

**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a**

**Home Churches:**

**Hanover St. Home Church**

**Monday Evenings**  
256 South Hanover Street  
Pottstown, PA 19465  
7:00 to 8:30

**Consumer Center Church**

**Thursday Evenings**  
249 High Street  
Pottstown, PA 19464  
8:00 to 9:30

**Eden St. Home Church**

**Tuesday Evenings**  
846 High & Eden Sts  
Pottstown, PA 19464  
7:00 to 9:30

**Ministry:**

**The Table**  
**Every Wednesday Evening**  
Washington & Chestnut Sts  
7:00 pm

**Announcements:**

Thank you for your prayers this week while we hosted a meeting on the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. This is a first step toward a helping those who are affected by this, and as we progress into this ministry, we need continual prayer.

**New Choices/New Options** Free Career Development Program

This is a FREE intensive Career Counseling, Personal Growth, Job Readiness, and Computer Training program for those preparing to return to work due to life circumstances or looking to improve their opportunities in the job market. The program is open to single parents, displaced homemakers, and people in transition. Childcare reimbursement available. Program Services include: Computer Training - Skill and Interest Assessments - Job Placement Assistance - Self-Esteem Development - Peer Support - Career Testing - Job Search Skills - Resume Writing - Interviewing Skills - Career Counseling  
If interested please contact Pastor Kork.

**Your Prayer Reminders:**

**We are always collecting items for the Women's Center, and on Monday (tomorrow) we will be assembling these care bags to give to the women's shelter and Salvation Army. If you can, please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc.**

*Please continue to remember Melvin in your prayers He has received bad news this week and needs us....*

*Please continue to pray for Leona Zupko who has returned home from the hospital after colon surgery, but will need additional procedures; for Randy as he begins a new job; and for Lori's two son;*

**Your Prayer Notes:**

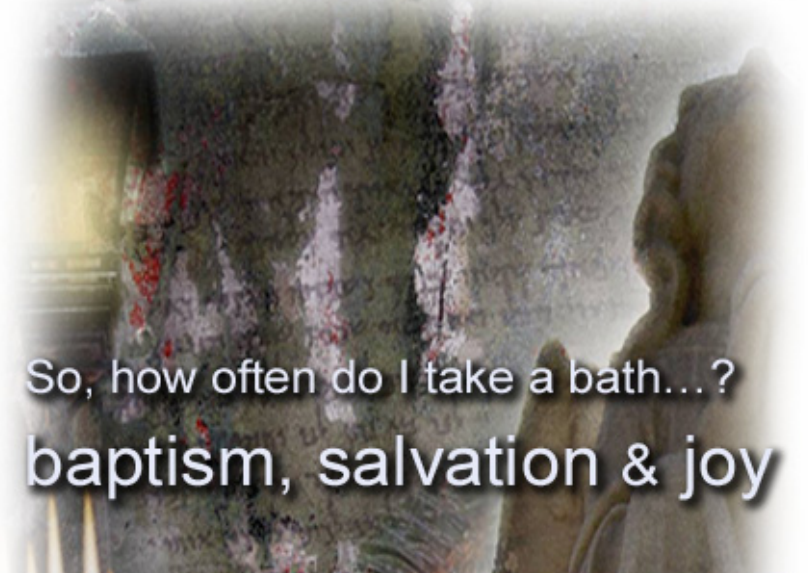
**Next week... luke 1.46b-55, micah 5.2-5a,  
luke 1.39-45, & hebrews 10.5-10**

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**"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23**



So, how often do I take a bath...?  
**baptism, salvation & joy**

**Advent 3**  
Sunday December 17 :: 2006

**Tabernacle Worship**  
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465  
Every Sunday Evening at 7:00, St. John's Parish House

[Worship]

Today...

Worship Film ::

“the river”

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

isaiah 12.2-6

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

Advent 3 :: JOY ~ Candle Lighting

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Reflection Film ::

“love and compassion”

The Scripture ~ *this week's focus*

“Baptism & Salvation”

So how often do I take a bath...?

“His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.” lk 3. 17-18

Isaiah 12:2-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20,  
Luke 3:7-18, & Philippians 4:4-7

Reflection Film ::

“i repent ~ finding JOY”

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ reflection and open prayer

Benediction ::

1 thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship]

your notes for home  
church discussion...

**Meditation:** “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’;... So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. lk. 3.7b-8a, & 18

**Reflection:** Repentance is not just saying you're sorry, nor is it merely a change in your head or even your heart. Gospel repentance involves a change in your behavior, in the way you live your life. Most people likely see John's call to a transformed life as an indictment, and his mandate for treating the poor justly as, at best, an unpleasant chore. But John's call to repentance should be seen for what it is: an invitation to salvation, the fruit of relationship with the Holy One coming into our midst. When we respond to this invitation in a joyful spirit, we may help to contribute not only to a transformed world but to our own liberation.

**Our Mission**

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.