



GUARD THE TRUTH

Dark Days but a Bright Tomorrow

2 Timothy 4:9-22 • Message #14

1. Why Was Paul Lonely?

A. His companions had _____ him.

B. Paul had an _____.

2. Why Was Paul Encouraged?

A. _____ was with him.

B. Paul had _____.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Living in dark days requires

_____.

- *Dark days are brightened by _____.*
- *Dark days are _____ to share the gospel.*
- *Dark days are shared by _____.*
- *Dark days remind us of our _____.*



Coming Up

Kingdom & Covenant - An Exposition of 1 Kings

September 7, *Who is King?* 1 Kings 1:1-53

September 14, *Sunset, Sunrise*, 1 Kings 2:1-46

September 21, *The Wisdom of Solomon*, 1 Kings 3:1 – 4:34

September 28, *God's House*, 1 Kings 5:1-6:37

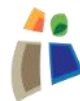
Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

Is HBC a friendly church? It is our desire for us to demonstrate God's love to our guests, Rom 12:11-13. We must seek and pursue friendliness.

Suggestions? Approach those you might not know and introduce yourself. "Hi, I'm _____. How long have you been coming to church here?" Remember those visiting might naturally feel a little uncomfortable, so take that into consideration. Don't pepper them with a dozen questions. Be sincere, be warm and engaging. Smile. Guests feel welcome when they see people smiling. Offer assistance – restrooms, drinking foundation, nurseries, etc. Invite them to sit with you. Make room for guests in your row if possible. Guests feel awkward when they have to walk all the way to the front because they cannot find a place to sit, especially if they are a bit late. Enjoy your fellowship with friends here but always keep an eye open for guests that need you to speak to them first.

Thom Rainer has consulted churches over the years. He discovered guests return for a 2nd visit much more often to churches who are genuinely friendly. What did he discover? We must be intentional. Beware of an inward focus. How many times have I visited a church where no one spoke to me! Genuine friendliness is more than a brief stand-and-greet-each-other-time. Visitors usually decide whether to return 5 minutes after walking into the church. That means we must arrive early to be an unofficial greeter. Yes, our preaching must be biblical. Our singing must be worshipful. Our building must be clean. But we cannot overestimate the value of a truly friendly church. That begins with each of us.



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*Give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is Good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever.*

Psalm 118:1

Prelude
Call to Worship

Song of Moses

Missions Moment

There is Power in The Blood

Pastoral Prayer

*You are My Hiding Place
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Dark Days & A Bright Tomorrow
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He Will Be

Benediction
Prayer Team

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THE LORD'S DAY

August 31, 2025

Corporate worship is designed to give us eyes to see God's glory and grace that changes our hearts and transforms our living.

Philosophy of Worship

Worship must be Christ centered, Holy Spirit led, a response to the Father, about intimacy and service and always leads to transformation.

Worship Service

Nursery: Doug & Kelly Troxell
Toddler: Tami Recher & Helper

Today

10:30am Worship Service
5:00pm Ice Cream Social & Potluck @ the Hayes

Wednesday, September 3

10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study
11:30am Senior Saints Potluck
7:00pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, September 6

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ McDonalds
4:00pm Men's Bonfire @ Troxells

Announcements

Ice Cream Social Potluck is tonight at Graig and Mary Hayes' home: 710 N Eifert Rd. Hot dogs will be grilled. Bring a dish to pass. Fun begins at 5pm. You may park in the driveway next to the Hayes (look for the sign) or at the Krepps, 744 N Eifert.

Church Offices will be closed tomorrow for the holiday.

Senior Saints Bible Study and Potluck is Wednesday, 10:30am and 11:30am. Bring a dish to share. See Ron Gerard if you have questions.

Men's Breakfast resumes Saturday at 7:30am at McDonald's (closet to the church on Cedar). A **Bonfire/cookout** will be held at Troxells beginning at 4pm. See Joe Cecil or Joe Hart for more information. Troxell's address is 2222 Mauer Rd, Charlotte.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships resume next week at 9:30am. Classes for boys and girls. Dave Drullinger will teach in the auditorium on the topic of joy. Young parents are invited to meet in room 102 with Pastor Fred and Susan to discuss the book, *Parenting*, by Paul David Tripp. Read chapters 1-2.

Foyer Ministry

This Week: Don Depoorter
Next Week: Jan Peck

Fall Fest invitations need to be dispersed throughout the church neighborhood. Check out the table in the foyer on how to help.



Small Groups resume next Sunday or next week. Seven groups meet at various times on various days. There's a list posted on the bulletin board. If you are in need of finding a group, please see Pastor Fred today.

Ladies Retreat at CranHill Ranch, October 3 - 5. Cost \$110. Join us for a time of fun, fellowship and building relationships! Information is on the kiosk, other questions may be directed to Diane or Amanda Wilson.

Address Changes:

Cherie VanValkenburgh
% Bret Tolan
22300 30th St., Gobles, MI 49055

DeEtta Archambault
Green Acres
1025 E Ash St, Mason, 48854

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Colleen Peck	September 1
Ava Elliott	September 2
Laurie Horstman	September 4
Kellie Mattox	September 4

Prayer Requests

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

General Requests

- Camp Barakel Staff with sabbatical
- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes - ministry at Berean and transition to HBC

Physical Needs

- Beccy Bush (Joan Allen's sister) - hospitalized, diabetes
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - recovering from back surgery
- DeEtta Archambault (Julie Rizzard's mom) - Green Acres, Mason
- Frank Bragg (Killian Loveall's grandfather) - mental health, diabetes
- Gina Golden - kidney and heart issues
- Joan Allen - pain management
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - cancer
- Kellie Mattox - gallbladder/liver problems
- Nic Martin - pain management

Praying Biblically - 2 Timothy 1:7

Help me live boldly for you, for you did not give me a spirit of timidity but a spirit of love and power and inward strength. Don't let me ever be ashamed of bearing witness about our Lord. Let me take my share of suffering for the gospel and rely on your power. In the name and power of Jesus I pray.

Prayer For Our Government Officials

Vice President JD Vance

Ministry Moment of the Week

Fall Fest

Prayer Family of the Week

Joe & Charlie Cecil, Josiah, Ezekiel, Israel, Ethan, Elanor

Shut in of the Week

Herb & Rita Twichell

Today's Greeters

Sheila Adcock
Donna Kimmel



Mowing volunteers needed this week.