

# Harvest Church News

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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...



*Christmas: the most wonderful time  
of the year!*

Many people don't feel that way. Disappointment, family tensions, financial pressures, and overwhelming busyness cause many to dread Christmas. In a fallen and sinful world, people are robbed of the things they were made for. But God has put in every heart the desire for wonder, delight, joy, beauty, and love; and He gives us temporary glimpses of these. Many of these glimpses come at Christmas when one of the most wonderful and amazing things that ever happened took place – God sent His son into our world to save us! It is good news of great joy for all people!

The promise is that one day His people will experience unending joy in His presence and increasing joy in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that we experience that joy as we “abide in Him” (John 15). Abiding in Him involves life connected to Jesus, living under His Lordship with increasing awareness of His presence. Christmas provides one of the best opportunities to grow in this awareness because there are continual reminders of Jesus and His goodness to us.

Decorations are everywhere, and with all the planning, gift buying, cooking, and preparing, we are continually reminded of Christmas. Let's take this opportunity to be even more aware of His presence and “pray continually” (I Thessalonians 5:16) in this awareness of God and the opportunity to fellowship and abide in Him. Let each reminder focus your attention on the wonder of His coming and what salvation means for you. Let this season point you to the One who is wonder, delight, joy, beauty, and love; the One who will make us like Himself! May each reminder draw you into the fulfillment of His presence with you and in you. Make this season a time of wonder as you abide in the One who brings life in all its fullness!

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**DAVID BEATY**  
Congregational Care  
Assistant Pastor

**KEITH FRITH**  
Small Groups Pastor

**RUSTY FRITH**  
Director of Worship &  
Performing Arts Academy

**JAMES KEELER**  
Assistant Pastor

**JOSH MOORE**  
Youth Pastor

**ROY ROGERS**  
Congregational Care  
Pastor

**CHARLENE SCRIBNER**  
Children's Director

**RALPH SIGLER**  
Founding and Lead  
Pastor

**JUDE THARP**  
College&Career Director

**SANDY UHLER**  
Ministry Teams Director

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 11

Support our youth by buying ribs or chicken for your Christmas feast! Ribs: \$25. Chicken (whole): \$15. Tickets are available for purchase at the Resource Center on Sunday, December 11 during both services. Order pickup: Sunday, December 18, 10am-2pm, back parking lot.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES & EVENTS

*Harvest Performing Arts Academy:* See page 3

*Women's Ministry:* See page 4

*H56 (5th/6th graders):* See page 5

*Youth and College&Career:* See page 6

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 5:30PM, WORSHIP CTR

Join us for one of the most beautiful services of the year as we sing together, join in communion, focus on the Word made flesh, and celebrate the light of the world! Childcare available for ages 2 and under only.

## CHRISTMAS DAY AT HARVEST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 11AM-NOON

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and we get to worship Christ as we celebrate His birth! This will not happen again until 2022. We will have one hour-long service for everyone (childcare available for ages 2 and under only) starting at 11:00am. When this last happened it was a wonderful service and made Christmas extra special! We invite you all to plan your gift opening and family time around this service so that you may share in the true spirit of Christmas and celebrate the One who has come!

***Our 2016 Worship CD "Not the Same" is available at the Resource Center gift-wrapped for Christmas. Pick one up this Sunday for \$12!***

## ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 13	1,718
8:45	881
10:45	837
LiveStream	174
NOVEMBER 20	1,660
8:45	824
10:45	836
LiveStream	98
NOVEMBER 27	1,557
8:45	838
10:45	719
LiveStream	53

TOTAL BUILDING FUND PLEDGE FOR 2016: \$199,506

## GROUP LIFE

Keith Frith | Small Groups Pastor

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### SMALL GROUP WINTER BREAK

The last day that small groups will meet before the break will be Wednesday, December 21. From December 22 - January 29 there will be no small groups meeting or small group childcare available. Groups will start back February 1.

### 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

January 8-28 | More details to come!

## WIREGRASS AREA WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATION DOTHAN, ALABAMA

**MAY 5-7, 2017 | DOTHAN CIVIC CENTER**

Mark your calendars for our **LAUNCH EVENT Thursday, January 12, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Dothan Civic Center**. This is for all pastors, church leadership, and persons interested in supporting the Will Graham Celebration. Together, we want to prepare our hearts to reach our friends, neighbors, and family with the gospel of Jesus Christ by inviting and bringing them to our churches and to the Wiregrass Celebration event.

**END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS** – Remember that all financial gifts must be either postmarked by December 31, brought to the church office by noon on Friday, December 30, or submitted online to [HarvestDothan.com](http://HarvestDothan.com) by midnight on December 31 to be included on your contribution statement for 2016. Thank you for all you do to support what God is doing at Harvest! Please Note: If you use an offering envelope for your cash contributions, please always write your name and address on the envelope so we can make sure all contributions are posted to the correct individual/family.

## HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

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### HPAA CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30pm, Worship Center. Come out and enjoy the Harvest Performing Arts Academy Christmas Recital as students present songs through voice, piano, and guitar. Admission is free. *Please note: HPAA's winter/spring session begins January 2. For more information or to enroll, visit [www.HarvestDothan.com/HPAA](http://www.HarvestDothan.com/HPAA).*

## MINISTRY TEAMS

**Sandy Uhler | Director of Ministry Teams**  
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### RETIREMENT HOME OUTREACH

The Retirement Home team is traveling to Abbeville again this year to host a Christmas bingo party with the nursing home residents on Tuesday, December 13. Meet in the Office Building at 5:45pm. We will leave 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 info, contact Jerry Eddings at [chiefofla@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.HarvestDothan.com) or at the Resource

Center on December 11). Deadline to purchase tickets: Thursday, December 16, at 10am. **Childcare is available for single moms only** (reservations are required). Contact [women@harvestdothan.com](mailto:women@harvestdothan.com) or 334-702-6555 x231 for details.

### MINISTRY STATS FROM THE 2016 HARVEST CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- 496 shoeboxes filled for Operation Christmas Child
- 93 children will receive stockings through the Jerusalem project
- \$1,500 raised for benevolence through the Crafters Guild craft sale
- 45 children & 20 families will receive Giving Tree gifts

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Roy Rogers | Congregational Care Pastor**  
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### BAPTISMS

*The following people were baptized on Sunday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 30:*

- Karen Arthurs (renewal)
- Brayden Barfield
- Daniel Brown
- Wesley Brown
- Lawanda Bush
- Keaton Chalker
- Eric & Bethany Culver
- Timothy Dudley (renewal)
- Keith Ealy
- Jerrold, Whitney, & Josslyn Ealy
- Noah Hyde
- Robert Hyde

- Pamela Jackson
- Kolby Johnson
- Winnie Key
- Darrell & Diana Reid
- Carson Sollie
- Parker Sorrells
- Austin Walter
- Emily Walter
- Matthew Walter

### NEW MEMBERS

*The following people joined Harvest on Sunday, November 20:*

- Audrey Barron
- Abby Claire Blocker
- Annamarie Bradley

- Amy Crawford (children: Eve & Paige)
- Eric & Bethany Culver
- Timothy Dudley
- Jerrold & Whitney Ealy (child: Josslyn)
- James Hampton
- Courtney Irvin
- James & Sara Jordan (children: Abigail, Carson, Rebecca, & Landon)
- Jon Mashburn
- Chris Rabon
- Darrell & Diana Reid (children: Dara & Kylie)

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- Gregory & Ashley Tallent (children: Austen, Addilynn, & Hunner)

## BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for Mike Dove and family during the loss of his cousin, Elizabeth Cook.

## BIRTHS

Blakely Helen Tindell, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Tindell, was born on November 13.

## THE GIVING TREE

If you have selected a Giving Tree ornament this year, please

remember that all gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church office no later than Thursday, December 15. If you have any questions, contact us at 702-6555 x234.

## HARVEST KIDS

**Charlene Scribner | Children's Ministry Director**

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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:** "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!" Philippians 4:4, NIRV
- **Life App:** Joy—finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way.

## 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](mailto:kids@harvestdothan.com).

**H56 (formerly SITE56)**

**5th-6th grade | Wednesdays at 6:30pm in KZ (room B-210) - No meeting December 21**

Upcoming events:

- **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 - No meeting December 21**

XtremeKidz features a high energy focus on Bible study, prayer, and relationships. Join us for our new study, *Professor Playtime's Christmas Shop of Wonders*. Come learn about the true meaning of Christmas and experience the Christmas story through the eyes of the people who were actually there!

## NOAH'S PARK

**Bonnie West | Nursery & Preschool Coordinator**

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Thank you to all of our precious little ones who helped to fill tables and tummies on Thanksgiving day! Our sweet givers brought in lots of food to be donated to The Wiregrass Area Food Bank. What a blessing for our children to learn the importance of caring for the needs of others.

*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18*

**WEE WORSHIPERS** (3 and 4 year olds) will be singing during both worship services on Sunday, December 11 (8:45 and 10:45am).

## HARVEST YOUTH



Josh Moore | Youth Pastor

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### HY FUNDRAISER

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### SENIOR LUNCH

Sunday, December 11, 12:30pm, Youth Room. Special guest speaker: Pastor Ralph.

### DASHING THROUGH THE GLOW

Join us for our glow-in-the-dark Christmas party Wednesday, December 14, at 6:45pm in the Youth Room. Bring a \$5 white elephant gift and invite a friend! We'll have food, music, and games. Don't miss it!

### PLEASE NOTE

We will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 21.

### AFTERGLOW

Stick around after youth on Wednesday, December 28, for dodgeball at the Emmanuel Christian School gym. Parents, pick up at 9:15pm.

### BROOMBALL

Thursday, December 29. Cost: \$10. We will leave from Harvest at 9am and return around 6pm. Bring a sack lunch and money for dinner at the mall. Your release form and \$10 are due December 28.

### NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Friday, December 30, 5:30-10pm, Brad Willis' house. To ride the bus, meet at Harvest at 5pm. Parents, pick up at 10pm. More details to come!



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YOUTH GROUP MEETING  
Wednesdays at 6:45pm

## COLLEGE&CAREER



Jude Tharp | College&Career Director

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30pm, Youth Room. Come enjoy dinner, Christmas music, games, and a movie! All college students who are home for the holidays are welcome to join us!

### PLEASE NOTE

We will not be meeting on Tuesday, December 27.



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Harvest College&Career



COLLEGE&CAREER MEETING  
Tuesdays at 7pm



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>HARVEST NAMETAGS</b> 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.			14 XtremeKidz, 6:30pm SITE56, 6:30pm HY Christmas Party, 6:45pm Open Small Group, 6:45pm	15 <i>Giving Tree gifts due back</i>	16 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Women's Christmas Party, 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	17 Prayer Meeting, 9am
18 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45 H56 Christmas Party, 6pm	19	20 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career Christmas Party, 6:30pm	21 Open Small Group, 6:45pm	22 <i>Church office closed</i>	23 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am <b>Christmas Candlelight &amp; Communion, 5:30pm</b> Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	24 Prayer Meeting, 9am
25  <b>Christmas Day 1-Hour Worship Service, 11am</b>  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 <i>Church office closed</i>	27 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am	28 XtremeKidz, 6:30pm SITE56, 6:30pm Harvest Youth, 6:45pm	29 <i>HY Broomball 9am</i>	30 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am <i>HY New Years Eve Party, 5:30pm</i> Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	31 Prayer Meeting, 9am
	<b>Join the Yahoo Prayer Group</b> without a Yahoo account. Send a blank email from your email address to: harvestchurch-subscribe@yahoo.com. The facilitator will approve you shortly afterward.					
1 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45  <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2 <i>Church office closed</i>	3 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career, 7pm	4 XtremeKidz, 6:30pm SITE56, 6:30pm Harvest Youth, 6:45pm	5	6 Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	7 Prayer Meeting, 9am
				<b>PASTORAL CARE ONLY</b> 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.		



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CHRISTMAS  
*Candlelight & Communion*  
SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 5:30-6:15PM

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*Christmas*  
at Harvest

Sunday, December 25, 11am-noon, Worship Center

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