



# HAVERHILL HAPPENINGS

*Summer Edition*

## NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER:

9:00 AM – *SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL*

10:00 AM – *WORSHIP SERVICE*

(Nursery available both hours)

Beginning June 14, 2020 the Haverhill Christian Church will be adjusting what we have been doing since the start of the viral pandemic in March. These changes will last through the summer and will be reevaluated in the Autumn. Here are the specifics:

\* 9 AM Sundays – SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS!

- All ages are welcome to return to join us for our in-person classes for Youth and Adults
- There will currently be only ONE Adult Class (meeting in the Fellowship Hall) This class will be facilitated by Dan and Ginger Small using the workbook “Listening to God” by Carolyn Nystrom (you can purchase the book through Amazon, or call the church to get a copy)
- ONLINE Sunday School – We will be sending out information on how you can join this Adult Class online using Zoom.

\* 10 AM Sundays – WORSHIP SERVICE CONTINUES!

- We will continue with a single service at 10 for the foreseeable future
- We will not be reintroducing Children's Church right now.
- LIVE-STREAM of the Worship Service will be available every week at <https://haverhill.church/live>



Greetings everyone!

I am going to take a moment here and explain changes you will see on June 14th. It is nothing too wild, just mixing up the order of worship at the church. You may wonder why, and that is a valid question. I'm not one who likes things to alter for no reason, and I am sure you are as well. So here we go:

The way our worship service is ordered (honestly, most church worship services are ordered this way) is based on what I am calling the "Revival Model." You probably did not know that church services were done the way there were for a reason! Well, they are. Everything is done the way it is for a reason. In the Revival Model the order of the service is working towards a goal. Let's look at this order of worship:

Singing – Sermon – Response

The goal of the Revival Model is to get a response. And this is a great goal to have, especially at a revival where half or more of the people are not believers. People come in with walls up and distracted by the chaotic thoughts of the day. You use singing to help focus minds, and the music helps bring down walls people have placed around their hearts. The singing gets them ready and open to hear the Word. Then the evangelist gets up and delivers a convicting message, offers an altar call and receives the penitent. And this Revival Model works great in a setting where at least half of the attendees are non-believers.

But what about a gathering of believers? Is the goal still conversion? Is that what we are shooting for? What is the purpose of our gathering? Hebrews 10:25 says, "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." The purpose of our worship is to find strength and encouragement with each other! It is about communing with each other and with God!

Acts 2:42 – And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

The New Testament church was focused on intimacy. It was about family. It was about love. It was about drawing closer. In this passage is found the inspiration for the alterations to our worship. We do not have to follow the Revival Model simply because it is tradition. It is not bad or wrong to organize service in that way, but we are going to try what I am calling the "Acts 242 Model." Look at the order listed in Acts 242: Apostle's Teaching, Fellowship, Communion, Prayer. This will be our model:

Teaching(Sermon) – Singing – Communion – Prayer

We will proclaim the Word. We will allow God's holy book to focus our minds on Him and what He desires to teach us that day. Then with minds focused on God, we will enter into a time of praise and thanksgiving – focusing our hearts on God. Then, with focused hearts and minds, we will be a people who have examined ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28) and are prepared to commune with Christ at his table. We will remind ourselves in taking the bread and the juice that we are one in him. Then times of prayer will be offered for all who need it.

I know it is anecdotal evidence, but in my decades as a preacher when I have tried this order on occasion, I was always surprised at how much more powerful the worship was after our minds had been focused by the Word being preached. Somehow it connected more.

Please have an open mind and an open heart! Let's meet weekly to encourage one another and grow closer to our amazing God together!

*Nathan*

## Prayer Corner



**Cancer** – Jackie Ayres, Jennifer Johnson’s dad, Alyssa Jolly, Cindy, Tara Evans, Jhona Yates’ brother-in-law, Tristan Steeves, Tiffany King, Klay, Carol Barr, Blanca Salazar, Mary Leedy, Darci (Jurgens) Dvorak, Rebecca, Harper, Jennifer, Doris, Shelley McHone, a 3-year old boy, Grace, Dayce Ogg, Denise’s friend’s dad, Patti Luck’s Uncle, Rick Greenfield’s Sister-In-Law, Jeannie Britt, Barry, Chris Hughbanks, Ron Wilson, Judy Eastman, Malorie, Jennifer Webster

**Other health issues** – Ryan Carson, Miles Evan, Ethan Mohr, Rick Scott, Jay Christner, Darlene & Ed Potter, Terri Scott’s Granddaughter, Josh Niblett, Karen Haas, Kristin, Butch Cross, Phyllis, Theresa Wills, Leitha Wills, Harry & JJ Brawner, Amber Lowen’s Mom, Helen Selsor, Leeland, Phoebe Jonas, Sara Wilmer, Sondra, Mary Poffinbarger, John Anderson, Brian McCosh, Brent Basquez, Pat Rierson, Crystal, Jane, Mary Wells, Jessica Firman, Allen Mantooth, Debbie Slavik, Marge & Danny Cartmill, Sara, Corene Basquez

**Military** – Will Slaughter, Ryan Boyd, Natasha Fletcher, Rich Katte, Laura Daniels, Jason Watts, Jesse Thompson, Michael Emond, Tyler Harder, Tim Harder, Jared Wilson, J.J. Clark, Brandon Webb, William Tillman, Bryant Devine, Kenneth, Billy Rogers, Weston Hlad, Anthony McGinnis, Brian Gallagher, Jeffrey, Johnny

**Missions & Missionaries** – Steven & Amber Clement (missionaries to Brazil) Prairie View Christian Camp, Niños de Mexico, Cookson Hills, Manhattan Christian College

**Other** — Cross Family, Love Family, Schmidt & Burkholder Family, Janelle, Wasson Family, Dan Briley Family, Webster Family, Victims of violence, Refugee Families, US Congress, Teachers & Students, Christians in Jerusalem, Haverhill Christian Church, Pastors & Elders, The USA, President Trump, and other political leaders.

## Facts and Figures

“Under Christ’s control, the whole Body is nourished...and grows as God wants it to grow.”  
*Colossians 2:19*

### April 2020

General Fund Offerings \$ 11,474.20  
Building Fund Offerings \$ 1,318.00

General Fund Budget Figure needed per month – \$15,088.00

	General Fund	Building Fund
Needed this month	\$ 13,668.57	\$ 4,405.44
Difference	- 2,194.37	- 3,087.44

As a way to help keep everyone better informed concerning the status of our indebtedness, we will post the balance of the church mortgage in this space each month. Please prayerfully consider how you can help decrease this debt.

End of month principal balance: \$ 388,033.02



2020 Church Theme

### Elder’s Meetings

Prayer Meeting June 14 @ 5pm

Business Meeting June 28 @ 5pm

## Wednesday Nights this Fall

Please prayerfully consider whether you would be able and willing to help cook, serve, and/or clean up when the Wednesday Night Meal Program begins again. If you would like to help out with this important outreach to our community, please contact Patricia in the church office at 775-7024

Thank You



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Patricia Foster, Secretary

The purpose of Haverhill Christian Church  
is to give people the tools and  
encouragement to have a real, vital and  
personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Sunday Morning Services**

9:00AM - Traditional Worship Service  
10:00AM - Contemporary Worship Service

**Tuesday**

7:00PM - Men's Group

**Wednesday (During the school year)**

5:45PM - Dinner  
6:30PM - Classes for all ages

**CONTACT US!**

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