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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...



September 25-27 are the dates of our Fall Renewal Conference. It was 1997 and Harvest Church had just started. Knowing the blessings of a prolonged, focused time of seeking God, I asked Mark Nysewander to come from

Minneapolis to lead our first Spiritual Life Conference in the Girard Middle School cafeteria. The Lord used that time to bless us and many of the things that define Harvest Church today started in that conference. Mark has ministered at Harvest other times over the years always allowing the Lord to speak to us through him.

Two years ago Mark's teaching on revival prepared us for the amazing extended conference we had in May through July of 2015. Mark is always seeking for God to reveal more of His glory and power and is in tune with the Holy Spirit. He will be with us again September 25-27.

These conferences are important because they provide opportunities for life changing breakthroughs and accelerated growth with God. Nothing is more important in life!

As we prepare for the conference, ask the Lord to show you what He wants to change in you. Ask Him to fill you (and all of us) with true *hunger for more of Him* and *faith* that all things are possible with God. Pray for *personal revival* — to have greater joy in Him and love and devotion for Him. Then pray for a *move of God* that will transform your family, friends, church, and city. I believe He wants us to be different after this conference than we are right now. Ask Him to *fill you with the Holy Spirit* and to teach you how to live an **ABUNDANT LIFE** that counts for all eternity!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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FALL RENEWAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 25-27, WORSHIP CTR

Speaker: Mark Nysewander. Four Services: Sunday morning at 8:45 or 10:45am and Sunday-Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Ask the Lord to increase our hunger and faith for a transforming encounter with Him! *See your insert for details.*

FALL CONFERENCE PRAYER MEETING:

Sunday, September 18, 5:15-6:15pm in the Worship Center. Join us to intercede for God to move during our conference.

CONFERENCE FAST:

Tuesday, September 20. Fast one meal, two meals, or all day; ask for God to do a deeper work in us.

JOSH WILSON & JASON GRAY IN CONCERT WITH JJ HELLER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7PM, WORSHIP CTR

Presented by The Joy FM. Doors open at 6pm. Ticket prices: General Admission for groups of 10 or more - \$22. General Admission - \$27. VIP - \$54. For details, visit www.HarvestDathan.com/JConcert.

A LIFE OF
**LOVE
JOY &
PEACE**

Our sermon series, **A LIFE OF LOVE, JOY, & PEACE**, continues this Sunday. Invite someone to join you and receive the love, joy, and peace Christ offers.

ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 28	1,636
8:45	854
10:45	782
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>70</i>
SEPTEMBER 4	1,380
8:45	710
10:45	670
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>95</i>

GROUP LIFE

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No small groups or classes will meet the Sunday-Wednesday of the Fall Renewal Conference (September 25-28).

ONE: OPEN SMALL GROUP

Everyone is invited to our open small group on Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Worship Center. Our current study, *One*, is based on the movie *Woodlawn* and will help prepare our hearts to experience revival and embrace a move of God.

SPIRITUAL MATURITY 101: THE ESSENTIALS

The goal of our Spiritual Maturity Classes is to provide teaching to equip us to be successful followers of Christ. SMC101 will help you get started well in the Christian journey. Join us on Sundays at 5:15pm in the Worship Center (we will meet in the Office Bldg on September 18).

DISCIPLESHIP 1: LIFE AS A DISCIPLE

We will be forming a new D1 group soon. If you are interested in joining or would like more information about our Discipleship series, email us at grouplife@harvestdothan.com.

SINGLE MOMS OF HARVEST

We invite single moms to join us for fellowship, support, and encouragement! *Single Moms of Harvest* will meet every other Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in room 204. We will have a guest speaker and dinner during this time. Child-care is available. Meeting dates are as follows: September 21, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 30, December 14.

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

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I wanted to share some verses from a message on praise and worship that stood out to me as foundational to worship. I hope this will be an encouragement to you!

Why worship God:

1. *God asks us to worship Him. The largest book of the Bible is Psalms - full of praises.*
2. *Praise is our purpose. (1 Peter 2:9)*
3. *Because of what God has done. (Ps 145:3, Ps 48:1, Ps. 96:4, Luke 19:37-40) He who has been forgiven much loves much.*
4. *Worship changes everything. (Ps 18:3, Ps 95:5, John 4:23)*

Some helpful thoughts for worship:

1. *Worship is based on choice, not feeling. (Habakkah 3:17-18, Hebrews 13:15)*
2. *Worship with everything you have.*

(2 Samuel 24:24, Mark 12:30)

3. *Worship God expecting Him to respond. (Ps 22, James 4:8)*

NOT THE SAME

Our new Harvest Worship CD, *Not the Same*, is available for \$12 at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Pre-ordered CDs are also available for pick-up.

CHOIR & WORSHIP TEAM DINNER

There is a choir and worship team dinner and fellowship on Thursday, September 22, from 6-7pm in the Worship Center to begin preparations for Christmas music. If you are interested in joining the choir or worship team, feel free to join us! We will provide you with sheet music for our Christmas program.

MINISTRY TEAMS

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We encourage you to get connected to ministry at Harvest. For a detailed list of ministry teams, pick up a Ministry Opportunities booklet at the Welcome Center or one of the info tables around the church. If you need more information or have any questions, email ministryteams@harvestdothan.com. We are all called to serve. Answer the call!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCOVERY

Want to learn more about your spiritual gifts? Take the online Spiritual Gifts Discovery assessment! When you complete it, your results will be sent back to us so we can help you make the connection between your gifts and areas of service in ministry at Harvest. To request an assessment, visit www.HarvestDothan.com and click on the *Spiritual Gifts Discovery* button.

manage the Worship Center under the direction of the usher ministry team leader and pastoral staff. Ushers serve once a month on the Sunday morning of their choice. No formal training is required, just a willingness to help with this simple, yet very important part of our Sunday worship services. Ushers are currently needed for both services (floor & balcony). We invite you to join the team!

EARLY BIRD SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Behind the scenes teams: Worship Center Prep, Parking Set-up, and Refreshment Prep (floor & balcony). If you are an early riser, then we have a team that is just right for you.

PARKING TEAM

The worship service begins in the parking lot! As a dedicated member of the parking ministry team, you have a distinct opportunity to make that experience a positive one. This team facilitates the safe flow of vehicles and pedestrians at each of the Sunday services. They also serve on an “as needed” basis for church-wide and special events. Parking team members serve once a month before each Sunday morning service.

USHERS

Ushers cheerfully help guests and all attendees find a seat in the Worship Center. They also help

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Ruth Jeffers and family during the loss of her nephew Anthony Spurlock.
- Rhonda Willis and family during the loss of her former daughter-in-law, Angela Teal.
- Denise Exum and family during the loss of her father.
- Pamela Brantley and family during the loss of her father, David Woodham.
- Lauren Buchanan and family during the loss of her father-in-law, Thomas D. Williams.
- Jimmy Suggs and family during the loss of his wife, Janice Suggs.
- Ken Harper and family during the loss of his father, Ronald William Harper.

BIRTHS

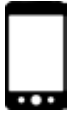
- Savanna Grace Farmer, daughter of Ryan and Cynthia Farmer, was born on August 23, 2016.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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STAY UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS FOR KIDS AND PRETEENS!



Sign up for text alerts for upcoming events and info by sending a text to 81010. *For Kids Events (K-4th grade):* Type “@harvkids” in the message and send. *For Preteen Events (5th-6th*

grade): Type “@site56” in the message and send.



“Like” us on Facebook — Search “Harvest Kids-Dothan”

KONSTRUCTION ZONE

(K-4th grade) Konstruction Zone is a creative worship setting for young children. Kids see Bible lessons come to life through dynamic dramas, enjoy exciting worship music, and build relationships in age-level small groups. We meet Sunday mornings at 8:45 and 10:45am in Room B-210. This month in KZ:

Memory Verse: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5 (NIrV)

Life App: Trust—putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.

SITE56

(5th/6th grade) SITE56ers build relationships as they discover Biblical principles to help them with the unique issues that preteens encounter. Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm!

XTREMEKIDZ

(K-4th grade) Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Room B-108. XtremeKidz features a high energy focus on Bible study, prayer, and relationships. Join us as we for our fall study, *Upsidedown Town!*

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL TEAM

This team provides encouragement and support to the teachers and staff of Honeysuckle Middle School throughout the year. We provide and serve a meal to them twice each year, as well as prepare other little gifts throughout the year to show our support and appreciation.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Special Needs Assistants help children in the Ark and Konstruction Zone who have special needs. Volunteers accompany these children in their classes on Sunday mornings. Training is provided to cover protocol and procedures, teaching, coping, and ministry methods to enable us to show God's love to these precious children and families. Interested in serving? See Debi Parnell.

NOAH'S PARK

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Noah's Park childcare providers now have a small group of their own meeting on Thursday nights from 6:15-8pm. We need some special people to watch our precious little ones while we meet. If you are able to bless our workers by serving in this important way, please email Bonnie West at preschool@harvestdothan.com.

Noah's Park provides Sunday morning classrooms for children 6 weeks old to preschool, as well as childcare during the week for small groups. If you have a heart for serving and can join our team on a once-a-month rotation, please email preschool@harvestdothan.com.

HARVEST YOUTH



Josh Moore | Youth Pastor

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We are looking forward to our time at the beach in October when we are taking our annual fall retreat to Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. We will leave Thursday, October 13, after school and come home late Saturday evening, October 15. We are very excited that Mike Bond will be our guest speaker. He spoke at this year's back-to-school kick-off and has spoken at our youth conference in the past. He is a great communicator to students, and we are looking forward to what God wants to do in the lives of each one who comes. The cost is \$95 which is all inclusive and a great price for a retreat of this caliber. If you have any questions, please contact us. We recently started back into small groups and discipleship for the fall semester. We are very happy to have over 80 students in groups! We will be starting a Discipleship 1 for students (7th-12th grade) in October, so be looking for more info on that in the next newsletter.

TUESDAYS AT THE PRAYER HOUSE

We meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30 at the Prayer House (200 Morgan St) to pray for the youth group. Join us! Please note: We will not meet on September 26 during the Fall Renewal Conference.

HY FALL RETREAT

Our 2016 Fall Retreat to Laguna Beach (Panama City) is coming up October 13-15. Guest Speaker: Mike Bond. Cost: \$95. Register and pay your \$50 deposit by September 21! Email youth@harvestdothan.com for details.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE RALLY

Wednesday, September 28, at Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Meet at Harvest at 6pm to ride the bus. We will return at 8:30pm.



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YOUTH GROUP MEETING
Wednesdays at 6:45pm

COLLEGE&CAREER



Jude Tharp | College&Career Director

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The college and young adult years are often seen as a dangerous time for faith. In a culture that is increasingly antagonistic toward faith and disillusioned with Church, we know that God has called us to reach our generation with the truth of His love and goodness. Many young people are bound in the darkness and emptiness of the world; the only solution for them is the light and life found in Christ. We want to be people who live with purpose and who call others to a life of purpose and meaning! If you are a young adult (20s), a college student, or have recently graduated, we invite you to join us on Tuesday nights at 7pm for worship, teaching, and to build long-lasting friendships.

Please note: We will not have College&Career September 26 during the Fall Renewal Conference.



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COLLEGE&CAREER MEETING
Tuesdays at 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p align="center">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>					Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	Prayer Meeting, 9am
18 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45 <i>Adult Choir, 5:15pm</i> <i>Church-wide Conference Prayer Meeting 5:15pm</i>	19	20 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career, 7pm <i>Church-wide Conference Fast</i>	21 XtremeKidz, 6:30pm SITE56, 6:30pm Harvest Youth, 6:45pm Open Small Group, 6:45pm	22	23 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	24 Prayer Meeting, 9am
25 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45	26	27 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am	28 XtremeKidz, 6:30pm SITE56, 6:30pm See You at the Pole Rally, 6pm	Join the Yahoo Prayer Group without a Yahoo account. Send a blank email from your email address to: harvestchurch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. The facilitator will approve you shortly afterward.	30 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	1 Prayer Meeting, 9am
<p align="center"><i>Fall Renewal Conference</i></p>						
2 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45 <i>Adult Choir, 5:15pm</i> <i>SMC101, 5:15pm</i>	3	4 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career, 7pm	5 XtremeKidz, 6:30pm SITE56, 6:30pm Harvest Youth, 6:45pm Open Small Group, 6:45pm	6	7 Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
				<p align="center">PASTORAL CARE ONLY</p> <p>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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SEPTEMBER 25-27 WITH MARK NYSEWANDER

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