

THE BEACON

Harrisburg Christian Church
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

January, 2025

Greetings HCC,

How's your soul? What is the inner you're experiencing? What weather report would describe the atmosphere in your mind and emotions in this season? Partly cloudy? Warm and Sunny? Thunderstorms likely?

On January 18th we will kick off HCC's yearly campaign with the study "How's Your Soul" by Judah Smith. We will be exploring questions like:

1. When is my soul home?
2. What makes my soul healthy?
3. Why does my soul have hope?
4. Who does my soul hold on to?
5. How is my soul helped?
6. Where is my soul headed?

The highlights of our yearly campaigns are the conversations that happen in our small groups. If you are not already connected to a small group, we will be sharing a list of small groups participating in the campaign on Sunday morning. Also, you may want to consider hosting a group yourself and inviting friends to explore this important topic with you. In this world of turmoil, it can be well with your soul. I hope you will participate in this six week journey with us.

Before we leave 2025, will you celebrate with me? God was faithful to bless our congregation this year and I would like to share a few of the things he did:

1. We ended with a great week of celebrating his birth! Carolers blessed the neighborhood, Kids learned about the story of David and reminded us in the Christmas play how loving people is a way we love God. We shared food together and met in peace.

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JOHN'S TIDBITS

2. Christmas at the Barn was well attended, we estimate about 300 worshippers. Our community Choir of 30+ filled the room with praise. We supported some local businesses, got some great photos, shared the story of the birth of Christ, and raised enough money to fund the Buddy Pack program for the rest of the school year.
3. In 2025 we added a church app, 2 elders, and 8 new members. We witnessed 20 baptisms, had 22 small group leaders, saw over 50 new faces attend on Sunday, and saw God glorified through the gifts and talents of many faithful servants. Over 50 of our regulars have been faithfully serving here for more than 25 years!
4. And much much more.....thank you to our faithful volunteers, leaders, and staff members. I love what God is doing in and through you.

God loves you!
John Gillman



Our App and Facebook are the two best places to be notified of any cancellations during the winter months.



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1. Happy New Year! Let's dedicate 2026 to the Lord and express our dependence on him through prayer. I am asking all of us (See the sermon on 12/28) to dedicate the month of January to a time of fasting and praying. Included is a prayer request for each day in January. Will you participate with us?

Get your book before the 18th.



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS AT
9AM OR 10:30AM**

Prayer and Fasting Focus 2026

When teaching on prayer in Luke 11, Jesus taught us that God responds to the prayers of His people. He wants us to be bold, persistent, and to come to Him believing that He is a good Father who gives good gifts to his children when they ask. Let's pray....

1. Pray for salvations. Pray that every member of the community will be saved along with every member of their immediate and extended family.
2. Pray for unity among the believers.
3. Pray for our country, for an end to the current wars/conflicts, protection for our soldiers, and wisdom for our leaders.
4. Pray for our elected leaders that God would guide them and surround them with good counsel. Pray for future elections, that God would raise up leaders who will do His will and that we would have the wisdom to know who to vote for.
5. Pray for the prodigals. Many of our families have individuals who have strayed from the faith.
6. Pray that one day, 1000 worshippers in the Harrisburg community will gather to praise the name of God.
7. Pray for spiritually healthy churches in our community and world. Pray for the leaders of HCC and other churches in the community.
8. Pray for the Teachers/Small Group leaders at HCC, that God would guide them and use them and their small groups to strengthen the knowledge and faith of the believers at HCC. Pray for our upcoming "How's Your Soul" campaign. And "The Greatest Journey"
9. Pray that we would begin to see graduating classes at HHS where the majority of the graduates are followers of Jesus.
10. Pray against demonic influence in our community and against spiritual strongholds (lies, arguments, and sin patterns that hinder spiritual growth)
11. Pray for the marriages in our church and community, that God would help these couples to stay true to their marriage vows and strengthen the families in the community.
12. Pray that God would guide each believer in understanding how their spiritual gifts can be best used in the kingdom of God. Pray that we would be Spirit-led.
13. Pray for the believers who have strayed from having a body of believers to worship with and serve with. Pray that they will get re-connected to a church body.
14. Pray that God would guide us to needs that we can help meet in this community.
15. Pray for the sick and hurting, that God would bring healing and that no one would have to suffer alone.
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16. Thank God for the things he has done and is doing in this community.
17. Ask God to bring glory to His name in and through us. "He must become greater, we must become less". Pray for Spirit-led ideas on how to reach the community.
18. Pray that the name of Jesus would be famous in our generation and that the faith would be passed on to the next generation. Pray for those raising children.
19. Pray for the ministries that HCC supports financially. Pray that God would use these ministries and provide for their spiritual and financial needs.
20. Pray for HCC's attempt to reach kids and teens with the Gospel. Pray that God would send more "laborers into the harvest". Pray for our Christian teachers.
21. Pray through the Lord's Prayer.
22. Use the words of the Psalms and other Scriptures as your prayers.
23. Pray that God's kingdom would grow in this community and our world in 2026.
24. Pray that God would show you how to pass on your faith to your family and others in your circle.
25. Pray that God would lead you to someone outside of your immediate family to disciple/mentor.
26. Pray that God would show you people in your area that you can BLESS. (Begin with prayer. Listen. Eat together. Serve one another. Share stories about faith.)
27. Pray that God would be glorified in the Harrisburg community and that we would do everything for the glory of God.
28. Humbly confess your sins and the sins of our community, country, and world.
29. Pray that we would all walk in the wisdom that God provides.
30. Pray that HCC's purpose would be accomplished and ask God how we can use the resource of money to bring this about:
The purpose of this church shall be to win people to faith in Jesus Christ and commit them actively to His service, to help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ that increasingly they may know and do His will, and work for the unity of all Christians and with them engage in the common task of building the Kingdom of God."
31. Rest.....thanks for praying! Let's thank God that he hears our prayers and answers them according to His will.



UPCOMING EVENTS

You can be a part of it

Find an event and get connected!

01

Youth Gatherings

Corey and Courtney are helping to organize small groups events, camps, and gathers. Reach out to them if you have any ideas or questions.

02

New Campaign

Sermon series and small groups begin January 18th. Get your book and get connected.

03

Inclement Weather Notice?

Facebook and our App are the best places to check in the event of cancellations.

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Sunday School

Elementary classes will begin "The Greatest Journey" study in January.

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Interested in Hosting a Small Group?

Reach out to John in the next 2 weeks if you'd like to host a small group study.

Seeking Help

We are in need of a 3-5th grade teacher to add to our Sunday School rotation. If interested, reach out to Kim Mustin.



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On December 11th, our 2025 Operation

Christmas Child shoeboxes were shipped to:

Colombia & Ecuador

Pray for Your Shoebox Recipient

Please don't stop praying for the boy or girl that you first lifted up when you packed your shoebox. Continue to ask God to soften his or her heart to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that he or she will follow Him all the days of their life. Pray also for families and entire communities to be transformed as God's love is shared through your simple gift.

“Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

—Matthew 21:22

Colombia

Ecuador



