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**“I TELL YOU,
OPEN YOUR
EYES AND
LOOK AT
THE FIELDS!
THEY ARE
RIPE FOR
HARVEST.”**

John 4:35b



From Pastor Ralph...



Holidays... Some people love them while others dread them! I want to encourage you to *take advantage of them.*

What a great blessing it is to have a national holiday of Thanksgiving! The Bible is filled with admonitions to be thankful. *“Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). God wants us to be thankful people. When we’re thankful we focus on what we have rather than what we don’t have. We focus on the blessings of God. When we’re not thankful, we miss them. Thanksgiving acknowledges that God has treated us better than we deserve! We become thankful people by *daily* practicing thanksgiving. Thanksgiving opens the door to joy, peace, and faith in your life! This holiday is not about a perfect meal or perfect family. *It’s about a perfect God!* So use this week as an opportunity to spend five minutes every day giving thanks to God and thanking Him at every opportunity throughout the day. You will please God and experience contentment.

And what an amazing blessing it is that the biggest holiday in our nation is a celebration of the coming of Christ! Emmanuel means *God with us.* I encourage you to let every part of the Christmas preparations and celebrations, as well as every decoration you see, focus your attention on His presence in you. His coming has changed *everything* for this life and for eternity. The celebration of His first coming reminds us that He is coming again in ultimate victory!

One week later we’ll celebrate a new year with the opportunity to assess where we are and where we want to go with Christ. It’s an opportunity to seek His direction for the year and let Him lead us in the best year of our lives!

Take a moment right now to ask Him to move in you throughout the holidays and help you take full advantage of the opportunities to rejoice and grow in Him!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PLEDGE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 18

On Sunday, November 18, during both worship services we will be committing our Harvest Building Fund pledges to the Lord together. Be praying about what you should give! To give online, visit www.HarvestDothan.com/onlinegiving.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

NOVEMBER 18

Sunday, November 18, 5:15-8:15pm, Fellowship Hall. This one-time class taught by Pastor Ralph Sigler focuses on the vision and history of Harvest and what it means to be a member. If you're interested in joining or just want to learn more about us, this class is for you. A light supper will be served. To request childcare, email preschool@harvestdothan.com.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

NOVEMBER 19 & 20

We need your help! See page 7 for more information.

WOMEN OF HARVEST CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 5

See page 4 for details!

HARVEST FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 16

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

See page 7 for other important announcements.

Fall Conference Attendance

OCTOBER 7		
Sun 8:45am		698
Sun 10:45am		769
Sun 7pm		564
LiveStream		164
OCTOBER 8		
Mon 7pm		542
LiveStream		46
OCTOBER 9		
Tues 7pm		428
LiveStream		35

GROUP LIFE

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OPEN SMALL GROUP

Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Worship Center. Join us for our new study, *The Book of Colossians* (by Louie Giglio). This is a great place to jump in! Childcare available.

MARRIED COUPLES OPEN SMALL GROUP

Wednesdays at 6:45pm in Meeting Room 2 (Building C, 2nd floor). During this time we will look at Biblical insights and resources that will help you become intentional about growing a thriving, life-long, God-honoring relationship. Childcare available.

HEALING GROUP

Jesus had a vibrant healing ministry, and He continues to heal today. It is vital that we also min-

ister in healing and wholeness. Scripture commands believers to pray in faith and trust God for the outcome. We are currently in the process of forming a "Healing Small Group." During our meeting time we will be looking at healing from a Biblical perspective. This is for anyone who needs healing or who just wants to learn what the Bible teaches about it. If you are interested or would like more information, please email grouplife@harvestdothan.com.

THANKSGIVING

Please note: Groups will not be meeting Wednesday, November 21, and Thursday, November 22.

DECEMBER 5

On Wednesday, December 5 (during the Women's Christmas Party), our men will be meeting together in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

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*This Fall we have included a few new songs in our worship services. **Freedom** by Jesus Culture is a praise song that describes salvation and then tells of the power of Jesus' name. The chorus of this song references 2 Corinthians 3:17.*

*The song **Nailed to the Cross** by Rend Collective is another song that speaks of the deliverance that Jesus accomplished on the cross. There are several truths that believers can embrace as they learn the words of this praise song.*

***Living Hope** by Phil Wickham is a good description of how sin separated the world from God and*

*how Jesus came to make a way for us to be restored to fellowship with our Heavenly Father. The third verse is a powerful declaration of Jesus' resurrection and victory over death. When we sing out this last verse of **Living Hope**, you can feel the faith rising up in the congregation!*

*Some of the hymns sung in the worship services this fall have been **Fairest Lord Jesus, In Christ Alone, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, Jesus Paid it All, and The Wonderful Cross**. If you are new to hymns these are some of Harvest's favorites that teach great truths from the Bible in an easy way to learn and remember deep in your heart.*

MINISTRY TEAMS

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join us as we partner with Samaritan's Purse to bring the joy of Christmas to children all over the world. The deadline for shoebox collection is this **Sunday, November 18**. Drop off your filled boxes in the lobby on Sunday morning or at the church office.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Just a few of our vital Sunday morning ministry teams include the Coffee Bar Team, Ushers, Worship Center Prep Team, and Refreshment Clean-Up Team. If you aren't yet connected to Team Harvest, we invite you to join us and experience the joy of serving! For more info or to be added to the team rotation, please email

ministryteams@harvestdothan.com and let us know which team you're interested in.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30pm, Worship Center. All Harvest ladies 16 and up are invited to join us for our "Joy to the World" Christmas Party! Come enjoy a delicious dinner, good conversation, Christmas carols, and more! Admission is \$10. Sign up at the Resource Center on Sunday or online at www.HarvestDothan.com/WomensChristmas.

JERUSALEM PROJECT

Deadline to turn in gifts: **December 12**. See page 7 for more information about Jerusalem Project and how you can get involved.



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Harvest Church Ministry Teams (email us with a request to be added)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Dutch Holland, Bill Holland, and Bob Pitcher during the loss of Dutch's brother-in-law (Bill and Bob's uncle), Thomas Cain.
- Dawn Melancon and family during the loss of her uncle, James "Bo" Ussery.
- Wanda Davis and family during the loss of her father, James Earl Ward.
- The family of Willie Truett during their loss.
- Carolyn Johnson and family during the loss of her husband, Gary Johnson.
- Mickey McKenny and family during the loss of her aunt, Earline Tanton.
- Jeannie Hood and family during the loss of her husband, Troy Hood.

HARVEST KIDS

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THANKSGIVING BREAK

Please note that Xtreme Kidz and EPIC will not be meeting on November 21. Happy Thanksgiving!
"Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name."
Psalm 100:4

EPIC S'MORES 'N' MOVIES

Hey 5th and 6th graders! Come join us for a movie night at the Hollands' house (parents, pick up and drop off there) on Wednesday, November 28, from 6-8pm. We'll hang out together and eat s'mores! Bring a friend!

DREAM TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

"If the church is going to win the hearts of the next generation, it must fight to connect every child with an adult who is eager to care, love and share." Is this you? Contact us at kids@harvestdothan.com to get connected to our dream team!

XK CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

All 1st-4th graders are invited to join us for an Xtreme Kidz Christmas Party and Movie Night! Date and time TBD. More details to come!

KZ (K-4th grade)

Sunday mornings in Room B-210

XK (K-4th grade)

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room B-210

EPIC (5th-6th grade)

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Chapel



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NOAH'S PARK

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SERVE WITH A HAPPY HEART

This month, our preschoolers are learning that God desires thanksgiving to be a way of life and that He wants us to serve others with a happy heart. Children are being challenged to make a difference with their lives and in the lives of those around them. Would you consider being part of the team that is planting these kinds of world changing seeds in our young ones? Ask a Harvest Kids team member how to get involved. And remember to thank them for serving with a happy heart!

HARVEST YOUTH



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT HY SERVICES

6:45-8:15PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM | WORSHIP & TEACHING

SMALL GROUP CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, November 18, 6-7:30pm. We'll break into our small groups, decorate the church for Christmas, and hang out together. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

GAME NIGHT AND BONFIRE

Friday, November 23, 6:30-8:30pm, Joel & Olivia Sigler's house. Come hangout with us at the Siglers' house the day after Thanksgiving! We will play board games, outdoor games, and have a bonfire.

AFTERGLOW

Wednesday, November 28, 8-9pm, Westgate (Optimist Field). Stick around after our youth meeting for a game of ultimate frisbee! Parents, pick up at Westgate.

Please Note: We will not be having HY on Wednesday, November 21, or youth small groups on Sunday, November 25. Happy Thanksgiving!



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HARVEST YOUNG ADULTS

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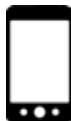
THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 20! We'll meet at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck, so bring a delicious side or dessert to share! Meat will be provided. As always, we want to

invite ALL the Young Adult / College&Career alumni to join us if you're home! This is a great time to come together, enjoy some great food, get to know each other, and give thanks to God for His amazing goodness and faithfulness to us. Please let us know on Facebook if you're coming and what you'll be bringing!



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MOPS BAKE SALE

Stop by the Café **this Sunday, November 18**, and support our MOPS group (Mothers of Preschoolers)! They will have lots of homemade goodies for sale. All proceeds will go back into their ministry and help with community service projects.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Come join the Christmas Decor Team as we prepare the church inside and out for the Christmas season! On **Monday, November 19, and Tuesday, November 20, at 10am** we will be decorating the Worship Center, lobby, and outside. We would love for you to come help us! Email ministry-teams@harvestdothan.com to be added to the team or write "Christmas Decor Team" on the back of your communication card on Sunday.

WEEKNIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Do you work on Sunday mornings or are you looking for a place to serve at Harvest? For anyone who is interested in attending or helping with a new weeknight worship service at Harvest, we invite you to join us for one of the following interest meetings to hear details about the service and learn about new opportunities to serve (please come to one or the other based on what works best with your schedule): **Sunday, December 2, at 5pm or Monday, December 3, at 6:45pm in the Chapel.** We look forward to what the Lord has for us in this upcoming season!

JERUSALEM PROJECT

Orphan Advocates and Fostering Hope are joining together this year to bring you our annual Jerusalem Project! Please join us as we partner with our community to bring the joy of Christmas into foster homes in our area. This year we have the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for children in foster care in both Houston and Henry Counties! **Sign up online at www.HarvestDothan.com/JerusalemProject.** When you sign up to provide a stocking for \$10, you will be given a child to sponsor and their wishlist. All gifts must be turned in to the church office or Fostering Hope (1004 Montezuma Avenue, Suite 1, Dothan, AL 36303) no later than **Wednesday, December 12.** If you prefer for someone else to do the shopping, you can sponsor a child for \$150. Tax-deductible donations of any amount are welcomed and appreciated! For more info, contact April Payne at 334-791-9443 or email orphanadvocates@harvestdothan.com.



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Guest Wi-Fi at Harvest

Network name: Harvest Public Password: praisehim!

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

After-Hours Emergency Pastor Line: 334-648-0270



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HARVEST CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
5:15-8:15PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TAUGHT BY PASTOR RALPH SIGLER
if you plan to attend and need childcare,
please email preschool@harvestdothan.com

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