

# From the Pastor

A Better Day is Coming - Lessons from the Book of Habakkuk Series Continued.

Hello Everyone,

I pray all is well!

To day I want to invite you once again to journey with me to the ancient book of Habakkuk, where we will find a message of hope and assurance that a better day is coming. In a world that often seems filled with chaos, injustice, and despair, Habakkuk's words can bring comfort and perspective to our lives. Let us explore three key lessons from this prophet's message that remind us of the ultimate hope we have in God.

## 1. Trust in God's Sovereignty:

Habakkuk lived in a time of great turmoil and uncertainty, much like our own world today. He witnessed violence, corruption, and injustice, and cried out to God for answers. Yet in the midst of his questions and doubts, he ultimately came to a profound realization - that God is sovereign and in control, even when we don't understand His ways. In Habakkuk 3:17-18, the prophet declares, "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."

Even when circumstances are bleak, Habakkuk teaches us that we can place our trust in God's sovereignty. God is faithful, and God will work all things for our ultimate good and His glory. This assurance should give us hope and inspire us to have unwavering faith in the midst of trials.

## 2. Persevere in Prayer:

As we read through the book of Habakkuk, we see that the prophet did not shy away from expressing his concerns and frustrations to God. He boldly presented his questions and complaints, but he also was willing to listen and wait for God's reply. In Habakkuk 2:1, he says, "I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me." Habakkuk teaches us the vital importance of persistent and patient prayer.

Even when it seems like our prayers are not immediately answered, or when we can't comprehend God's timing, we are called to persevere in prayer. In doing so, we align our hearts with God's will and open ourselves up to His guidance and comfort. Habakkuk's example reminds us that prayer not only brings us closer to God but also strengthens our faith and helps us endure through difficult seasons.

## 3. Rejoice in the Lord:

Although Habakkuk saw many troubles and hardships, he concluded his book with a powerful expression of joy and trust in the Lord. In Habakkuk 3:18-19, he proclaims, "Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."

Even in the midst of our trials, we can choose to find joy in the Lord. This joy is not dependent on our circumstances but stems from our relationship with the Almighty God. By setting our hearts and minds on Him, we can experience a peace that surpasses understanding, and find strength to face any challenge that comes our way.

As I conclude, let us be encouraged by the words of the prophet Habakkuk. In a world filled with uncertainty, we can trust in God's sovereignty, persevere in prayer, and find joy in Him. Remember that a better day is coming, not just in this earthly life, but in the eternity we will spend with our Savior. May we hold fast to our faith and continue to live in hope, knowing that our God is faithful and His promises will never fail. Amen.

See you Sunday,

*Dr. Herry*



# Up-Coming Events

**\*\*Please be sure to turn in all Newsletter information NO LATER than 5 business days before the 1st of the month!**

## NOVEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**November 3rd- P.E.O. The Queens of Swing, 1:30-3pm**

**November 4th- New Horizons Presbyterian Church Craft Fair, 9am-4pm,**

9424 Everman Ave. Overland, MO 63114

**November 5th - Youth Horseback Riding, 12pm**

15780 State Highway 100, West Grafton

**November 7th- Book Review, 7pm**

**November 19th- Session Meeting, following church services**

**November 23rd- THANKSGIVING**



## Book Club 7pm Memorial in Lounge



**Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 5th**



**November 7th:**  
**The Midnight Library**  
**by Matt Haig**  
Contact Karen Schriefer at 314-522-6842 if you have any questions.

# The Queens of Swing

Enjoy patriotic and USO music performed  
by this all-girl band reminiscent of the  
all-girl swing bands of the 1940s!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023**  
**1:30-3:00 PM**



**\$25 Admission**  
**Includes snacks and drinks.**  
**All Guys & Gals are welcome!**

*Purchase tickets from any P.E.O. Chapter IM member,  
by calling Deb at 314-602-0928 or  
email [PEOchapterIM@gmail.com](mailto:PEOchapterIM@gmail.com)*

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# Craft Fair

## SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

Craft & Vendor Fair

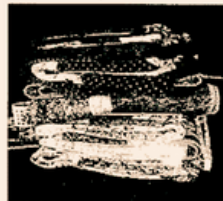
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

New Horizons Presbyterian Church

9424 Everman Ave.

Overland, MO 63114



A wide variety of wonderful hand crafted and specialty novelty items such as handmade jewelry, cards, lap quilts, candles, and much more, along with delicious baked goods will be available. Lunch plates consisting of hot dogs, chips and drink will be available to purchase.

We are handicap accessible.

For more information, please contact us at (314) 427-0841 or by e-mail at [newhorizonspcusa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newhorizonspcusa@sbcglobal.net).

# Sunday Service Invitation

 First Presbyterian Church  
*First Church*

## COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship



DATE:            TIME:  
**5th**            **10:15 am CT**  
Nov, 2023    PROMPT

Pastor: **Dr. Kerry Allison**

401 Darst Road Ferguson, MO 63135

MESSAGE  
"How to Create A Better Day"



Do This In Remembrance...



**\*\*Please use this flier to invite friends  
and family to our services\*\***

# Thoughts and Prayers

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS FOR:

## Prayers:

- **Monica Bark's sister and family**
- **Dan Fedorcheck**
- **War in Palestine**
- **Becky Henderson's daughter Jane**
- **Deja Allison (Kerry's Daughter)**





# Other Information

## FACILITY USE REQUESTS REMINDER

If you wish to use space in the church building, you are required to fill out a Facility Use Request form. Your request will need approval so that there are no scheduling conflicts. Please contact the church office for the form. Thank you.

**Holly Turner**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**(314) 522-8542**



**Don't forget to submit your prayer requests before services on Sunday mornings. The Prayer Request Forms will be located in the offering plate as you enter through the sanctuary door. Please complete your prayer request and place it on the communion table before the service begins. Dr. Kerry will read the requests from the pulpit so all can hear.**

## November Birthday's

- 5 – Betty Rybacki**
- 20 – McKenna Koser, Esme Hurlbut**
- 21 – Aaron Burnett & Miles Koenig**
- 26 – Gary Bibko**
- 28 – Patti Knowles**
- 31 – Joe Shackelford**

**If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect,  
please let the office know**

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