

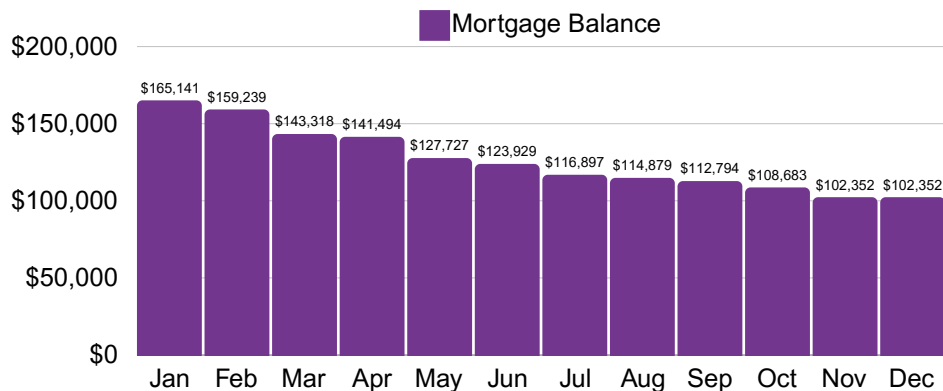
Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been a part of our congregation. Our church family is characterized by a warm and inclusive atmosphere where everyone is embraced and valued for who they are. We are eager for you to encounter the profound love of God and the sheer delight of worshipping alongside us. So, please step inside and partake in the joyous experience! As it says in Romans 15:7, 'Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.'

If you are interested in learning more about how to become an active member of our dynamic community, please don't hesitate to contact us info@harvestviewtn.org. We're here for you whenever you need guidance or assistance.

🏠 Welcome home! 🏠

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December 1, 2024	
Attendance	27
Offerings	1101



The Harvest View Vine

December 8, 2024



As we enter this second week of the holy Advent season, let us reflect on the profound peace that Jesus offers. His love shines brightly as we prepare our hearts for His arrival, guiding us through life's challenges. In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." May this time of waiting inspire us to share hope with those around us and embody Christ's peace in our daily lives.

Welcome &
Announcements
Joann Smith

Praise in Song

Worship in Giving
Deacon Charlie
Deacon Anthony

Worship in Song

Message
Pastor Brent Brewer

Prayer/Closing Hymn



Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Fellowship 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 10:15 AM

Wednesday Study 6:00 PM

Bah Humbug



Bah humbug! As the holiday season trudges on, I feel like Ebenezer Scrooge, drowning in my self-pity while the world celebrates joy I can't seem to reach. While everyone enjoys festive gatherings and Christmas party games like Secret Santa, I stand alone on the sidelines.

Observing the interactions between friends and family can be a bittersweet experience. While it appears joyful, the phrase "we shouldn't wait for the holidays to get together" reveals our true feelings about the company. I wonder, "Am I alone in my thoughts, or do others share this feeling while standing on the same sideline?" Occasionally, I will receive an invitation to random get-togethers, but it makes me feel like the last kid chosen for a team. It became clear that loneliness can crash my holiday cheer, much like Scrooge's sad dance before embracing the season's spirit.

To save Christmas for me, I need a paradigm shift from the shallow get-togethers and parties to a time for reflection on what truly matters: love, faith, and joy in the spirit of Jesus. As this will be my first Christmas since my father's passing, this reflection has grown more meaningful. Christmas often feels like a consumerist frenzy, with ads urging us to buy, buy, buy, distracting us from what's important. I cherish memories of past Christmases, longing for family warmth and closeness that my father so richly valued. His absence deepens my appreciation for the season's spirit, guiding me to celebrate and commemorate his memory.

Year after year, I find the Christmas spirit buried under pressure to showcase wealth through fancy gifts. Holiday decorations appeared right after Halloween, turning connection into a frantic race for the latest trends. I miss when the joy of a child eagerly awaiting Christmas mirrored the gift of Jesus to the world.

I invite you to join me this year and rediscover pure joy amid the circus of the holiday season, focusing on simple moments—like watching Christmas movies with friends, spending time with family, and sharing the love of Christ through selfless acts of compassion and giving. By embracing the true meaning of Christmas, we can redefine the holiday, elevating one another with love and faith in Jesus, rather than chasing material things. It's a reminder that the season's joy is always within our reach if we focus on what truly matters most.

God Bless Us, Every One!

Church Happenings

Harvest View Church
Christmas Open House
 December 14, 2024 - 10AM - 2PM
 Get ready for a jolly good time filled with Fun, Games, and a sleigh-full of Christmas Cheer!
 Get your picture with the big guy himself—Santa! 🎅🌟

Business Meeting
 After Church
 on
 December 15, 2024

Candle Light Service
Christmas Eve
 Wednesday 12/24/24 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Harvest View Calendar December 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Leadership Meeting 6:00PM	3	4 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00-7:00	5	6	7
8 Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15 AM	9	10	11	12	13	14 Open House 10 - 2 PM
15 Business Meeting After Service Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15	16	17	18 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00-7:00	19	20	21
22 Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15 AM	23	24 Christmas Eve Candle Light 6-7PM	25	26	27	28
29 Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15 AM	30	31				