



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

GATHER • GROW • GIVE • GO

Hey everyone! How are you doing today? Beyond the regular "I'm fine" or "I am a bit tired of everything", I want to ask a bit deeper. How are you doing spiritually? Do you feel energized, full of life, like you are growing, and refreshed? Or do you feel tired, empty, and dry?

Lately, the words of Psalm 42:1-2 have been going through my mind a lot. The image of the deer panting for water speaks powerfully to me. The image here is not of a deer that happens to stumble across a spring of water that it wasn't really looking for or wanted, but decides to take a small drink at it. The word "pant" implies a deep and desperate longing. The deer is really thirsty and needs a drink of water for life itself to continue.

And just as that deer pants for water, so the psalmist longs for God. The idea of longing implies suffering thirst. Just like the deer desperately longed for a drink from the spring, so we need to desperately long after God as without Him, our spirits are dry, thirsty, and empty. The question for me is "if I am feeling dry and empty today, and without life, what am I doing to long for God?"

Praying for you!

—Pastor Dave

VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

Join Pastor Dave at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 for a time of corporate prayer. Find the Zoom link at hanovermissionary.com/pray-continually

Results of the Membership Vote Last Sunday

At the Special Members Meeting last Sunday, the recommendation from Ministry Council to sell the parcel of land that the drive shed and portable are on to Hanover Chrysler received very strong support. The motion carried. The dealership now has six months to confirm (at their expense) that they are able to sever the lot.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, May 12

7:00 p.m. Watch Facebook for a special #HMCFamilyChallenge to be posted

THURSDAY, May 13

7:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Meeting (Zoom)

FRIDAY, May 14

7:00 p.m. Junior Youth (Zoom)
8:30 p.m. Senior Youth (Zoom)

SUNDAY, May 16

9:00 a.m. Zoom Café - our virtual foyer
(find the link at hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe)
10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live)
Join us as we dive into God's Word

A pastor can be reached any time through the Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

PLAN TO PROTECT

As we look towards getting in-person ministry running, we have a dedicated team of people working hard to make sure our volunteer screening protocol is in place. If you need to update any of your training or references in order to volunteer within HMC ministries, you will have received an email from the team. We understand that local stations are not doing police checks during the current lockdown, but these will be opening up soon. Please do your best to follow all recommendations in a timely manner so we don't have delays as things kick off.

Small print Daily Bread is here! You can arrange a pick up, or we can mail it to you. Please contact the office to get your copy.

Thank you for continuing to be a generous community. In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. Tithes and offerings can be sent through e-transfer (to bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com) or using the TitheLy app (go to get.tithe.ly and sign up, or download the tithe.ly app from the app store). If you would like to drop off your offering, please contact the office to arrange a time.

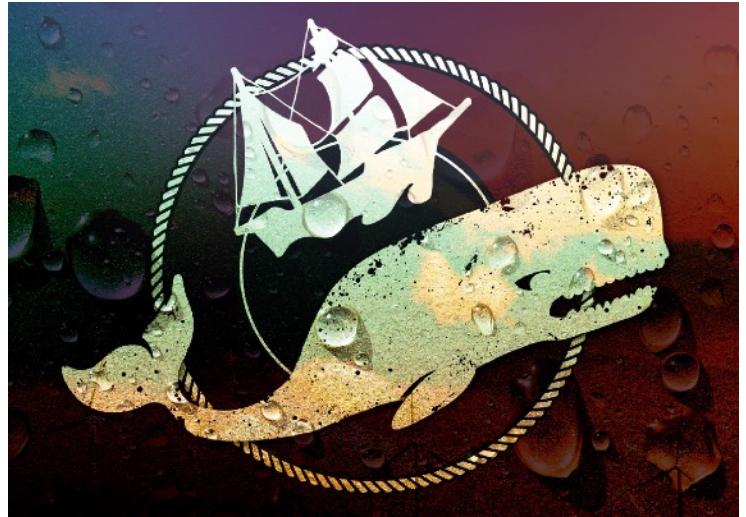


HMC YOUTH

Our youth are still digging into the story of Jonah.

The passage for this week is **Jonah 4:1-4**, take some time to read it and connect with God and follow along with what our youth are learning.

When God spares the Ninevites from destruction Jonah is very upset. It seems like an odd reaction, since one would think God's kingdom being built up and love being displayed would be a cause for great celebration. What we actually read is that Jonah is so upset that he thinks he would rather die than live with the knowledge that his enemies have been offered grace and forgiveness!



Before we condemn Jonah for his ridiculous behaviour however, we should pause and realize that his situation is probably just an extreme example of something we all struggle with in our own hearts. Why are we so ready to accept God's grace and forgiveness for the mistakes we make again and again, yet are so ready to point an accusing finger and condemn others who are also imperfect? Maybe someone else being pushed down gives us the illusion of being raised up a little? Let's reflect on the truth that our status and worth comes not from anything we could ever do, rather from our loving God and creator, king of the universe!

As you read and reflect, here are some questions for you to think about.

1. After reading the text, what thoughts or details jump out at you right away?
2. Spend a bit of time praying about and reflecting on the text. What is God bringing to your attention?
3. How does this passage apply to your life?

To learn more about our youth program, or if you're in grade 7-12 and would like to join in, pop over to our website for the Zoom link and more information. hanovermissionary.com/youth

Locked Doors, Open Hearts

A stay-at-home order can feel heavy and restrictive, and we know many of you enjoy the comfort of our building as a hub of community and connection - but don't forget that The Church is not a building, we are The Church. View this lock-down as an opportunity to be the light of Jesus in a dark time. Reach out to those who live alone, send a kind letter in the mail, drop off treats on a doorstep, praise Jesus in the midst of this pandemic. Remember when Paul & Silas were in prison. Did they despair when they were locked in? No! They celebrated their Saviour! We may feel like prisoners, but we are FREE IN JESUS. Take comfort in His promises, and know that He is not only the light on the other side, but He is the light in our current situation. It's up to us to LET HIM SHINE.

Though our doors remain locked, someone will be in the office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you would like to drop off your tithe during this time, you may put it in the mailbox outside our main doors, or ring the doorbell and someone will come and collect it from you.

Have you been considering baptism? We would love to help you take this next step in your faith journey. Though Covid has made some things more complicated, we do have a plan to perform baptisms within safety protocols. Please reach out to a pastor or the office if you'd like to learn more.