



# Message

Pat Quinn

## Just A Moment

with Pastor Fred

Happy New Year! In a few weeks we're going to begin a new expository series in the book of Acts. I've taught this before but have never preached thru it. I am excited! The series is going to be entitled – "The Church on a Mission."

I'll never forget – and will forever appreciate a comment a deacon made years ago in another ministry. He was a godly senior saint. Leadership was discussing the pros and cons of changing pulpit translations. Some argued against the change – they liked the one they had been born and bred on. Switching gears threatened comfort zones and security. This dear man said, “If we want to minister to this congregation only – then I don't see any reason to change. However, if we want to reach the lost, if we want to impact the next generation for Christ then we must change.”

This man's comments are true in a number of scenarios. It is easy to get comfortable at church – this is the music I like, or these are the seats that make church feel like church or this is the bulletin format I'm used to reading, etc. But church isn't about us – it's about our commission, to make and to mature disciples for Christ. Yes, if we want to maintain status quo – then why introduce change at all?

There are scores of churches that do just that – and guess what? They're dying. Research suggests 80% of churches in the USA are currently in decline. Change is hard but it is essential for growth demands it. May any changes we introduce be rooted in our passion for God and His glory and the mission he gave us to fulfill here. It will be interesting to see how the church changed in the book of Acts. The church was on a mission – and so are we.



## Coming Up

# January 14 – Psalm 90 and Communion

## January 21 – New Series

# The Book of Acts, “The Church on a Mission”

## Acts 1:1-5



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# HOLT BAPTIST CHURCH

# Becoming fruitful disciples of Christ for God's Glory

“Be *exalted*, O God above  
the heavens! Let your *glory*  
Be over all the earth.”

# Psalm 57:5

Prelude  
Call to Worship

*Bless The Lord O My Soul  
My God is All I Need*

## Missions Moment

*Creator God, Our Sovereign Lord*

## Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

# Jesus There Is No One Like You

*Message*  
Pat Quinn

## There Is One Gospel

Benediction  
Special Prayer

THE LORD'S DAY  
January 7, 2024

Corporate worship is  
designed to remind us of the  
instability of our own hearts and  
the eternal stability of God's grace.

*Loving God,  
Loving People*

Infant /Toddler Nursery

Sunday School / ABF: Joe & Charlie Ann Cecil  
Worship Service: Barb Bush, Kelly Mattox, Gina Froman

This Week

Small groups meet today or this week

Today:

9:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30am SS / ABF  
10:30am Worship  
11:35am Undeck the Halls

Tuesday, January 9

6:30pm Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday, January 3

7:00pm Praise Team

Saturday, January 13

8:30am Ministry Team Mtg

Announcements

We welcome Pat Quinn to our pulpit today. Pas has spoken here before. He is the Director of Biblical Counseling at University Reformed Church in East Lansing. Pastor Fred & Susan will return from vacation this coming week.

Our sympathy to the Helmuths on John's father's death on December 31. A graveside service will be held in the spring.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships resumed today. Matthew & Cindy Price teach boys and girls; Joe Hart teaches our students. Ladies have an option of meeting with Diane Wilson, discussing the book, "As Silver Refined." Our auditorium class is taught by various men as we study Romans. Joe Cecil will teach Romans 11 next Sunday.

Thank you dear church family for the many expressions of love over the holidays - cards, baked goodies, cash and gift cards. It is a joy to serve Christ's church. Pastor Fred & Susan

Dear Church Family, thank you for all your prayers, meals & flowers you sent after my recent surgery. It is great to have so much support. ~ Karla Ruest

Adult Studies resume this Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Important Ministry Team meeting, Saturday, January 13 at 8:30am. Please pray.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study will begin a new series on January 16 with Mary Ann Krepps and Ronda VanSumeren facilitating. "Practical Tips on 'One Anothering.'" Bring your Bible and notebook!

Men! We will begin a new series in February reading and discussing the book, "Deeper," by Dane Ortlund. Others are invited to join us on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm.

Communion will be observed on Sunday, January 14.

HBC Men's Laser Tag, Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 pm. Cost \$32. See Joe Cecil for more information.

Interested in knowing more about HBC? Discovering God's People is a one-night new members class, attending is the first step towards membership. Sign up at the kiosk table. Class meets January 14 from 5-7pm.

The Church on a Mission is a new expository series beginning January 21 on the book of Acts. The mission Jesus gave his apostles is the same as today—to be witnesses throughout the world.

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
Colossians 4:2

General Requests & Praise

- Pastor Fred & Susan on vacation
- Josh & Carissa Bell in Senegal
- Our other missionaries at this time of the year
- Katherine Moore - residency program
- Those seeking certification with ACBC
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to others

Physical Needs

- Cecil twins, Susan & Naomi — continued growth
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - anemia
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's step-mom) - lung cancer
- Ethan Cecil—COVID
- Joanne Croy—fractured arm
- Josh Bell - back pain management
- Sherry Back (former member) - palliative care

Praying Scripturally – Colossians 1:9-12

- Continue to pray for our HBC family
- That we be filled with knowledge of His will
- With all spiritual wisdom & understanding
- May we walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
- To be strengthened with His power
- To have endurance and patience with joy
- Giving thanks at all times to the Father
- For our inheritance is in Him

Elected Officials

President Joe Biden

Missionary of the Week

Josh & Carissa Bell, Vesper & Lina - Senegal

Prayer Individual of the Week

Sheila Adcock

Shut in of the Week

Detta Archambault

Greeters for January 7

Jan & Colleen Peck  
Barney Yeager & Donna Kimmel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Froman January 10  
Dave Drullinger January 11

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

George & Carol Curtis January 10