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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...



Soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving with Christmas following less than five weeks later. These holidays really have no point apart from God, and that makes this an excellent time to invite people to church. Everyone will be celebrating the holidays, and they will experience more meaning, peace, and joy if they can celebrate the *real* meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

My love for Thanksgiving has grown over the years. It really is a blessing to have a season each year to focus on giving thanks to God and being thankful people. Thanksgiving is powerful! The Bible repeatedly tells us to give thanks. “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus” (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).

God hates grumbling and complaining, but loves thanksgiving. Our sinful nature is never grateful or content. It focuses on what it doesn’t have, always wanting more and more. Perpetual emptiness defines our souls apart from God. But Christ came to give life in all its fullness, and in Him we can learn to be content in all circumstances (Philippians 4:12). *Thanksgiving is a key to learning contentment.*

The Thanksgiving holiday is not about a wonderful meal, time off from school or work, or the Christmas shopping extravaganza. Family is not even the main focus. Thanksgiving is about acknowledging the goodness and faithfulness of God! It draws us into His presence (Psalms 100:4). It makes us aware that God is good and that through Jesus we have been given immeasurably more than we could ever deserve! It focuses our mind on all we have instead of what we don’t have. It brings fullness to life and results in joy.

Thanksgiving should be part of our daily prayer time as we “take every thought captive” (II Corinthians 10:5) and learn to receive this truth in our minds: **God is abundantly gracious.** If we are His, we can develop a thankful heart. What better time than during this season of Thanksgiving?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



DAVID BEATY
Congregational Care
Assistant Pastor

KEITH FRITH
Small Groups Pastor

RUSTY FRITH
Director of Worship &
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Congregational Care
Pastor

CHARLENE SCRIBNER
Children's Director

RALPH SIGLER
Founding and Lead
Pastor

SANDY UHLER
Ministry Teams Director

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 19

Be sure to turn in your shoeboxes by Sunday, November 19. Collection bins are located in the main lobby and the Office Building.

CRAFT SALE / BAKE SALE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Stop by the Café and the Lounge on Sunday, November 19, between 8am and 1pm to get some goodies from the Crafters Guild Craft Sale and MOPS Bake Sale. The Craft Sale will raise money for the Harvest benevolence fund and the Bake sale will raise money for the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) ministry.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Monday, November 27, 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 served. To request childcare, email preschool@harvestdothan.com.

HARVEST FAMILY CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Join us on Sunday, December 17, at 6:30pm in the Worship Center for our annual Christmas celebration service with music and fellowship. More details to come!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

See page 4 for details.

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 22	1,664
8:45	755
10:45	909
<i>LiveStream</i>	32
OCTOBER 29	1,595
8:45	760
10:45	835
<i>LiveStream</i>	30
NOVEMBER 5	1,688
8:45	869
10:45	819
<i>LiveStream</i>	31

THE JERUSALEM PROJECT

Sponsor a Christmas stocking for a child in our local foster care community. Each stocking will be filled with festive candies and a \$50 Visa/MasterCard gift card. The cost for sponsoring a stocking is \$60. Sign up and pay online at www.HarvestDothan.com/JerusalemProject by December 8. For more information, email orphanadvocates@harvestdothan.com.

GROUP LIFE

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CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

OPEN SMALL GROUP

Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Worship Center.

THANKSGIVING WEEK

No small groups will meet Wednesday, November 22, or Thursday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

MISSIONAL MOTHERHOOD

There's no such thing as "just" a mom. Despite the routine tasks and mundane to-do lists, motherhood is anything but insignificant. God has designed motherhood as part of His greater plan to draw people to Himself. Join us on Sundays at 6:30pm in the Mothers Room for Mis-

sional Motherhood. During this time we will look at God's promises and how He can use us to make disciples in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and around the world.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ladies, if you are involved in a small group that meets on Wednesday evenings, we invite you to join us as a group for the Women's Christmas Party that will take place in the Worship Center on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30pm. We will have a meal, short program, and a time of fellowship (cost: \$15). All men who are involved in Wednesday night groups will meet in the Education Building (2nd floor).

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

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Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

According to Psalm 100:4 we are to "enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His Courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." One way that we can enter His gates is to think about the great things that our loving Father has done for us — salvation, forgiveness through the blood of Jesus, adopting us into His royal family, making each of us heirs with Christ, giving us eternal life, sending the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us — and then we can pass through His gates and truly enter into His courts and praise Him!

MINISTRY TEAMS



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

All shoeboxes are due back by Sunday, November 19. Collection bins are located in the main lobby and the Office Building. Join the Operation Christmas Child ministry team by writing "OCC Team" on the back of your communication card on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Servant hearts are needed November 20-21 to decorate the church (inside and outside) for the Christmas season. Write "Christmas Decor Team" on the back of your communication card on Sunday if you can help!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 2, 8:30am, Youth Room. All men of Harvest are invited! Ages 12 and up. RSVP to men@harvestdothan.com. Donations are greatly appreciated!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Harvest ladies are invited to join us for "A Few of My Favorite Things" on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30pm in the Worship Center. Come enjoy a delicious dinner, good conversation, Christmas carols, and more! Tickets are \$15 - available online at www.HarvestDothan.com/WomensChristmas.

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.



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CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Roy Rogers | Congregational Care Pastor

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BIRTHS

- Nathan Dean Patterson, son of Nate and Keni Patterson, was born on October 25.
- Ezekiel James Culver, son of Eric and Bethany Culver, was born on November 4.

BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Paul Turner and family during the loss of his father, Paul Turner Sr.
- The family of Lee Earnest during their loss.

- April Stewart and family during the loss of her father, John Timothy Birchfield.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Our pastors are committed to providing you confidential counseling on a short-term basis. Trained lay counselors and mentors are also available and may be recommended for long-term support needs. Contact Congregational Care at 334-702-6555 x234 or email ccare@harvestdothan.com to make an appointment with a pastor for counseling.

HARVEST KIDS

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H56 POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT

All aboard! All H56 students (5th and 6th graders) are invited to join us for a pajama party and movie night on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30pm in KZ. We'll watch *The Polar Express* and enjoy hot chocolate together. Invite a friend! Email kids@harvestdothan.com for more info.



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to serve with Harvest Kids on Sundays! God calls us to serve one another in love. Interested in serving sweet children? YOU might be exactly what a child needs. Come love on some kids and help them establish a strong foundation for many years to come! Saying "yes" means... questions, hugs, games, imagination, listening, fun, and being silly. Interested in volunteering on Sunday mornings in KZ? Contact us at kids@harvestdothan.com.

SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

Check out our Harvest Kids Spotify playlist! Visit www.HarvestDothan.com/kids to jam out to your favorite songs all week long.



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NOAH'S PARK

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Noah's Park
Nursery & Preschool

Have you ever watched a nest of baby birds? The featherless cuties peep loudly and bounce energetically almost constantly. If you've ever watched long enough to observe feeding time, you've noticed the peeping and bouncing on a whole new level. It reminds me of our preschoolers in their classes. They peep loudly and bounce energetically. But something happens on a whole new level when it's time to feed on the Word of God. Like the baby birds, who are trusting mama bird for nourishment, these little ones are trusting and believing with a beautiful faith. They are being nourished by what God says. There is awe and wonder to be found in what's happening in Noah's Park. Won't you be a part of it? Come, serve on a once a month rotation, and witness for yourself the faith of a child!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HY SERVICES

6:45-8:15pm in the Worship Center | worship & teaching

THANKSGIVING WEEK

We will not have HY on Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

AFTERGLOW

Stick around after HY on Wednesday, November 29, for food and fellowship at McDonald's on Hwy 84W. Parents, pick up at McDonald's at 9:15pm.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, December 2, 6-9pm. Come hang out with us and enjoy a Christmas movie and cookies as we decorate the Youth Room together!

CHILI FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, December 10, after both worship services, HY will be selling chili to raise money for future trips and events. We will have 3 different sizes available for \$5, \$10, and \$15. Parents, if you are interested in helping make chili, email youth@harvestdothan.com.

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Join us from 6-7pm in the Youth Room as we pray for our youth group, leaders, church, and community.



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HARVEST YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNGADULTS@HARVESTDOTHAN.COM

TUESDAY NIGHT YA MEETINGS

7pm at the home of Toby & Katrina Seay | worship, teaching, discussion, & fellowship

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be Tuesday, November 21, at 6pm in the Harvest Office Building. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Meat and drinks will be provided. All college students who are home for Thanksgiving are invited to join us! Email youngadults@harvestdothan.com for more information.



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SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

HOW YOUR GIVING IS CHANGING THE WORLD

For over the past ten years, Harvest Church has supported missions and global evangelism as a part of the ministry of the **International House of Prayer** in Kansas City. The heart of the House of Prayer is the global prayer room where staff, interns, and students have taken part in prayer and worship twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, since May 7, 1999. The International House of Prayer is an evangelical missions organization that is committed to praying for the release of the fullness of God's power and purpose, as they seek to actively win the lost, pray for healing of the sick, feed the poor, make disciples, and work to impact every sphere of society—family, education, government, economy, arts, media, religion, etc.

One of the missionaries that we currently support is Jonathan (Jono) Fleming. Last month, Jono married Jessie McClure who also works as a missionary in Kansas City. When he is visiting Harvest, Jono often serves in our worship service as a drummer on the Harvest Worship Team. When in Kansas City, he spends at least fifty hours of his week interceding in the prayer room, helping lead worship on various teams, providing assistance for student teams, and giving guidance to students at the House of Prayer's music academy. If you visit www.ihopkc.org/prayer-room, you might get a glimpse of Jono working with a team as they exalt the glorious name of Jesus and continue to pray for His grace, righteousness, and mercy to be revealed on the earth.

MY STORY

There are great testimony videos available on our website! On our home page, click on "Message & Media" and then "My Story." Using these is an easy way to share Jesus with your family and friends. Share one a week on Facebook or send the link to a friend in an email or text.

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"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship for they will walk in the light of Your presence, Lord." Psalm 89:15

The church office will be closed November 22-24. Happy Thanksgiving!



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*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

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HARVEST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27
5:45-8:45PM IN THE OFFICE BLDG

TAUGHT BY PASTOR
RALPH SIGLER
See page 2 for details!

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