



HEAD START
January 14, 2018
Sermon

Last week, Pastor Ralph spoke about the meaning of “blessed” in Matthew 5. As he said so well, the word “blessed” is critical to understanding Jesus’ Sermon. In a certain sense, the word is the scaffolding on which the greatest sermon ever preached is built. This week, we turn our attention to the first way that Jesus characterizes the Blessed life in his Sermon on the Mount. In particular, we will be taking a look at Matthew 5:1-3, and what it means that the “blessed” are those who “are poor in spirit.” How would Matthew 5:3 have been heard by the ancient crowds who gathered unto Jesus to hear his teaching? How has the historic Church made meaning of these very words? How does Jesus launch a movement with this sermon, the effect of which is still being felt to this day?

I look forward to exploring these questions with you this Sunday.

With love,
Mark

From Pastor Ralph Carr

When I began my sermon last Sunday, I acknowledged my indebtedness to three people who helped me understand what Jesus meant by the word “blessed” or “blessedness”. The first person was Dr. Ellen Davis. I suggest you listen to her by clicking on this link <http://www.theworkofthepeople.com/blessing-and-well-being>. The second person was Dr. Scot McKnight. Mark will send you an electronic copy of an 8 page excerpt from a book by Dr. McKnight. (Mark’s email address is at the end of this edition of Head Start.) The third person was Dr. William Barclay. You can read what he said by clicking on this link <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/dsb/matthew-5.html> and scroll down to 5:3. I also suggest that you read Deut. 28 which is about blessings and curses.

If you did not hear the sermon, it is posted on the church’s website. I encourage you to listen to it and have others do the same.

-Ralph

(Mark McHugh’s Email Address: markemchugh@gmail.com)

News & Announcements

Membership Class: If you are interested in learning about membership at Harrison Square, there will be a class on Sunday, **January 14** following worship. Lunch will be provided, so let us know if you wish to come. Questions? Contact Pastor Ralph (ralph_carr@comcast.net, or Mark McHugh (markemchugh@gmail.com.)

Offering Envelopes for 2018 will be available at the Welcome Desk on Sunday and in the church office during the week. If you do not find your box and would like envelopes, please let us know by signing up on the sheet provided.

Basic Needs Ministry: In addition to our support of Love INC, we expanded the Basic Needs Ministry to include our Joyful Noise Daycare families. *Items needed:* dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers (sizes 4,5,6), and more. Pick up a complete list by the church office. *Monetary donations are also very much appreciated*—it helps restock supplies when donated items are low. *Orders from Love INC are received daily by fax and our HSPC volunteers fill the orders.* Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

ReBorn ReSale Shoppe in the Harrison Square Mall is open 10 am-5 pm, Wednesday-Saturday. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact the church office if you can give some time to help with one of the shifts, 10:00-1:30 or 1:30-5:00, or if you have questions.

January 14-21, 2018

Sunday, January 14

9-9:45 am "Getting Involved with God" Class, led by Mark McHugh, Room 207

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Infants-5 Years Old, 210 / Kindergarten-5th Grade, 207

Following Worship, **Membership Class & Lunch**, S. Foyer

Following Worship, **Deacons** Meeting, 207

11:30 am Prayer Group, led by Ron Vernon, 205

1:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship Service (Hispanic Congregation), Sanctuary

Monday, January 15

1:00 pm Discernment Team, 205

Tuesday, January 16

9:15 am Staff Meeting, 205

Wednesday, January 17

3:30-6:30 pm **A Joyful Noise Daycare Family Night**, Foyer

3:30-6:30 pm **Abundance Food Pantry**, Foyer

7:00 pm **Hogar de Fe** Worship Service, at HSPC

Thursday, January 18

1-3:30 pm Adult Study & Support Group, 207

Friday, January 19

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 21

9-9:45 am "Getting Involved with God" Class, led by Mark McHugh, Room 207

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Infants-5 Years Old, 210 / Kindergarten-5th Grade, 207

11:30 am Prayer Group, led by Ron Vernon, 205

1:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship Service (Hispanic Congregation), at HSPC

Having a Meeting at the Church? If you are planning a meeting or activity in any room at the church, contact the office, 736-9996, or email to: church@harrisonsquarepc.com to schedule it on the church calendar. The weekly events listed usually only reflect HSPC and Hogar de Fe meetings, not outside groups, and the calendar changes often. Thank you for your help, so that meetings and traffic in the building can be coordinated for everyone's needs.

Church & Daycare Phone Numbers - The main number to call is still **360-736-9996**. Direct lines for each office:

360.669.5054 HSPC Reception Desk

360.669.5051 Ginger Peters

A Joyful Noise Daycare Office:

360.669.5053 Pastor Ralph Carr

360.669.5050 Barbara Stark

360.669.5049 Daycare Reception Desk

360.789.6585 Mark McHugh (Cell)

360.669.5048 Ron Vernon

360.669.5052 Shalii Crownover, Daycare Dir.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9am to 2pm. Closed Fridays ~ **Daycare Hours:** 6am-6pm Monday-Friday