



From the Pastor

I hope you are benefiting from our brief look at the wisdom of Proverbs. I came across this illustration in reading up on Proverbs for the last sermon in June, and thought it very powerful.

Pastor Scott Sauls tells a story about an unnamed nursery worker who bumped into a first time visitor named Janet who had dropped her two boys off in the nursery. Sauls writes:

After the service, while Janet was waiting in the nursery line to retrieve her boys, one of the nursery workers quietly approached her and said that there had been some issues. Both of her boys had picked fights with other children. Also, one of her boys had broken several of the toys that belonged to the church. In front of a room filled with other children and their parents, Janet scolded her boys and then screamed in a bellowing voice, “S—!” Deeply

ashamed and feeling like a failure, Janet got her boys and skulked out of the building. No doubt, we were never going to see her again.

But that unnamed nursery volunteer called the church office that Monday and asked if I could check the visitor notebook to see if Janet had left her contact information. She had. I gave the nursery worker Janet’s address, and unbeknownst to me, she sent Janet a note. The note read something like this:

Dear Janet, I’m so glad that you and your boys visited our church. Oh, and about that little exchange when you picked them up from the nursery? Let’s just say that I found it so refreshing—that you would feel freedom to speak with an honest vocabulary like that in church. I am really drawn to honesty, and you are clearly an honest person. I hope we can become friends. Love, Unnamed Nursery Worker.

The nursery worker and Janet did in fact become friends. Janet came back the next Sunday. And the Sunday after that. And the Sunday after that. And eventually, Janet became the nursery director for the church. Later on I would discover that when Janet started coming to our church she was a recovering heroin addict. (Adapted from Scott Sauls, *Befriend* (Tyndale, 2016) pages 29-30)

The wisdom of Proverbs says, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1)

Upcoming Sermons

- July 1 Work: Proverbs 6:6
- July 8 Wealth: Proverbs 22:7
- July 15 Happiness: Proverbs
8:32- 34
- July 22 Guidance : Proverbs
11:14
- July 29 Psalm 5: Prayer

I wonder what I would have done in that situation? Would I have scolded the woman for coarse and offensive language? Would I have been glad to never see her or her two children again? How would you have responded?

I always marvel at the life transforming power of the gospel, and how that power is communicated in the most innocent and ordinary ways imaginable. The ordinary love shown to this woman and her two children transformed her life. From a struggling recovering heroin addict to a nursery director for a church.

God, help us be wise. Not for ourselves, but because lives and futures are at stake.

“We go nowhere by accident...”

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Pastor Jim

Notes:

- 1) The Proverbs sermon series will go through July 22nd, then we will look at the Psalms until Labor Day.
- 2) Beth and I will be in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado or on vacation from July 23rd to August 6th. Rev. Steve Hanna has agreed to preach on August 5th, and we are still looking for a preacher for July 29th.

Summer Sunday Cinema Movie Nights



I love movies! I love how they both entertain and move us, and help us to ponder important life lessons. Since most of our ministries are dark during the summer, I propose that we gather for a movie night every other week. We'll meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays for

a shared meal together (bring your own food). Then at 6:00 p.m., we'll watch a movie. We'll show these in the Worship Center. If you have some favorite movies that you'd like us to watch, let us know. There is no charge for the movies. And we'll supply the popcorn!

Movie Schedule

- July 8—Coco
- July 22—Wonder
- August 5—Paul, Apostle of Christ
- August 19—I Can Only Imagine
- September 2—Believe

VBS Coming July 16-20

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "Game On". We're pretty excited about this one. And we need your help! Please see Brandy Meyer or Beth Stochl for more information, or to volunteer!

Congregational Meeting , July 8th

A brief congregational meeting will follow the worship service to elect three at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

Eight Ways The Digital World Has Changed Local Church Ministry

(Rainer On Leadership #442)

Churches continue to be shaped by the changing digital world. Today, we discuss eight specific ways churches have been changed by technology and digital resources.

Some highlights from today's episode include:

- Online community is now just as important to people as their local community.
- We have a broadened definition of community because of online networks.
- Tweets can be taken down, but some can never be forgotten.
- If you wouldn't say something to someone's face, don't say it online.
- The digital world does away with geographical and denominational learning barriers.

The eight ways the digital world has affected churches are:

1. It has redefined the locale of community.
2. Positively: It has given us greater information for prayer and ministry.
3. Negatively: It has increased the snarky factor.
4. It has made the website the front door.
5. It has broken down both geographical and denominational barriers.
6. It has changed daily office practices.
7. It has raised the issue of the Internet church.
8. It has both enhanced productivity and procrastination.

Shoe Donation for Modesto Gospel Mission



The Modesto Gospel Mission is collecting shoes to be given to needy children who are going back to school. Please drop any shoe donations in the white barrel in the lobby of the Worship Center before July 20th!

Youth For Christ Begins Ministry at Mae Hensley

This fall, Youth for Christ Central Valley will begin a campus ministry at Mae Hensley. They are holding two Stand Together events on 9/26 and 10/10. They will follow that up with small group meetings, then four weeks of intramural sports, and then beginning a Campus Life meeting once a week. They are looking for a venue, and we have been in conversation with them about holding some of the Campus Life meetings here at Harvest. Please be praying about this opportunity to reach and influence youth in our neighborhood for Christ.



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Mission Statement ~ With God in control, the mission of the Harvest Presbyterian Church is to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurture the faith of our church family.

Harvest Leadership 2018

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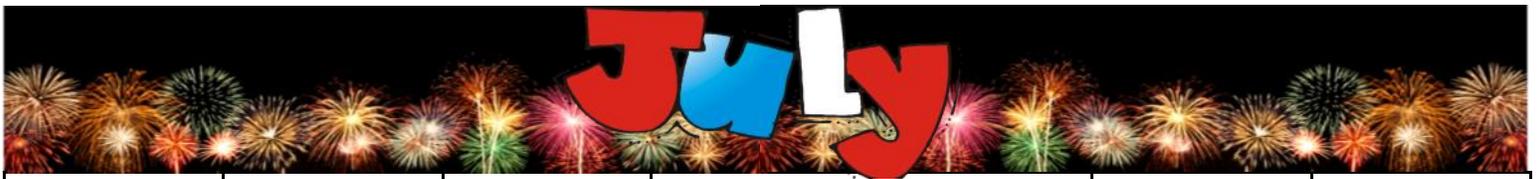
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Office Hours

Tuesdays: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Fridays: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion— 10:30 a.m.	2 Prayer Mtg — 6:00 pm	3	4 	5 Praise Team 6:00 pm	6 Starbucks Men- 7:00 am	7
8 Worship— 10:30 am  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	9 Prayer Mtg — 6:00 pm	10	11	12 HYP —7:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm	13 Starbucks Men- 7:00 am	14 
15 Worship— 10:30 am	16	17	18	19	20	21
	VBS 9am-12pm					
	16 Prayer Mtg — 6:00 pm			HYP —7:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm	Starbucks Men— 7:00 am	
22 Worship — 10:30 am  <i>Parent's Day</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Pastor Jim on Vacation					
	23 Prayer Mtg — 6:00 pm			HYP —7:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm	Starbucks Men- 7:00 am	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Pastor Jim on Vacation						
Worship — 10:30 am End of the Month Potluck	Prayer Mtg — 6:00 pm			HYP —7:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm	Starbucks Men- 7:00 am	

Sunday School Schedule*

- 7/1 Nursery:** Lysie Salyer, Nawatha Reed
K-3rd: Anette Arias, Patti Arbizu, Brandy Meyer (alternate)
- 7/8 Nursery:** Lysie Salyer, Martha McNamara
K-3rd: Staci Edwards, Judy Salyer, Beth Stochl (alternate)
- 7/15 Nursery:** Lysie Salyer, Judy Salyer
K-3rd: Brandy Meyer, Anette Arias, Staci Edwards (alternate)
- 7/22 Nursery:** Lysie Salyer, Brandy Meyer
K-3rd: Beth Stochl, Patti Arbizu, Nawatha Reed (alternate)
- 7/29 Nursery:** Lysie Salyer, Anette Arias
K-3rd: Staci Edwards, Judy Salyer, Martha McNamara (alternate)

* This schedule may change! Check with Brandy Meyer or Kohl James if you have any conflicts or questions.

Regular Prayer List

Health Issues:

Patti Arbizu (ear, vertigo)
John Baughman
Susan Bennett
Florence Bloemendaal
Warren Cawley
Virginia Irons
Judy Salyer (cough)
Ruth Strange (back)



Other Concerns:

Vacation Bible School
Choir Director search



- 1—Myrna Wilhite
7—Clark Pearson
9—Mark Stochl
20—Lee Price
22—Leon Edwards
30—Dorothy Watson

