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Our Mission:
To relate to
God more
intimately,
to evidence the
fruit of the
Spirit, and to
bring Jesus
into all our
relationships.

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HRCC News

From the Pastor's Pen....

A favorite verse for many people is **Proverbs 3:5-6**, “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.**” The word **trust** is used in the OT in two ways. First, to literally lean upon something or someone for support. Secondly, to have a sense of wellbeing and security that results from having someone to support you and to place your confidence in. (**Paraphrased from the Theological Word-book of the Old Testament, Volume 1, pg. 233**).



The Psalm writer is using the word **trust** in the second sense, encouraging us to trust God and to lean upon God for support and security. The psalm writer encourages us to trust, **with all our heart**. He is not talking about trusting God with half of our heart or with a small portion of our heart. He wants us to trust God with **all** of our heart; to do so with a full commitment to act and lean on God for support and security.

Proverbs 3:5-6 teaches us to trust God and yet in reality we often place our trust in some false securities. We may say we trust God but in our day to day functioning it is easy to trust in other things. We trust in our possessions thinking if we have enough money we will be safe and secure. Some people trust in their own potential for greatness. Some people trust in the government. The writer of this Psalm says that the object of the secure trust is the Lord who is a reliable object of confidence.

If you are a follower of Jesus it is still easy to **lean on our own understanding** and even walk in crooked paths instead of **straight paths**. When we choose to align ourselves with the wisdom of the world or trust in our own lives, we walk down crooked paths. Crooked paths so often lead to frustration, defeat, and joylessness.

When we **trust** God then in all our ways we can **acknowledge Him**. We can recognize God in all of our ways and in all of our circumstances. It means we give Him the honor and yield to Him and His leadership in the circumstances and choices of life.

When we **trust** God, He can make our **paths straight**. God can help us make godly decisions. God can help us in the words we use when talking to others. He can direct us in how we spend our money, or how we treat other people. God can help redirect our goals and ambitions. When we choose to align ourselves with God, then whatever we say and whatever we do it can have an eternal impact.

When I **trust** God I learn to lean on His wisdom instead of my own. When we think we know better than God it can easily lead to bad decisions.

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And bad decisions can easily lead to crooked paths. It is important that we allow God's thinking and priorities to shape our lives.

Let me clarify something: Success and **straight paths** don't mean *easy* paths. God's **straight paths** will not always be easy paths, they can often be hard. However they are still **straight paths** because they lead to the will of God for your life. I know this may be hard to digest but sometimes God's will is for us to struggle. God uses struggle to change us and transform us.

I pray the following verses can be an encouragement to you:

Isaiah 26:4, "Trust in the Lord forever, for in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock."

Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Psalms 48:14, "For such is God, our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death."

Please know that I love you and desire that we all become more like Jesus.

Pastor Howard

Summer Women's Activities

All ladies are invited to join us for a video night on Thursday, May 19th here at the church. We will be watching "Keeping a Quiet Heart in Every Season" by Elisabeth Elliot, while enjoying some snacks and some other fun activities. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Mark your calendars for these activities during the summer:

Thursday – June 16th – Fire and Movie Night at the Freys

Thursday, July 21st – Boat Ride

Thursday, August 18 – Evening at the Park

Scenes From the Easter Breakfast



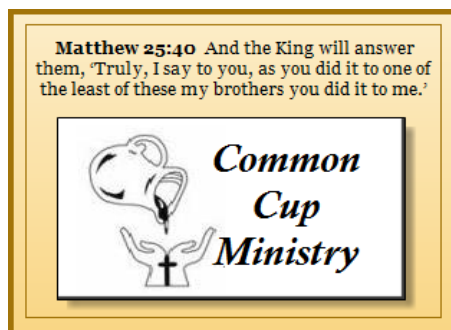
Welcome New Members

We have been pleased to welcome several new members to our fellowship in the past few months. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to welcome these new members:

Brian & Anita Hackert
Sam & Bethanie Richardson
Scott & Theresa Stimpert
Jake & Hailey Larson

Membership Class

Pastor Howard will be offering a **Membership Class** for those interested in finding out more about the church and membership in the church. It will be offered on Saturday, May 7th, 8:30 AM– 11:30AM. Please let Pastor Howard know or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to be a part of the class.



There are many opportunities to serve with Common Cup, and some of them only require adding an extra item to your grocery list!

HRCC started collecting diapers in April for the Diaper Drive. We will continue collecting through May 29. Our goal is collect 60 packages, which will be used for the two diaper distributions happening in Hutchinson, and one that will take place in Glencoe in May.

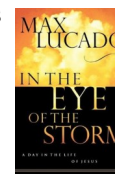
Collection is continuing for the Backpack Food Program which now serves over 300 students. Thank you for continuing to bring in pudding cups. HRCC will be collecting year-round to help stock the program shelves.

We are currently collecting gently used coats for all sizes, children through adult. Boots, snow pants, water-proof mittens and gloves are also needed. Please place items in the designated box by the mailboxes now through May 22.

Road ready bikes are needed as well. If you have any size bicycle to donate, please contact the Christ the King office to arrange a drop off. This program is such a blessing for children and adults.

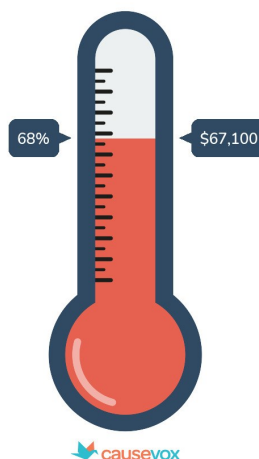


Max Lucado is a pastor, speaker, and best-selling author of books for adults and children. He is also the featured author in our library this month. Come check out one of his books and see why he says he, "writes books for people who don't read books."



Parking Lot Campaign

GOAL: \$99,400



Read Through the Bible

Join us as we read through the Bible together again in 2022. This year we will be doing a Chronological Reading Plan. This Bible reading plan will take you through the entire Bible in an historical linear timeline order with the first events first to the last. You may pick up a copy of the plan on the table in the foyer at the church. The readings for each week will be in the bulletin and for the month in the newsletter.

1: 2 Sam 5:1-10; 1 Chron 11-12	9: 2 Sam 8-9; 1 Chron 18	17: 2 Sam 16-18	25: 1 Chron 23-25
2: Psalm 133	10: Psalm 50; 53; 60; 75	18: Psalm 26; 40; 58; 61-62; 64	26: Psalm 131; 138-139; 143-145
3: Psalm 106-107	11: 2 Sam 10; 1 Chron 19, Ps 20	19: 2 Sam 19-21	27: 1 Chron 26-29; Psalm 127
4: 2 Sam 5:11-6:23; 1 Chron 13-16	12: Psalm 65-67; 69-70	20: Psalm 5; 38; 41-42	28: Psalm 111-118
5: Psalm 1-2; 15; 22-24; 47; 68	13: 2 Sam 11-12; 1 Chron 20	21: Psalm 22-23; 57	29: 1 King 1-2; Psalm 37; 71; 94
6: Ps 89; 96; 100-101; 105; 132	14: Psalm 32; 51; 86; 122	22: Psalm 95; 97-99	30: Psalm 119: 1-88
7: 2 Sam 7; 1 Chron 17	15: 2 Sam 13-15	23: 2 Sam 24; 1 Chron 21-22; Ps 30	31: 1 King 3-4; 2 Chron 1; Ps 72
8: Psalm 25; 29; 33; 36; 39	16: Psalm 3-4; 12-13; 28; 55	24: Psalm 108-110	

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DEACONS	HOLY	OX	SINS
DEAD	HOUSE	PAUL	SISTERS
DESOLATE	IMMORAL	PEACE	SON
DEVIL	JESUS	PURE	SORROWS
ELDER	JUDGMENT	RANSOM	SUBJECTION
EPHESUS	KING	REBUKE	WIDOWS
FABLES	LABOURER	REFUSED	WOMAN
FATHER	LAW	REMEMBRANCE	YOKE
GRACE	LORD	ROOT	YOUNG

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