
HARBOR LIGHT

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ABOUT US Safe Harbor Christian Church and Center is located at 3002 Murphy Road, in Memphis, Indiana; phone number is 812-294-7422. We are a Bible-based Christian church. We serve the southern Indiana area. Our mission is to "seek the lost for Christ's gift of salvation and to grow believers into mature followers of Jesus Christ."

Worship services are held at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. We also offer Men's Studies at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., and Reel Time (ages 6th through 12th grade) 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday (except 4th Sunday).

PRAYER Jesus, Lord and Savior, please bless this newsletter. Let it be a vessel to honor You and Your work at Safe Harbor. For it is written: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17. We ask this blessing in Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR'S PASSAGES

by Pastor T.C. Baker

Wait Patiently Patience is a quality of character that develops within believers as we learn to put up with people and things that test, try or annoy us. Patience will enable us to persevere calmly when faced with difficulties. We will not allow emotions to rule or disrupt our peace, steal our joy, or rob us from being content. We have assurance that Jesus is always in control no matter what happens in life.

(Psalm 40:1-3) "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord."

David waited with great expectation, believing, hoping and praying, until his relief came from God. Brothers and Sisters, those that wait patiently for Jesus, though they may wait long, do not wait in vain. They are resolute and unyielding, holding on to their faith in Jesus. Faith will allow us to wait patiently.

I, too, found myself sinking in despair, darkness surrounded me, my tears nearly drowned me; yet, I called out to Jesus and He lifted me. I learned how to persevere through difficulty by trusting in Jesus. Whatever it is you are experiencing right now, be patient. Pray about it and trust Jesus to handle it. God works on ***His*** time, not ours. So be patient.

What do you think is the true power behind a testimony? What exactly is the miracle that takes place during conversion? The power behind testimony is that it reveals how God can change you. Conversion testimonies like Paul's are so amazing because God is able to change a person from a ruthless persecutor of Christians to a brother with a great reward in heaven. God has forgiven me for lots of nasty things and made me a brand new person. I am so grateful and I can't help loving Him with my whole heart. Before I was saved, I lived a reprobate life. You name it - I probably did it. Not just "I stole a pen from the bank", but much worse things than that. Trust me when I say that the difference in who I was in the flesh, and who I am in Christ, is like night and day.

In August of 2009, I was near my breaking point. The lifestyle I led was spiraling out of control. One night at work, I thought about the possibility of God. I was raised in an atheist home and never did anything but make fun of Christians, but here I was: addicted to drugs, on the brink of collapse from exhaustion, and living in daily fear. I just stopped for a few seconds and thought: "God, if you are real, show me".

All at once, I had the unstoppable urge to leave and never come back. I walked off my job in the middle of the shift and just kept walking. When I got tired of walking, I hitched rides. I slept anywhere I found a spot or was offered a place to sleep.

By November, I was in Marietta, Georgia. I walked into a little church because I heard the organ playing. I sat down and all of a sudden the weight of everything I had ever done crashed down on me. I started crying and asking God to forgive me and get me back home. I left feeling better about having a direction to go, but what I was doing was starting to take a heavy toll on my body. People were not stopping and picking me up anymore. I walked as far as Chattanooga, Tennessee, where I gave up. It was then I realized that I couldn't do it by myself. I realized that I couldn't ask God to fix something for me and then go about trying to fix it myself. I found a place called Community Kitchen, where homeless people found resources. I started giving up to the will of God. I started reading and studying the Bible, going to church, praying daily, and telling people why I had hope. Even during that time when I was homeless, I found myself content in knowing that it wasn't God's final destination for me. Whether I knew where my next meal was coming from or not, there was always time to praise God - and there still is. He had big plans for me if only I would let Him work through me.

Today - God has blessed me with a loving family, gainful employment, and a church family that I love. Each day, I wake up with purpose in my heart. I am grateful that I get another day to serve God. God changed my life and continues to work in it every day. I understand now that God always had a plan for me. He just had to put my stubborn, prideful flesh through a few trials before I could see Him.

Walking in the Light will appear in each issue of Harbor Light. We would like to feature your testimony. Please search your heart and consider whether your testimony can inspire others. Send to Maria Schulz at snooksmama@insightbb.com or call her at (502) 553-0576.

Name the Safe Harbor Newsletter Contest Winner Steve Goode's entry, "*Harbor Light*" was chosen. Steve decided to donate the \$25 prize back to Safe Harbor to help with the Gift of Love banquet. Steve said, "*Just as God deserves the credit for putting that name in my mind, His church deserves the prize that comes with it.*" Thanks, Steve, for reminding us that God deserves the glory for all things!

Gift of Love Safe Harbor Christian Church proudly presents the "Gift of Love" Sermon Series at 10:30 a.m. for four weeks: Sunday, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and ending February 26th, 2012. Immediately following service on February 26th there will be a catered fellowship dinner for the entire congregation and guests. Any questions please call Greg Furnish (502) 639-8432 or TC Baker (502) 333-5768.

Married Couples Small Group On Friday, February 10, 2012, a five-week study session will begin on "*Bio*", a new series by Chip Ingram. Join Chip on a journey to discover who Jesus really is... and how to quench your thirst for life. Couples will meet in a group setting with facilitators Janna and Mark Furnish from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Fridays at Safe Harbor. To enroll, contact Janna or Mark at (502) 376-1198 or mfurnish1@frontier.com.

We're Going BALD to Fight Cancer!! On Saturday, March 17, 2012, at noon, Safe Harbor will host an event to raise funds to fight childhood cancer. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. Thus far, we have four women and 1 man who will be shaving their heads BALD that day, in exchange for donations to St. Baldrick's. Volunteers and donations are needed. Please contact Maria Schulz at snooksmama@insightbb.com, or call her at (502) 553-0576. Visit our event website at <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/7768/2012>.

He is Risen! On Good Friday, April 6 at 7:00pm, Safe Harbor presents *He is Risen*, a dramatization celebrating our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Plan to attend!

Spring Revival "A Renewed Commitment" three-day revival starts Friday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. here at Safe Harbor. On Saturday, April 21, dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. with service following at 5:00 p.m. The final service is Sunday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Volunteer Opportunity Volunteers are needed at Henryville Elementary School to read with a child for 30-40 minutes, once a week. All that is required is attendance at a 1-½ hour training meeting and a background check. There is no other requirement as far as education level. Five or six volunteers are needed. For more information, call the school and ask for Gina Scott or Naomi Petty, at 812-294-4806. Thanks and God Bless!!!

Holy Word Studios Safe Harbor offers four programs for our youth. The nursery (Take 1) is for ages 0 to 2 years. Take II is for 2 years to kindergarten. Take III is for 1st through 5th graders. Each of these meet on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. For 6th through 12th graders, Reel Time meets on Sunday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Safe Harbor Ministries and Ministry Leaders

Worship	T.C. Baker
Elders	T.C. Baker, Ron Lee, Kent Nash, Ray Ramsey, Doug Schott
Deacons	Shawn Carver, Gene Esterle, Greg Furnish, Mark Furnish, Lealand Joyce, Ben Schott, Dennis Shepherd
Yokefellows	Tony Brock, Brad Hutchins, Jesse Schulz, Don Scott, Kenny Walton
Bereavement (Food, etc)	June Johnson
Budget/Finance	Kent Nash
Building and Grounds	Lealand Joyce/Greg Furnish
Card Ministry	Sherry Walton
Celebrate Recovery	Gene and Carolyn Esterle
Communion	Ray Ramsey
Computer/Tech	Ben Schott
Cleaning	Ray Ramsey
Facilities Usage	Ray Ramsey
Feed the City	Gene Esterle
Flock Keeper	Denise Schott
Fund Raising	Ron Lee
Greeters	Pam Napier
Holy Word Studios Take I (nursery)	Marjorie Hether
Holy Word Studios Take II	Christine Turnage
Holy Word Studios Take III	Janna Furnish
Hospital Visitation	T.C. Baker
Hospitality	Connie Carver
Information/Bulletin	Sherry & Kenny Walton
Jail Visitation	T.C. Baker
Men Functions	Mark Furnish
Music/Audio/Media Shout	Mark Furnish
Newsletter -Harbor Light	Maria Schulz
Nursing Home	Charlotte Lee
Parking	Doug Schott/Greg Furnish
Prayer Leader	Pam Napier
Reel Time	Shelly and Greg Furnish
Reel Time Meals	Lilly Glass
Small Groups	Charlotte Lee
Supplies	Shawn & Stacey Carver
Treasurer - Safe Harbor Christian Church	Kent Nash/Betty Joyce
Treasurer- Safe Harbor Christian Center	Shawn Carver
Women Functions	Charlotte Lee