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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...



What a great Sunday we had for our first day of the *At the Movies* sermon series! The series presents a uniquely fun and effective way of communicating the truth. You all did a great job of inviting friends, and many people responded to the message of forgiveness.

Sunday we looked at how different people respond to hurt and grief. Everyone has to deal with painful experiences in life. Hebrews 12:15 indicates that God's grace is available to us when we're hurting. But when we don't accept that grace, our hurt can develop into unforgiveness and bitterness. And if one is not following Christ, they are in no position to receive His grace. Unforgiveness hardens us, robs us of peace and joy, and poisons the other relationships in our lives. It separates from God, brings spiritual blindness (1 John 2:9), and robs us of the good God intends for our lives.

Forgiveness begins with acknowledging our hurt, not denying it. Here are the steps you can take to experience freedom:

1. Acknowledge hurt.
2. Remember God's forgiveness to you — We sinned, earned death and hell; Jesus never sinned, gave His life for us.
3. Surrender right to hold grudge — Repent.
4. Choose to forgive — with your will, not feelings.
5. Ask Him to remove the bitterness.
6. Then pray for those who hurt you — pray for their best.
7. Walk in this forgiveness by grace.

Freedom comes through forgiveness! As we have been forgiven much, God calls us to forgive, but we need His power to be able to do it (Matthew 6:11-15). Our ability to forgive is bound in His forgiveness of our sins. This is not excusing what has been done to us, but turning justice over to God. Jesus says to us, “put their offense on my account.”

We'll continue our *At the Movies* series these next two weeks, and I'm looking forward to hearing how God uses it in our church and in the friends we invite to take part!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



AT THE MOVIES SERMON SERIES

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 20 & 27, 8:45 & 10:45AM

Come experience *At the Movies* where church and movies meet. This series will be both fun and impactful as we dive into some of Hollywood's biggest hits to unpack spiritual truths for our lives. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers! *Please note that because of copyright issues, this series will not be available via LiveStream.*

HARVEST CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

IN THE CAFÉ NOVEMBER 20

Stop by the tables located in the café on Sunday, November 20, to find out more about ways to participate in an outreach ministry this holiday season. Here are a few ways to get involved: Fill a shoebox for children in need all over the world (Operation Christmas Child), fill a Christmas stocking to bless the children served by Houston County DHR (Jerusalem Project), purchase an Ecuadorian blanket to help raise funds for mission projects supported by Love In Action Ministries, sponsor a Harvest child in need for Christmas (The Giving Tree), and more! For more information, email ministryteams@harvest-dothan.com or call 334-702-6555 x231.

HARVEST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6:30PM

Join us for our annual Christmas celebration service with music and fellowship! More details to come.

HARVEST YOUTH FUNDRAISER SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS

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ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 30	1,487
8:45	736
10:45	751
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>132</i>
NOVEMBER 6	1,851
8:45	951
10:45	900
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>129</i>

GROUP LIFE



Keith Frith | Small Groups Pastor

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OPEN SMALL GROUP

L.I.F.E. | Living in Freedom Everyday – If you have had a hard time getting over rejection or unforgiveness, staying focused in your spiritual walk, or just desire to be free of anything that may hinder your walk, makes plans to join us for our study on freedom: Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Worship Center.

SIMPLIFY

(Mixed Group)

Competing priorities and constant busyness can leave us feeling overwhelmed and overworked. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:45pm in room 206 as we look at practical tips and spiritual insights to help you declutter your soul.

BREATHE

(Women's Group)

One of the greatest challenges for women in our culture is

taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Office Bldg room 212.

HOLY SPIRIT

(Women's Group)

The Holy Spirit is frequently misunderstood, leaving many clueless about who He is and how He expresses Himself to us. He is often portrayed as something “weird.” But the Bible makes it clear that the Spirit is not something. He is someone—a Person who has promised to never leave your side. We invite you to join us on Wednesdays at 6:45pm in room 105.

HOPEKEEPERS

(Mixed Group)

This small group provides spiritual encouragement and personal support for those who are chronically ill, disabled, suffer with chronic pain, cancer, terminal illness, or invisible illnesses. This group is also for family members, caregivers, and friends of those who are suffering. Hopekeepers meets Sundays at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.

SINGLE MOMS OF HARVEST

We invite single moms to join us for fellowship, support, and encouragement! We meet every other Wednesday from 6:30-8pm in room 204. We will have a guest speaker and dinner during this time. Childcare is available. Upcoming meeting dates: November 30 & December 14.

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

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HARVEST WORSHIP CDS

The new Harvest Worship CD “Not the Same” is a great gift for Christmas to give friends and family a feel of some of the songs we presently sing during worship at Harvest. You can pick up the CD in the lobby on Sundays for \$12.

ADULT CHOIR

The choir is working on selections of favorite Christmas worship songs for the upcoming Christmas season. This would be a great time to join us if you have been considering singing in the choir. We meet for practice every Sunday from 5:15-6:15pm in room 106.

MINISTRY TEAMS

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 20 is the last day to turn in your shoeboxes! OCC shoeboxes are available at the Welcome Center for a suggested donation of \$1.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men ages 12 and up are invited to join us for some fine food and fellowship at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, December 3, at 8:30am in the Youth Room. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, November 30, by emailing your name and number of guests to men@harvestdothan.com or write 'RSVP men's breakfast' on the back of your communication card on Sunday mornings. This is a free event. Donations will be accepted and appreciated. Hope to see you there!

RETIREMENT HOME OUTREACH

The Retirement Home team will be traveling to Abbeville once again this year to host a Christmas bingo party with the nursing home residents.

It will be held on Tuesday, December 13. Meet in the Office Building at 5:45pm. We will leave promptly at 6pm. We are collecting blankets and socks to take with us. Monetary donations can be made to Harvest Church, clearly marked for the Retirement Home Team. For more information, contact Jerry Eddings at chiefofla@aol.com.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

A VERY MERRY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 16, 6:30pm in the Worship Center (Balcony). All Harvest ladies (16 & up) are invited to join us for a fun night of holiday cheer to include movie-style snacks, door prizes, and awesome fellowship! Tickets are \$5 (available online at www.HarvestDothan.com or at the Resource Center on December 4 & 13). Deadline to purchase tickets: Thursday, December 16, at 10am. **Childcare will be available for single moms only** (reservations are required). Questions? Contact us at women@harvestdothan.com or 334-702-6555 x231.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Roy Rogers | Congregational Care Pastor
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BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Kim Hardy and family during the loss of her sister-in-law.
- Amy Ingram Faison and family during the loss of her brother, Mike Taylor.
- The family of Janice Whitehead during their loss.
- Libi Taylor and family during the loss of her father, George Jones.
- Soungia Mullens and family during the loss of her mother, Nellar McCray.
- Linda Donner, Jennifer Donner, Jeff & Mistie Donner, and Kellie Melcher during the loss of Jim Donner.

- Cheryl McLendon and family during the loss of her mother, Shirley Peterson.
- Josephine Allen and family during the loss of her mother, Earlene Grace.

THE GIVING TREE

If you would like to sponsor a Harvest child in need for Christmas this year, please select an ornament hanging from the tree in the Café November 20. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church office by Monday, December 5. If you have any questions, contact us at 702-6555 x234.

HARVEST KIDS

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KONSTRUCTION ZONE

K-4th grade | Sundays at 8:45 and 10:45am in KZ (room B-210)

This month in KZ:

- **Memory Verse:** "Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves."
Romans 12:10, NIV
- **Life App:** Honor—letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

SPECIAL NEEDS TEAM

Special Needs Assistants help children in the Ark and Konstruction Zone who have special needs, accompanying them 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? Email kids@harvestdothan.com.

H56 (formerly SITE56)

5th-6th grade | Wednesdays at 6:30pm in KZ (room B-210)

H56ers build relationships as they discover Biblical principles to help them with the unique issues that preteens encounter.

- **H56 Christmas Party:** All aboard! Join us for a pajama party and movie night on Sunday, December 18, at 6pm in KZ. We'll watch *The Polar Express* and enjoy hot chocolate together. Invite a friend!

XTREMEKIDZ

K-4th grade | Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room B-108

This Wednesday we'll enjoy fun, games, and food as we celebrate Thanksgiving! We will not meet on Wednesday, November 23, but we'll start right back up on Wednesday, November 30, with our new study, *Lights, Camera, Action*. Come learn how Bawb, Bob, and Ann relate the elements of making a movie to six key biblical values.

PRAISE KIDS

Sunday, November 27 (6:30pm in KZ), is our last practice before the Christmas program on December 4. Don't miss it!

NOAH'S PARK

Bonnie West | Nursery & Preschool Coordinator
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Twenty years ago God blessed the Harvest children's ministry with a very special gift. That gift was Ms. Shirley Ellison, a wonderful lady with a beautiful heart and gracious spirit, who still lovingly and selflessly serves in Noah's Park every week. Ms. Shirley is a precious model of the love of Jesus Christ. I've had the honor of serving

alongside her for nine years. This time has been a personal blessing to me. We have grown extremely close. Ms. Shirley has a very special place in my heart. I thank God for my dear friend and pray that she receives glorious blessings for all that she has done and still does for God's babies. We love you Ms. Shirley!

HARVEST YOUTH



Josh Moore | Youth Pastor
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HY FUNDRAISER

Support our youth by buying ribs or chicken for your Christmas feast! The last day to buy your ticket is December 1. Ribs: \$25. Chicken (whole): \$15. See one of our youth to purchase a ticket! Order pick-up: Sunday, December 18, 10am-2pm, back parking lot. For more information, email us at youth@harvestdothan.com.

DECORATING DAY

Join us on Monday, November 21, from 1-4pm as we decorate the church for Christmas!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 23. Enjoy the holiday!



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YOUTH GROUP MEETING
Wednesdays at 6:45pm

COLLEGE&CAREER



Jude Tharp | College&Career Director
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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join us for our annual College&Career Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 22, at 6:15pm in the Youth Room. Please bring a Thanksgiving side dish or dessert (food sign-ups will be available soon). Meat and drinks will be provided. This will take the place of our regular C&C meeting that night. Hope to see you there!



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Harvest College&Career



COLLEGE&CAREER MEETING
Tuesdays at 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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>16</p> <p>XtremeKidz, 6:30pm</p> <p>SITE56, 6:30pm</p> <p>Harvest Youth, 6:45pm</p> <p>Open Small Group, 6:45pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 6:30am</p> <p>Celebrate Recovery, 7pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 9am</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45</p> <p>Adult Choir, 5:15pm</p> <p>Kids Choir, 6:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Youth Decorating Day, 1-4pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 6:30am</p> <p>College & Career Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:15pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>Church office closed: November 23-25</p>		<p>25</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 6:30am</p> <p>Celebrate Recovery, 7pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 9am</p>
<p>Sermon Series: "At the Movies" - Sundays, November 20 & 27</p>						
<p>27</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45</p> <p>Adult Choir, 5:15pm</p> <p>Kids Choir, 6:30pm</p>	<p>Join the Yahoo Prayer Group without a Yahoo account. Send a blank email from your email address to: harvestchurch-subscribe@yahoo.com. The facilitator will approve you shortly afterward.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 6:30am</p> <p>College & Career, 7pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>XtremeKidz, 6:30pm</p> <p>SITE56, 6:30pm</p> <p>Harvest Youth, 6:45pm</p> <p>Open Small Group, 6:45pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Last day to purchase HY fundraiser tickets</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 6:30am</p> <p>Celebrate Recovery, 7pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 9am</p> <p>Men's Breakfast, 8:30am</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45</p> <p>Harvest Family Christmas Service, 6:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Giving Tree gifts due back</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 6:30am</p> <p>College & Career, 7pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>XtremeKidz, 6:30pm</p> <p>SITE56, 6:30pm</p> <p>Harvest Youth, 6:45pm</p> <p>Open Small Group, 6:45pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Celebrate Recovery, 7pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Prayer Meeting, 9am</p>
				<p>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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HARVEST
Christmas
COMMUNITY
OPPORTUNITIES

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