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“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
Matthew 9:36-38



FROM PASTOR RALPH...



It's Easter week! If you're a Christian, your faith is based on the events of this week.

If you're a Christian, you are His witness (Acts 1:8) and His representative (2 Corinthians 5:20), called to share the gospel all over the earth.

This generation of believers (us) is responsible for this generation of people. Many of you do this effectively in many ways. One of the great things about Harvest is that people who don't know Christ are comfortable coming here to "explore" Christianity. People begin following Christ every week at Harvest, and most of them are invited by us. A study conducted a few years ago concluded that on a regular Sunday 20% of those invited will come to church; that rate goes up to 86% on Easter!

Easter is a once a year opportunity for bringing people to Christ. For this reason we believe the most important thing you can do this Easter is invite people who aren't following Jesus to come. Each year a number of people come to Harvest at

Easter for the first time, keep coming, and soon become followers of Jesus. Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), so nothing is more important. Let's all use this once a year opportunity to bring people to Christ.

Pray! Ask the Lord to reveal His presence and speak to those who come. We're expecting many people to give their lives to Jesus on Easter Sunday! Others will begin examining Christianity and will give their lives to Jesus in the following weeks and months.

Help out! Some will come reluctantly, through much spiritual opposition. Some will leave if they can't find a good parking space or seat. We need to help them have a great experience — find their way around, check-in their children, meet friendly followers of Christ, and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. We need to be helping people every Sunday, but especially on Easter!

This week we have a great opportunity to do what we're on earth to do: help people find Jesus, and change their lives and eternity!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DEBI PARNELL

Children's Director

DAVID BEATY

Congregational Care
Assistant Pastor

JAMES KEELER

Assistant Pastor

JOSH MOORE

Youth Pastor

JAKE WIMBERLY

Middle School Director
& Pastoral Assistant

JUDE THARP

College&Career Director

KEITH FRITH

Small Groups Pastor

RALPH SIGLER

Founding and Lead
Pastor

ROY ROGERS

Congregational Care
Pastor

RUSTY FRITH

Director of Worship &
Performing Arts Academy

SANDY UHLER

Ministry Teams Director



EASTER 2016 AT HARVEST

Service Times | 7:50, 9:30, 11:15am

Over 3,400 came to Harvest last Easter. It is the day people are most likely to accept your invitation to church. What a great opportunity for you to reach someone for Christ! *Please note: There will be no evening services, groups, or childcare at the church on Easter Sunday night. Office closed March 28.*

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, April 3, 5:15-8:15pm, Office Bldg

This one-time class taught by Pastor Ralph Sigler focuses on the vision and history of Harvest and what it means to be a member. It is for anyone interested in joining or just wanting to learn more about Harvest. Reservations are not required; however, if you need childcare, please call 334-702-6555 x241 or email bwest@harvestdothan.com.

NEXT STEPS CLASS

Monday, April 11, 7-8pm, Office Bldg

See page 4 for details.

DECISION AMERICA TOUR

Thursday, April 14, Noon, Montgomery, AL

See page 3 for details.

ATTENDANCE

March 6	1,498
8:45	768
10:45	730
March 13	1,494
8:45	781
10:45	713
March 20	1,592
8:45	795
10:45	797

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 16, 6:30am-noon

The youth group will be having a yard sale on Saturday, April 16, from 6:30am-noon at Harvest to raise money for their upcoming mission trip to Haiti. They are currently accepting donated items! If you have items to donate to the sale, please contact Nichole Davis at 719-661-2010.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

MAY 1-4 WITH BRAD MCCLAIN

Sunday morning at 8:45 & 10:45am and Sunday-Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm. Lunch meetings: Monday-Wednesday at noon. Be praying for greater things than we have seen!

GROUP LIFE

Keith Frith | Small Groups Pastor
334-702-6555 x232 | grouplife@harvestdothan.com



OPEN SMALL GROUP

Our new study, *Walking in the Spirit*, will begin Wednesday, March 30, at 6:45pm in the Worship Center. During this time, we will discuss being filled with the Holy Spirit and how to live life under His lordship, anointing, and power. This class will be taught by Pastor Ralph.

NAMED BY GOD

Sundays at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room, beginning April 10. Why is it so hard to move beyond the pain of our past? Respected Bible teacher Kasey Van Norman understands what it means to be a prisoner of the past. She is an inspiring example of God's grace and intervention in a life that seemed beyond redemption. In *Named by God*, Kasey shows us what it means to find our true identity in Christ, to live the surrendered life of the redeemed, and to find life by losing it. Join us on this transforming journey!

DISCIPLESHIP 1 GROUPS STARTING SOON

If you are interested in a Tuesday night Discipleship group, send "Tuesday D1" to grouplife@harvestdothan.com. If you are interested in a Sunday night Discipleship group, send "Sunday D1" to grouplife@harvestdothan.com

DECISION AMERICA TOUR WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Thursday, April 14, 12pm at Capitol Grounds (600 Dexter Ave, Montgomery, AL). Because of the spiritual climate of our country, Franklin Graham is going to all 50 states to challenge Christians across our land to boldly live out their faith and to pray fervently and faithfully for our nation. At each stop, he will also proclaim the Gospel, which has the power to transform lives. As the body of Christ, we have the opportunity to stand together in agreement, knowing God hears our prayers in this desperate hour of need. If you are interested in attending this event with others from Harvest, please sign up online at www.HarvestDothan.com/FranklinGraham. Transportation details TBA.

CDL DRIVERS

Periodically we are in need of people with a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to drive the Harvest Church Bus for special events. If you have a CDL and are interested in being added to our list of current drivers, please email jkeeler@harvestdothan.com.

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

Rusty Frith | Director of Worship & Performing Arts Academy
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COMMUNION & TENEBRAE SERVICE

Thursday, March 24, 7pm, Worship Center. The word "tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness." This service is very meaningful for all ages in preparation for Easter as a time to reflect on the last hours of Jesus' life on earth. The gradual extinguishing of candles symbolizes the darkness brought on by Jesus' suffering and death and the hopelessness of the world without God. We leave the Worship Center in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection. Childcare will be available for preschool and nursery only.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Sandy Uhler | Director of Ministry Teams
334-702-6555 x237 | ministryteams@harvestdothan.com



SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Join Ministry Teams on social media! Facebook: Women of Harvest Dothan, Harvest Men's Group (Dothan), and Harvest Church Ministry Teams (contact ministryteams@harvestdothan.com with a request to be added to this group). Instagram: @team_harvest.

HELPING HANDS & FEET TEAM WORK DAY

This team shows God's love by using their gifts and talents to serve those in our church who have a fixed or low income. Serving needs include food assistance, household repairs or cleaning, lawn care, etc. We will be having a work day on Saturday March 26, at 10am. Contact Mercy Allen at mzgam3@gmail.com for details.

NEXT STEPS CLASS

Monday, April 11, 7-8pm, Office Bldg. This class, taught by James Keeler and Sandy Uhler, is designed to help you take the next steps after your membership commitment in understanding community and service. This is a great way to meet new people in the church and get connected to a small group and/or ministry team. The class is designed for new members, but everyone is invited to join us. Childcare is available by request – call 334-702-6555 x241.

HARVEST CHURCH SOFTBALL

Harvest Church softball sign-ups have begun! You must be at least 16 years of age and not actively playing in high school baseball or softball. Both men and women are welcome! Games will be played at the Westgate softball complex. For more info, contact Jonathon Givens at fireman0806@gmail.com or 334-714-5389. Sign up at the Welcome Center by April 17.

SERVANT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The ministry team department is currently in need of servant volunteers for the months of April, May, and June. The following team needs include Doorgreeters, Ushers, Welcome Center, Kiosk Tables, Refreshment Prep (early risers), Refreshment Servers, Refreshment Runners, Refreshment Clean-up, CD Duplication, and Worship Center Preparation (early risers). Contact ministryteams@harvestdothan.com if you're able to serve!

BETH MOORE TRIP

Ladies, join us for Living Proof Live with Beth Moore in Mobile, AL August 26-27. Reserve your ticket and place on the bus by paying your **\$100 deposit by Thursday, March 31**. Register online at www.HarvestDothan.com/BethMoore. For details, email women@harvestdothan.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

BIRTHS

Keegan Reece Knight, daughter of Kimberly Knight, was born on March 11.

BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- John Carn and family during the loss of his mother.
- Verdie Croft and family

during the loss of her sister, Beatrice Watson.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are

experiencing a crisis or difficulty, such as loss of a loved one, divorce, unemployment, etc. *If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Ministry and want information about our upcoming training meeting, please email stephenministry@harvestdothan.com.*

Roy Rogers | Congregational Care Pastor
334-702-6555 x234 | ccare@harvestdothan.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Debi Parnell | Children's Ministry Director
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THANK YOU!

Wow! What an incredibly wonderful Easter Extravaganza! We want to say a very special "thank you" to all those who served, making our Easter Extravaganza such a delightful event. We appreciate the way you have blessed the children and families who attended.

EASTER SUNDAY TEAMS

If you are interested in serving on a Children's Ministry team for one of the three Harvest Easter worship services, please send an email to kids@harvestdothan.com. We will need "all hands on deck" as we prepare for many families to join us for our greatest celebration of the year! We will need volunteers to serve as welcome teams, youth volunteers, classroom teachers, classroom helpers, refreshment teams, hall monitors, etc. For more information, please contact Debi Parnell.

SPRING BREAK

XtremeKidz will not meet on Wednesday, March 30, during Spring Break.

SITE56 EVENTS

- *The Upper Room* - Wednesday, March 23, 6:30pm. Join us in KZ Theatre, Room B-210, for this special Holy Week event where we will remember Jesus' last hours before the cross.
- *Spring Break* - SITE56 will not meet Wednesday, March 30, during Spring Break.
- *Preteen Retreat: iDENTITY* - April 8-9 at Camp Butter & Egg in Troy, AL. We will load the buses to leave at 4pm sharp on Friday and will return at 5pm on Saturday. The cost for retreat is \$50 each (includes lodging, meals, and all activities). Balance is due by April 3.

CHICK CHAT 2016

Friday, April 22, 6-9:30pm. You're invited to our 7th annual Chick Chat, a special night of fun and fellowship for preteen "chicks" (4th-6th grades) and their moms! Dillard's Department Manager, Teresa Wiggins, and hair stylist, April Payne, will join us to share fashion and style tips. Register online at www.HarvestDothan.com/ChickChat.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANTS

Looking for a place to serve? Special Needs Assistants are needed for our Sunday morning Construction Zone (K-4th grade) ministry. To volunteer or for more info, see Debi Parnell.

NOAH'S PARK

Bonnie West | Nursery & Preschool Coordinator
334-702-6555 x241 | preschool@harvestdothan.com



We had such a wonderful time at Landmark Park for our Easter Extravaganza. The Lord blessed us with a glorious day! The weather couldn't have been more beautiful. Many families came out to enjoy the fun and celebrate Jesus. THANK YOU very much to all the volunteers that helped make it an awesome celebration!

Noah's Park has classrooms on Sunday mornings for nursery and preschool (ages 6 weeks to 4 years). If you are interested in serving in one of our rooms once a month, contact Bonnie West.

HARVEST YOUTH



Josh Moore | Youth Pastor

334-702-6555 x250 | youth@harvestdothan.com

YARD SALE FOR HAITI

If you have items to donate to the yard sale (April 16 at 6:30am), please email youth@harvestdothan.com or contact Nichole Davis at 719-661-2010.

WIRED 2016

June 26-July 1. Worship Leader: Jared Wood. Total cost is \$200. Sign up and pay your \$100 deposit by May 1. Balance of \$100 is due June 19. Visit www.wiredministries.com.

HAITI MISSION TRIP

May 29-June 4

HARVEST YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016: SET APART

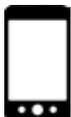
July 17-20 | Jeremy Quintini | Harvest Church Worship

More details to come!



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YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

COLLEGE&CAREER



Jude Tharp | College&Career Director

youngadults@harvestdothan.com

SECRET CHURCH LIVE SIMULCAST

Friday, April 29, 6:30pm-12:30am, Office Bldg. Join us for this live streamed event with David Platt as we come together for an intense time of Bible study (6 hours) and a time of prayer for our brothers and sisters across the globe who are facing persecution and for those who still have not heard the gospel. Cost is \$10 (covers pizza dinner and study materials). Sign up on Tuesday night!

DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP

We are planning on going deep sea fishing in June. The cost will be somewhere between \$100-150 per person. If you are interested in going, please email youngadults@harvestdothan.com or sign up on Tuesday night.

LADIES SMALL GROUP

We are starting a C&C ladies small group that will meet on Sunday nights at 6:30pm beginning April 17. Study and location TBA. See Andi Jackson for details.



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Harvest College&Career



COLLEGE&CAREER MEETING

Tuesdays at 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH/APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>HARVEST NAMETAGS</p> <p>To request a permanent nametag, mark "I would like a permanent nametag" on your Communication Card on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 334-702-6555. Please allow one week for processing. They can be picked up on Sundays at the Welcome Center.</p>				<p><i>Tenebrae Service 7pm</i></p>	<p>Celebrate Recovery 7pm</p>	<p>Helping Hands & Feet Work Day 10am</p>
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>Sunday AM Worship EASTER 7:50, 9:30, or 11:15</p> <p><i>No evening services, groups, or classes</i></p>	<p><i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>College & Career 7pm</p>	<p>Open Small Group 6:45pm</p>	<p>YOUTH SPRING RETREAT MARCH 30 - APRIL 2</p>		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45</p> <p>Membership Class 5:15pm</p>	<p>LIVESTREAM Visit www.HarvestDothan.com to watch the live broadcast when you can't be in worship on Sunday mornings, or watch previous sermons any time.</p>		<p>XtremeKidz 6:30pm SITE56 6:30pm Harvest Youth 6:45pm Open Small Group 6:45pm</p>		<p>Celebrate Recovery 7pm</p>	<p>PRETEEN RETREAT iDentity APRIL 8-9</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45</p>	<p>Next Steps Class 7pm</p>	<p>College & Career 7pm</p>	<p>XtremeKidz 6:30pm SITE56 6:30pm Harvest Youth 6:45pm Open Small Group 6:45pm</p>	<p><i>Decision America Tour 12pm</i></p>	<p>Celebrate Recovery 7pm</p>	<p>Yard Sale Fundraiser 6:30am</p>
<p><i>Pastor Ralph will be speaking at Greater Beulah Baptist Church on Good Friday, March 25, at 7pm. The church is asking different city pastors to speak on the seven last words of Christ Wednesday through Friday nights, each speaking for 15 minutes. Pastor Ralph, Pastor Charles Lewis, and Pastor Delvic McKay will speak on Friday.</i></p>				<p>PASTORAL CARE ONLY If you have an emergency and need to contact a pastor on the weekend or after hours, please call 648-0270. The pastor on-call will return your call as soon as possible.</p>		



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HARVEST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
5:15-8:15PM IN THE OFFICE BLDG

TAUGHT BY PASTOR RALPH SIGLER
*If you plan to attend and need childcare,
please call 702-6555-x241*

WORSHIPING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:45 & 10:45AM