



# HAZELGREEN BAPTIST

EXALTING CHRIST

Welcome to Hazelgreen Baptist Church. We are glad you've chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome card provided by our ushers.

We are an Independent Baptist Church that teach and preaches the Word of God.

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## Weekly Services & Meetings

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

## Important Dates

**Harvester Place Nursing Home Today**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>- Dedication of Mission House**

## Welcome and Announcements for 5/17/2026

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Congregation Song-“Grace Greater Than All Our Sins”pg 344

Special Music- Amanda Ross

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Offertory Music- Naomi Ross

Congregation Song- “O Lord Your Beautiful” (on screen)

Sermon- “Grace vs. Law” Grace Wins

Closing song- “Pass Me Not” pg 489

## Pastor's Corner

**America's 1950s Religious Boom: What Happened?**

This week I read an old article called “In ‘God’ We Trusted”. The writer wrote about religion in America during the 1950s. He began by citing some quotes from a classic 1955 book, *Protestant, Catholic, Jew*. So, I read the writer's critique of *American Christianity in the 1950s*. He wrote of great “religious belonging and identification” in the 1950s. Church membership and Sunday school enrollment were at historically high levels, and church construction was booming. Bibles were distributed in record numbers, and the writer observed that 80 percent of the populace thought the Bible was the “revealed word of God.” (The 80 percent was for the “populace,” not the clergy.)

Surveys during this period showed “belief in God” to be nearly universal, but I must ask just what this “belief” really meant. Half of those surveyed could not name even one of the four Gospels. The then added a penetrating observation about American faith in the 1950s: “It is thus frequently a religiousness

without serious commitment, without real inner conviction, without genuine existential decision. What should reach down to the core of existence, shattering and renewing, merely skims the surface of life, and yet succeeds in generating the sincere feeling of being religious.” Those are rather haunting words. What is the church for today? The role of the Church, as depicted in the New Testament, is multifaceted, encompassing worship, teaching, fellowship, service, and evangelism. The Church is described as the Body of Christ, a living organism through which Christ continues His work on earth. This entry explores the various dimensions of the Church's role according to Scripture, Bring back the good old days?