENT



**Mountain Top & Haiti Mission Trips
Registration now open at
www.harrisburgonline.org/missions**

SENIOR ADULTS

SENIOR ADULT COMMITTEE

Ellen Kennedy, Ronnie Shurden, Patsy Wilson, Johnnie Creely, Janice Evans, Gregory Henderson, Sharon Dickerson, Buddy Miller, Cathy Davis.

MERRYMAKERS LUNCHEON

Monday, July 23rd, 11:30am, special guest will be Julie West, owner of ReDesigns. The meal cost is \$4.00. Sign up at Senior Adult/Pastoral Care table or by calling 231-4944.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GUEST HAPPIES / GOODIES

Help us provide happies for our guests. Anniversaries and birthdays are also recognized. Five to six happies are needed each week. Sign up for a Wednesday at the Senior Adult / Pastoral Care display, or call / text 662-231-4944.

BACK ON THE ROAD

Thursday, July 26th, Pontotoc Amish Community, Cherry Creek Orchard with Sydnei's Lunch. Dates and times will be available by contacting Senior Adult office and display board.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER Seniors Serving Seniors

Lee Acres Church of Christ will host Shepherd's Center July 26th, 9:00 - 11:00am. Come join us for refreshments and inspirational ideas from senior adults in our community.

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

We pick up on Sunday mornings for the 8:30am worship service and take home after Sunday School. Call David Smith 231-4944 to arrange pickup.



"Share the Word. Together." is an initiative of LifeWay Christian Stores and President Thom S. Rainer to mobilize local churches to take the Word of God into their communities.

Nothing has the power to change lives like God's Word.

Harrisburg members picked up 315 Christian Standard Bibles at the Tupelo Lifeway store during the week of June 18th to "Share The Word. Together" in Tupelo!

RECREATION

GYM MEMBERSHIP

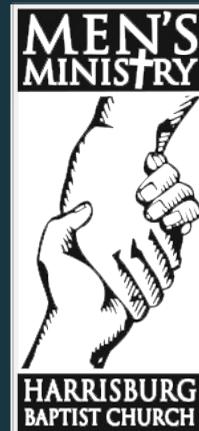
Harrisburg has a gym fully equipped for a great workout. If you are a church member and looking for a gym, stop by and see Lauryn Cayson. The process is simple: fill out a form, pay \$15 for your I.D., and get ready to smile for a picture.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Harrisburg loves celebrating with you. If you are looking to book a birthday party, please call Lauryn Cayson at 823-7135. She can assist you with dates available, approvals, and answer all your questions on what is available for use.

DISC GOLF COURSE

We have 35 new tee boxes with graphic signs. Free loaner discs and course layouts are available at Rec Desk.



At Harrisburg, we biblically train and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, in the church, and in their places of business. Our next **Men's Ministry Luncheon** will be scheduled for September. Please see details in upcoming editions of "The Herald".



Change a Life. Change the World is more than a catchy tagline—it's what happens through WMU® around the world every day. We meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Please join us Tuesday July 17th at 11:15 a.m. in Room 516 / 517. There is no meeting on July 3rd due to the Independence holiday.

Wednesday Evenings begin at 4:45 p.m. with a Family Fellowship Supper in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal is served (with separate children's meal) for only \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for kids, with a \$12.00 family maximum. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship prior to the various activities that begin at 6:00 p.m. **July 4th**: No Family Night Supper scheduled. **July 11th**: No Family Night Supper scheduled. **July 18th**: Beef Tips and Rice, Broccoli Spears, Rolls, Slaw and Dessert. Children: Chicken Nuggets and French Fries. **July 25th**: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fried Squash, Garlic Bread and Salad. Kids: Pizza and Chips.

Sunday School Attendance	May 27	711	Worship Attendance	May 27	883
	June 3	862		June 3	966
	June 10	884		June 10	1029
	June 17	856		June 17	1072
	June 24	920		June 24	1056

Extended Teaching Care: **July 1st - 8:40am:** Beth Shelton, Leigh Ann Wise, Susan Webb, Christina Brown & Ainsley, Jonathan & Jennifer Freer **10:40am:** Melanie Brinkley, Tammy Freeman, Charles & Chelsea Martin, Joseph & Kayla Gray. **July 8th - 8:40am:** Andi Hildenbrand, Stephanie Baughn, Pat Russell, Matt & Mandy Bowden **10:40am:** Cherry Tutor, Leah Partlow, Buddy & Krisha Mins Dave & Deanna Russell. **July 15th - 8:40am:** Lauren Patterson, Vickie Gober, Joe & Brittany Johnson **10:40am:** Jill Armstrong, Rachel Parker, Jon & Holly Simmons. **July 22th - 8:40am:** Jon & Laura Criddle, Braden & Laurie Bishop, Eric & Lynzee Kinsey **10:40am:** Robert & Gena Vail, Rob & Julie Hensley. **July 29th - 8:40am:** Samantha Fikes, Brandi Long, Doug & Kara Penny, Steve & Lisa Hensley **10:40am:** Nikki Orender, Tina O'Quinn, Bryan & Kathy Tanner.

Welcome Center Greeters: **July 1st** Front: Lynn Collier & Betty Neilson, Back: Dick & Nancy Stevens, Snr. Entrance: Debbie Swords | **July 8th** Front: Don & Carol Herr, Back: Terry Simons, Snr. Entrance: Phil Swords | **July 15th** Front: Charles and Martha Warren, Back: Lee & Kim Tutor, Snr. Entrance: Gerald Conaway | **July 22nd** Front: Kenneth and Patsy Williams, Back: Russell & Jill Conerly, Snr. Entrance: Sherry McKenzie | **July 29th** Front: Bryan & Kathi Tanner, Back: Braden & Laurie Bishop, Snr. Entrance: Chad & Angela Cooper.

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$	72,338.71
Budget Received May 27	\$	50,431.59
June 03	\$	66,421.08
June 10	\$	63,088.60
June 17	\$	
June 24	\$	52,855.06
Required to Date	\$	1,808,467.75
Received to Date	\$	1,513,410.00
Building and Maintenance Fund Received 2018	\$	68,985.30

Monthly Giving

July

AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

July 1
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Zamar Homecoming Concert 5:00 p.m.

July 08
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

July 15
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

July 22
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

July 29
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

MONDAYS
Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m.
Merry Makers July 23rd, 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS
WMU 11:15 a.m. (17th)

WEDNESDAYS
Evening Meal 4:45 p.m.
Library Open 5:00 p.m.
Music and Missions 5:45 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week for Students 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS
Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAYS
Parents' Night Out 6:00 p.m. (13th)

What's Happening around Harrisburg

BRIDAL SHOWERS

Anne Overton Waller, bride-elect of **Matt Earwood**, son of Phillip and Gina Earwood, Sunday, July 29th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the HBC Courtyard Parlor.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you notes have been received from Sue Logan, Jennie & Al Prust, Beverly & Wayne Brimer, Sue Abernethy, Terry Abernethy, and the BSU at Northeast Community College.

SECURITY WALKERS

July 1 st	July 8 th	July 15 th	July 22 nd	July 29 th
8:30 am - 9:30 am Murry Coward	8:30 am - 9:30 am Dean Thompson	8:30 am - 9:30 am Bryan Tanner	8:30 am - 9:30 am Terry Black	8:30 am - 9:30 am Terry Black
9:45 am - 10:45 am Ricky Metcalfe	9:45 am - 10:45 am Mark Weeden	9:45 am - 10:45 am Stephen Flynn	9:45 am - 10:45 am Larry Durham	9:45 am - 10:45 am Larry Durham
11:00 am - Noon Frank Kessler	11:00 am - Noon Scott Williams	11:00 am - Noon Chris Hester	11:00 am - Noon Ross Loftin	11:00 am - Noon Ross Loftin

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