

NEW HARVEST FOOD BANK

This Saturday, September 5, New Harvest hosts a Food Bank, 9am–11am to serve our neighbors who need assistance. Thanks to your generous donations and serving hearts, we are able to show Christ's love to our community in this way.

UPWARD, INWARD, OUTWARD

Three essentials to our walk with God will highlight the first three Sundays of September. Plus, next Sunday is Communion as we emphasize our unity in Christ.

NORTHGATE PARK PROGRAM

We are continuing our ministry to the community through the Northgate Park Program during September. Every Wednesday from 2–4pm we will provide safe social connection and activities for children & their families. Reach out to Karen or Meredith if you would like to partner with us.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RE-LAUNCH

It is our intention to re-launch in person Sunday School on Sunday, September 13th. We are currently preparing our classrooms to follow all safety regulations. We are excited to welcome children and their families back!

THE GREEN ROOM—STARTS THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Green Room Class is both a refresher course and an adventure designed to enhance your perspective. It centers around the questions: What is the main point of Christianity? What tends to trip us up? And, what have other Christians found helpful? Email Steve (steve@newharvestch.org) for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Find Harvest Kids Sunday School videos on YouTube by searching "Harvest Kids" or typing in this link: newharvestch.org/harvestkids. Contact Karen to be added to our Harvest Kids group on Facebook for more children's ministry resources.

Welcome Guests & Visitors	We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Check out our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect), or fill out a Connection Card found in the back of the chair with your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.
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Real Hope

I Peter 1:1-9

In Christ, we have a living hope that sustains and strengthens the believer in all circumstances.

1. Receive Hope
 - a. V. 2 Chosen, saved, and sanctified for a purpose—to be obedient to Jesus
2. Living Hope
 - a. Christian hope is a confidence in God which has power to produce changes in how we live.
3. Misplaced Hope
 - a. Hope today has become wishfulness, not dynamic confidence, because we are putting our hope in the wrong things.
4. Real Hope
 - a. Guarantees an inheritance
 - b. Assures us that the present life is by no means the limit of the believer's expectation
 - i. We can respond to suffering with a new perspective
 1. Confidence
 2. Courage- He who suffered for us will not abandon us in our suffering.
 - c. Focused on Jesus
 - i. In our focus on Jesus, not on circumstances, we find great joy

“Hope is the inextinguishable flicker God ignites in our souls to keep us believing in the prevailing power of His light even when we are surrounded by utter darkness.” — Lee Strobel, *Case for Hope*

Reflective Questions

1. In what area(s) of your life do you recognize that hope is not the sure and steadfast confidence God desires it to be?
2. What aspect of real hope (in the Lord) is most encouraging to you?
3. How has your response to suffering changed as your faith has grown?

