

Historic White Marsh Church

September 21, 2025

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn ~ 437 Send the Light

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:4; Romans 7:24-25 Pastor Brad

Prayer & Praise

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

The Bost Family Presentation

Hymn ~ 638 I Need Thee Every Hour

Sermon: "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 431 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Benediction & Postlude

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

Scripture Reference: Luke 6:20-23; Isaiah 53:3; Romans 7:15, 24-25, 12:15;
Nehemiah 1:4; 2 Corinthians 6:10

1. **To 'Mourn' Inevitably Follows Being 'Poor In Spirit.'** - It's a life that recognizes the seriousness of the day. It is a life that is not overwhelmed by discouragement and depression, because it is a life that recognizes the true path to blessing and happiness.
2. **To 'Mourn' Leads Us To Self-Examination Of Our Sins.** - When I ask myself truthfully why I do what I do, I open myself up to the working and moving of God, all within the backdrop of once again being emptied and becoming poor in spirit and mourning who I am.
3. **To 'Mourn' Leads Us To The Sins Of Others.** - As we reflect on the things we do and gain an understanding of why we do them, our hearts go out to those struggling with similar battles. And we mourn the sins of others, as we should.
4. **To 'Mourn' Leads Us Fundamentally To Sin Itself.** - The Christian looks at life seriously, contemplates it spiritually, sees sin and its effects, and is broken by what they see and is immediately comforted. Happy are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5. **Practical Application: How Can We Live This Beatitude?** -
1. Practice Honest Confession; 2. Cultivate Compassionate Hearts; 3. Engage the Brokenness of the World; and
4. Hold Sorrow and Joy Together.

Study Questions:

1. The promise of Matthew 5:4 is that mourners will be comforted. According to (Luke 2:25; Isaiah 53:3; John 11:35) how is Jesus qualified as a competent comforter?
2. Read Matthew 5:1-4 and Isaiah 61:1-3 together as a group. What similarities do you notice? What does this tell us?
3. What does it look like to have courage to truly mourn or grieve instead of hiding it?
4. How can we be agents of God's comfort to those around us?

Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

Announcements for September 21, 2025:

Visitors: Welcome to our church! Please fill out the visitor card located at your pew and then give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the offering box.

Welcome to the Bost family, our new missionaries!!

Friendship Fellowship today, following the service. Please plan to stay and meet the Bost family.

Pray for LCPS, NCPS, and our community Homeschoolers - Join us at HWMC for prayer on **Wednesday, September 24, at 5 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for the HWMC Fall Concert Series! The next concert will feature Linda Boles on October 10 at 7 p.m. and Hunter Owens on November 14.

Team White Marsh will meet on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for their next round of projects. Join us for a work morning at the church. Lunch will be provided!

Please plan to join us next Sunday, September 28, for **Brenda's Shoebox Packing Birthday Bash** following the service. Pizza to be provided!

Please consider supporting the Shoebox Ministry. You can use the QR Code to purchase items.



Upcoming Dates for the **Lancaster Community Library**

Bookmobile: Friday, October 3 and Friday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers needed.

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

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