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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...



January is one of the times that people examine their lives and set new directions. A year is a significant part of life, and it's important not to waste it.

Good things rarely happen by accident! It takes training, practice, and conditioning to become a good athlete. It takes work to become a good student, master a language, pass the BAR exam, or master an instrument.

We don't become our best or live effective lives by accident. We have to be intentional. God tells us that there are three primary purposes for life. He calls us to **know Him**, **become the person we were created to be**, and **do the things He put us here to do** (minister to the world and His family). We find the purpose of our life in these. His plan for us is the most important thing in life!

At Harvest we encourage everyone to put together a plan for the year to intentionally move forward in God's plan. We call it our *Plan for Spiritual Growth*. We have identified habits that for centuries have helped Christians grow effectively in Christ. They involve commitments to worship, to give, to be in ministry, to be in close relationship with other believers (we usually do this in small groups), and daily habits of growth. The most important daily habit is time in prayer and the Bible, though there are many others.

Over the next couple of weeks we will have brochures and commitment cards at church to help you put together a plan. On Sunday, January 29, we will commit our plans together to the Lord. Don't let 2017 slip by. Make a plan this year to let God help you make 2017 your best year ever!

Also, most of us have friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors who we want to see following Christ. January is one of those times when people tend to be more open to come to church because the New Year has them thinking about their lives. Don't miss this opportunity to bring them to church!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



PRAYER MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 5-6PM, WORSHIP CENTER
We will be having a special time of prayer this Sunday specifically for our family members who are not following Christ. We encourage you to come and stand in the gap together for them.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TESTIMONY NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 6:30PM, WORSHIP CENTER
Join us for a time of worship and a powerful testimony from Brad Dennis. Come find out what you can do to help the fight against human trafficking. Hosted by Hope Rising Ministries. Childcare not provided.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, DURING BOTH SERVICES
During this time we will commit our 2017 Plans for Spiritual Growth to the Lord. These plans help us be intentional about growing in our walk with Christ. Be praying about the areas God would have you commit to for this year. Brochures and commitment cards will be mailed to your home and are available in the seat backs on Sunday morning.

SMALL GROUP KICK-OFF & CHURCH-WIDE MOVIE NIGHT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 6PM, WORSHIP CENTER
See page 3 for details.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 5:45-8:45PM, OFFICE BLDG
This one-time class taught by Pastor Ralph focuses on the vision and history of Harvest and what it means to be a member. A light supper will be provided. Registration is not required; however, if you need childcare, please contact Bonnie at preschool@harvestdothan.com.

DAVID BEATY

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KEITH FRITH

Small Groups Pastor

RUSTY FRITH

Director of Worship &
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Assistant Pastor

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Pastor

CHARLENE SCRIBNER

Children's Director

RALPH SIGLER

Founding and Lead
Pastor

JUDE THARP

College&Career Director

SANDY UHLER

Ministry Teams Director

ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 25	1,313
LiveStream	42
JANUARY 1	1,049
8:45	504
10:45	545
LiveStream	104
JANUARY 8	1,555
8:45	729
10:45	826
LiveStream	88

SEE PAGE 4 FOR IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!

2016 BUDGET | Thank you for your December offerings! We needed \$160,000 at the beginning of December to make our budget with only 3 weeks left in the year, and you gave a total of \$260,643.47 for the month, above and beyond what was needed. Thank you for giving back to the Lord. What an awesome church!

GROUP LIFE



Keith Frith | Small Groups Pastor

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21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

Ends January 28 | We invite you to join us for our daily prayer meetings at Harvest during the last week of 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting (Mon-Fri, 6:30am, Worship Ctr; Sat, 9am, Worship Ctr; Sun, pre-service prayer (8am and 10am, Prayer Room)).

WORSHIP & THE WORD

Wednesdays, January 18 & 25, 6:45pm, Worship Center | Make plans to join us at Harvest or live online for an incredible mid-week service with powerful worship and teaching during *21 Days of Prayer*. Bring a friend! Speakers: January 18 - Keith Frith, January 25 - Bill Dorminy.

SMALL GROUP KICK-OFF & CHURCH-WIDE MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, January 29, 6pm, Worship Center From 6-6:30pm we will have a “meet & greet” with all of our small group leaders. If you are not involved in a small group here at Harvest, we encourage you to come check out the groups we have available and find one to join! At 6:30pm we will be showing the movie *The Insanity of God*. Childcare will be available for ages 11 and under. Harvest Youth will be selling concessions.

LET'S DO LUNCH! WOMEN'S GROUP

Mondays, 12-12:45pm, Harvest Café | Bring your lunch and join the *Let's Do Lunch!* small group of women who want to know God—and

His Word—and live differently because of Him. Each week, we will look at God's Word to explore His plan for every aspect of our lives and how to practically live it out in the power of the Spirit. For more information, email dparnell@harvestdothan.com.

WHAT YOU DO BEST IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Begins Tuesday, January 31 (time and location TBD) | Starting soon we will have a small group to help you connect to ministry here at Harvest. God has created you to be both fulfilled and fruitful in a meaningful place of service. Do you want to discover the role He created for you in the Body of Christ? If you are interested in being a part of this interactive small group study, email ministryteams@harvestdothan.com or call 334-702-6555 x231. Classroom space is limited, so sign up today!

NEW OPEN SMALL GROUP STUDY: THE CIRCLE MAKER

Begins Wednesday, February 1, 6:45pm, Worship Center | Do you ever sense that there's far more to prayer and to God's vision for your life than what you're experiencing? During this time we will look at drawing prayer circles around our dreams, families, problems, and, most importantly, God's promises. In the process, you'll discover this simple yet life-changing truth: “God Honors Bold Prayers and Bold Prayers Honor God.”

“God taught me a lot in 2016 about the value of community and relationship with other followers of Christ. ...I took the step of faith that God was calling me to and started a small group.” See page 5 to read more of Bonnie West's testimony.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE 2017

MARCH 19-22 WITH DR. BILL URY

Sunday we will be just 8 weeks from our **main event of the year!** Create margin in your life for a move of God. Clear your calendar and begin praying. Ask God to prepare you for all He wants to do in you, in our church, and in our region!

EASTER 2017
APRIL 16 AT HARVEST

FALL RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2017
SEPTEMBER 24-26 WITH DR. CHRIS BOUNDS

MINISTRY TEAMS

Sandy Uhler | Director of Ministry Teams

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TEAM TRAINING MEETINGS

- Usher Team (Floor & Balcony): Sunday, January 22, 12:35pm (immediately following the 10:45am service), Worship Center
- Photography Team: Monday, January 23, 6:30pm, Office Building. If you love photography, we invite you to attend this informational meeting.

5TH SUNDAY SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Sunday morning ministry teams are based on a 4-week rotation, but about 4 times a year we have a 5th Sunday in the month. We currently have several serving opportunities for January 29. Contact us at 702-6555 x231 to find out what teams are available.

DISASTER TASK FORCE TEAM

We are looking for 24 able-bodied, dedicated team members to become CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Trained and willing to serve before, during, and after a major natural

disaster. Training will be FREE and will take place February 10, 11, and 18 in Enterprise. For more information, contact ministryteams@harvestdothan.com.

CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

On Sunday morning, February 12, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a serving team here at Harvest. Did you know we have over 74 ministry opportunities available? Everyone has a gift to give, and every Christian is called to use that gift as they serve others in His name. We invite you to get connected to a ministry team this year. Come experience the JOY of serving!

SHUT-IN VISITATION TEAM (LIVE4LOVE)

Team members will be partnered with a shut-in from our church to visit with and encourage them on a weekly or monthly basis, pending their availability. An application, background check, and Safe Sanctuary training are required for all servant volunteers. This team is looking for 7 new members to join! Contact Stephanie Wilson at wilsonfive@sw.rr.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who gave during our Christmas Candlelight & Communion service on December 23. The total offering of \$6,767 was used to benefit Love in Action (local homeless ministry) and Hope Rising (a group that ministers to local victims of human trafficking).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Roy Rogers | Congregational Care Pastor
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BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Linda Ford and family for the loss of her mother, Elizabeth Brooks.
- Kenneth Motta and family for the loss of his mother, Jennie Motta.
- Cheryl Tillman and family for the loss of her brother, Larry Brannon.

BABY DEDICATIONS

The following babies/children were dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, December 18, 2016:

- Emmanuel, Keionta, & Keinandra Ealy (parent: Keith Ealy)
- Cash Landrum (parents: Brandon & Hannah Landrum)
- Hunner & Addilynn Tallent (parents: Greg & Ashley Tallent)

HARVEST KIDS

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KONSTRUCTION ZONE

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

January in KZ:

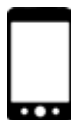
- **Memory Verse:** "Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me." Psalm 119:105 (NIRV)
- **Life App:** Knowledge—learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

WINTER BREAK

Please note that all Wednesday night kids classes will be not be meeting January 18.

GAME NIGHT

Everyone from H56 and XtremeKidz (K-6th grade) is invited to join us for game night on Wednesday, January 25, at 6:30pm in KZ to kick off the new year! We will begin our new study, *The Circle Maker*, on February 1.



SUBSCRIBE TO TEXT ALERTS

text "@harvkids" to 81010 for k-4th grade info
text "@site58" to 81010 for 5th/8th grade info

NOAH'S PARK

Bonnie West | Nursery & Preschool Coordinator
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God taught me a lot in 2016 about the value of community and relationship with other followers of Christ. By nature, I am an extremely shy person, so to live out this part of the Christian walk does not come easy for me. But I took the step of faith that God was calling me to and started a small group. I have been so rewarded! Jesus has shown me through the kindness of others that He truly loves me and that I am important. If you struggle with feelings of doubt or insignificance, KNOW the Lord of lords and King of kings ADORES you. It is His desire for you to be in fellowship with other believers. If you are not currently in a small group, I encourage you to let 2017 be the year you get connected to the body of Christ. It will change your life! Blessings!

HARVEST YOUTH



Josh Moore | Youth Pastor

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY'S

THE LIFT TOUR

Dothan, AL
February 10 - 11
Dothan Civic Center

2017

TOTAL COST
\$50

Due ASAP | Limited spots available

Trip Lee
Artist & Speaker

PRAYER HOUSE

Join us Sunday, January 22, at 6pm for a special time of prayer at the Prayer House (200 Morgan Street) led by Mark Fleming. We also meet every Tuesday night at the Prayer House from 6:30-7:30.

ADULT LEADERS

If you are interested in being an adult leader for Harvest Youth or would like more information on how you can get involved, contact us at youth@harvestdothan.com or 702-6555 x229.

SPRING RETREAT

March 9-12 at Camp Anderson in Old Town, FL. Total cost: \$140. *Your \$50 deposit and release form are due Wednesday, February 1.* Visit www.HarvestDothan.com/SpringRetreat to print the release form.



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YOUTH GROUP MEETING
Wednesdays at 8:45pm

COLLEGE&CAREER



Jude Tharp | College&Career Director

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Hebrews 11 tells us, "By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac" and that "he considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead." This was an intense test and demonstration of faith. Abraham was willing to give up his promised son because he knew that God was worthy to be trusted and able to do anything. As we seek God's will for this new year and our lives we pray that God will show us anything that we have held back from Him. Only when we surrender all to God can we receive the best that He has for us. If you are between the ages of 18-29, please make plans to join us on Tuesdays at 7pm for our College&Career service.



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COLLEGE&CAREER MEETING
Tuesdays at 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HARVEST NAMETAGS 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.			18 Harvest Youth, 6:45pm Worship & the Word, 6:45pm	19 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am	20 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	21 Prayer Meeting, 9am <i>Men's Ministry Bowling Fellowship, 3pm</i>
22 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45 <i>Prayer Meeting for Family Members, 5pm</i>	23 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am	24 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career, 7pm	25 Harvest Youth, 6:45pm <i>H56 & XK Game Night, 6:30pm</i> Worship & the Word, 6:45pm	26 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am	27 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am <i>Human Trafficking Testimony, 6:30pm</i> Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	28 Prayer Meeting, 9am <i>21 Days of Prayer ends</i>
29 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45 Commitment Sunday <i>Small Group Kick-off & Movie Night, 6pm</i>	30	31 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career, 7pm	1 Harvest Youth, 6:45pm Open Small Group, 6:45pm	2	3 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	4 Prayer Meeting, 9am
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.						
5 Sunday AM Worship 8:45 or 10:45	6 Membership Class, 5:45pm	7 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am College & Career, 7pm	8 Harvest Youth, 6:45pm Open Small Group, 6:45pm	9	10 Prayer Meeting, 6:30am Celebrate Recovery, 7pm	11 Prayer Meeting, 9am
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.						



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SAVE THE DATE

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