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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...



The holiday season can be stressful for many reasons. Shopping, decorating, cooking, and travel can stress our time, while relationship difficulties are often magnified. But isn't it wonderful that our nation observes the two holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas?

No one can miss it! A time set aside to give thanks to God, and a time to honor the birth of Jesus. With reminders all around us, what a great opportunity to celebrate! We can let every Christmas decoration remind us to give thanks and praise to the God who loved us enough to become one of us, so that we could become like Him. We can live in wonder at the incarnation, amazed that the God who created all, knows all, commands all, and fills the universe, humbled Himself out of love, and sent His son to be born as a baby. He sent His son to become one of us, to live like us, and to redeem us! This season gives us a special opportunity to abide in Him and to live our days with continual awareness of His goodness, peace, and presence.

The Christmas season is also a great time to point people to Christ! With all of the holiday focus, we can help people see the real meaning and their need to receive the gift of Christ and to know the One we celebrate. We know that many people are most open to go to church at Christmas and Easter. If they really meet the Lord, their lives will be changed.

This is a wonderful time of year. Ask the Lord to enable us to make the most out of the opportunities we're given.

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

ANDREW KENNEY
Associate Student Pastor

ROY ROGERS
Congregational Care
Pastor

CHARLENE SCRIBNER
Children's Director

RALPH SIGLER
Founding and Lead
Pastor

SANDY UHLER
Ministry Teams Director

CHILI FUNDRAISER DECEMBER 10

The youth group will be selling homemade chili on Sunday morning, December 10, after both services in the Café. Small: \$5 (serves 1), Medium: \$7 (serves 1-2), Large: \$10 (serves 2-3).
Come support Harvest Youth!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES & EVENTS

Harvest Performing Arts Academy: See page 3

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

Youth and Young Adults: See page 6

HARVEST FAMILY CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 17

Join us on Sunday, December 17, at 6:30pm in the Worship Center for our annual Christmas celebration as we sing Christmas carols, worship together, and hear a brief message from Pastor Ralph. Afterwards we'll enjoy delicious cookies and refreshments! We ask that everyone bring 2 dozen cookies on a disposable tray. PLEASE no icing, sprinkles, or powdered sugar. Childcare provided for ages 2 and under. *See page 4 if you are able to help out with this event.*

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT DECEMBER 24

Worship | Communion | Candlelighting | 5-5:45pm in the Worship Center. This is one of the most beautiful services of the year — a special way to prepare for Christmas Day as we focus on Jesus who came to bring light into our world. Childcare provided for ages 2 and under.

ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 12	1,481
8:45	717
10:45	764
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>138</i>
NOVEMBER 19	1,518
8:45	729
10:45	789
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>111</i>
NOVEMBER 26	1,360
8:45	652
10:45	708
<i>LiveStream</i>	<i>136</i>

TOTAL BUILDING FUND PLEDGE FOR 2017: \$139,309

FAITHFUL FRIDAYS

Pastor Ralph is now sharing a two-minute evangelistic message on the WTVY morning show on Fridays from 6-7:30am.

If you are up early, check it out!

GROUP LIFE

Keith Frith | Small Groups Pastor

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OPEN SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

Here is the schedule for our Wednesday night Open Small Group through the end of January:

- **December 13** - Showing of the movie "The Encounter" (last meeting of 2017)
- **December 20, 27, and January 3** - No Open Small Group
- **January 10** - Night of Worship
- **January 17** - Worship and the Word
- **January 24** - Worship and the Word
- **January 28** - Small Group Kick-off
- **January 31** - Open Small Group starts back

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

January 7-28 | More details to come!

Christmas is a time to reflect upon the birth of Christ, as well as a time to celebrate life and love and all that came through the birth of our Savior. This Christmas season is a great opportunity to go deeper and show the love of Christ to those who are around you. Don't miss this opportunity to be a blessing to someone!

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

Rusty Frith | Director of Worship & Performing Arts Academy

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HPAA CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Tuesday, December 12, 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.*

ADVENT

The season of Advent (from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit") begins 4 Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. December 3: HOPE. December 10: LOVE. December 17: JOY. December 24: PEACE.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Sandy Uhler | Director of Ministry Teams

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MINISTRY STATS FROM THE 2017 HARVEST CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- 701 shoeboxes filled for Operation Christmas Child and over \$1,840 in donations given
- Over 100 children will receive stockings through the Jerusalem Project
- \$815 raised for benevolence through the Crafters Guild craft sale
- 64 children and 22 families will receive Giving Tree gifts

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

If you are able to serve on a team to help with setup, doorgreeters, ushers, etc. for the Harvest

Family Christmas service (December 17) or the Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion service, please email ministryteams@harvestdothan.com or 334-702-6555 x231. Details about these events can be found on page 2.



THANK YOU

A special “thank you” to everyone who helped make this year our most successful year to date for Operation Christmas Child! Continue to pray for the boxes and the

children that will receive them around the world. You made an eternal difference in their lives this Christmas season!



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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Roy Rogers | Congregational Care Pastor

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NEW MEMBERS

The following people joined Harvest on Sunday, December 6:

- Sharon Bowling (children: Jayden Britton, Justice & Presley Bowling)
- Clayton Burgos (children: Jonny & Katelynn)
- Robert & Michelle Gray (children: Ethan & Levi)
- Joshua Robertson
- Richard Robinson

BIRTHS

- Timothy Everest Moore, son of Josh and Rachel Moore, was born on November 14.
- Havailah Brielle Swim, daughter of Tommy and Ashley Swim, was born on November 20.

BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- The family of Debbie McLendon during their loss.
- Wayne Thomley and family during the loss of his mother, Gay Thomley.

HARVEST KIDS



Charlene Scribner | Children's Ministry Director
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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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all the kids and parents who participated this year! With your help we filled over 700 shoeboxes! Check out the video on our Facebook page to see what happens to them after they leave your hands.



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NOAH'S PARK



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Noah's Park
Nursery & Preschool

Christmas is a wonderful time in Noah's Park! Our little ones are excited about the lights and decorations, the food and cookies, and of course, the gifts. And we love it because we get to teach them about God's most magnificent gift to us all — Jesus! There is no better wonder to be found than in a child's eyes at Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who brought canned food donations in November to support the Wiregrass Area Food Bank!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HY SERVICES

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

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, \$7, and \$10. Come support Harvest Youth!

HY STUDY HALL

Saturday, December 16, 6-8pm, Youth Room. Come study for finals with fellow HY students.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come celebrate with us on Wednesday, December 20, from 6:45-9:15pm in the Youth Room. There will be lip sync battles, tacos, games, a bonfire, and more! Invite a friend!

PLEASE NOTE

We will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 27. Enjoy this time with your family. Merry Christmas!

NEW YEARS EVE BROOMBALL

Sunday, December 31, in Columbus, GA. Cost: \$15 (bring extra money for dinner). We will leave from Harvest at 3pm and return around 10:30pm.

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

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TUESDAY NIGHT YA MEETINGS

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30pm, Youth Room. Join us for food, games, and fellowship! Be sure to bring an \$8-12 "White Elephant" gift.

PLEASE NOTE

We will not be meeting on Tuesday, December 26. Enjoy this time with your family!



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SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

HOW YOUR GIVING IS CHANGING THE WORLD

Bethany Ury has been living in Bangkok, Thailand for over 4 years but recently moved to Chiang Rai with her husband Golf and newborn daughter to launch a new ministry. In Bangkok, she worked with ministries helping victims of the sex industry. Statistics show that preventing trafficking before it occurs is exponentially more effective long-term than attempting to rescue people who have already been trafficked. By ministering in Chiang Rai, Bethany and her husband aim to cut off the problem at its root by helping to eliminate the vulnerability factors that lead to trafficking/prostitution. They are especially burdened for at-risk children in hill-tribe communities.

A big way they are doing this is through farming and marketing. Many of these hill-tribe families live on land that can be used for farming, but they often don't know how to market their produce. Bethany helps by coming alongside their farming projects and helping them create a more sustainable business model, as well as connecting them with buyers. If they are better able to utilize their resources and provide for their families, there won't be a need to send their children to the cities to work; the vulnerability will decrease.

Bethany and Golf are directly involved with the hill-tribes' local church. Golf helps lead worship and they are both active in teaching and discipling the believers there. Bethany and Golf's dream and vision is that as they do this, the people they are ministering to will pass on what they have learned to others (knowledge of the Word, knowledge about farming, knowledge on trafficking) to strengthen the community and ultimately prevent vulnerability. Their heart and passion is to show these families and children that they are loved by God as they live and work alongside them, to empower them and help them thrive where they are.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS | 2017 BUDGET

Remember that all financial gifts must be either postmarked by December 31, brought to the church office by noon on Friday, December 29, or submitted online to HarvestDothan.com by midnight on December 31 to be included on your contribution statement for 2017. 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.

To meet our budget for 2017, we need \$225,000 this month. We can do that if all of us who are committed to Harvest will pray and give what we can to help.

By giving we are investing in lives that will be transformed for eternity!
Thank you for your part in God's work at Harvest.

The church office will be closed December 25-26. Merry Christmas!



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HARVEST FAMILY
Christmas
S E R V I C E

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
6:30PM, WORSHIP CENTER

See page 2 for more information about
this and other Christmas events.

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