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“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ...a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11



From Pastor Ralph...



Here are three things I want to share with you about this Christmas.

1 Focus on the meaning! God became one of us to make us one with Him (John 17:22-24)! He broke the barrier of sin that separates us from God, not only forgiving us, but freeing us from sin (Matthew 1:21).

2 In this busy time, try to do everything for God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). Christmas is a celebration of God's goodness in sending His son. You can bake cookies, decorate homes, and even shop to God's glory as you focus on celebrating His goodness. What is your motive? In your heart, continually focus on preparing a celebration of Christ!

3 Take advantage of the opportunity of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. In the past, our focus on Christmas Eve has been on Harvest worshipping Him. But more and more unchurched people are coming to Christmas Eve services. Our church consultant writes that in the churches he's working in, 25% of those who join the church during the year are coming for the first time on Christmas Eve. Another sign that unchurched people are more open to come on Christmas than any time of the year! People are interested in tradition and looking for meaning at Christmas. If one family member wants to go, the rest of the family is more likely to join them. And many families are just looking for something to do on Christmas Eve. Be sure to invite your family and friends, and especially the five you're praying for to come to Christ! Put flyers at your workplace, hand out invite cards, and place the invitation door hangers (we'll provide) on the doors of your neighbors. I can't think of a better way to celebrate Christmas than to bring people to an encounter with the One we celebrate.

This Christmas keep your focus on Him!

DAVID BEATY

Congregational Care
Associate Pastor

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Director of Worship &
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CHARLENE SCRIBNER

Children's Director

JOEL SIGLER

Youth Pastor

RALPH SIGLER

Founding & Lead Pastor

SANDY UHLER

Ministry Teams Director

Attendance

NOVEMBER 18: 1,567	
8:45am	759
10:45am	808
<i>LiveStream</i>	119
NOVEMBER 25: 1,473	
8:45am	677
10:45am	796
<i>LiveStream</i>	157
DECEMBER 2: 1,287	
8:45am	552
10:45am	735
<i>LiveStream</i>	118

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HY CHILI FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 16

See page 6 for details!

HARVEST FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 16

Join us for our annual Christmas celebration service at 6:30pm in the Worship Center with special musical performances, a time of worship, and fellowship afterwards. We ask that everyone bring 2 dozen cookies on disposable trays (please no icing, sprinkles, or powdered sugar). Childcare available for ages 2 and under.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE

DECEMBER 24

Monday, December 24, 4:30-5:15pm, 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 available for ages 2 and under. Invite as many people as you can who don't know Jesus. Use the invite cards, flyers, and doorhangers available at the Resource Center and info boards around the church.

ONETHING 2018 SIMULCAST

DECEMBER 28-31

See page 3 for details!

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

JANUARY 6-26

See page 7 for more information.

GROUP LIFE

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CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

OPEN SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

- December 12, 19, 26, and January 2 - No Open Small Group
- January 9, 16, and 23 - 21 Days of Prayer**
- January 20 - Connect. Grow. Serve. Small group sign ups in the lobby
- January 30 - Open Small Group starts back

**See page 7 for more details about 21 Days of Prayer

ONETHING 2018: OUT OF DARKNESS, INTO LIGHT

Live simulcast in the Chapel. The Onething conference is a gathering for those who have purposed in their hearts to live with abandonment and devotion to Jesus. We invite you to join us as we encounter Jesus through extended times of worship, teaching of the Word, and ministry in the power of the Spirit. This will be a free simulcast that will be streamed live from Kansas City. Schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 28

- 2:30pm: Session 1
- 7pm: Session 2

Sunday, December 30

- 2:30pm: Session 7
- 7pm: Session 8

Saturday, December 29

- 9:30am: Session 3
- 2:30pm: Session 4
- 7pm: Session 5

Monday, December 31

- 9:30am: Session 9
- 2:30pm: Session 10
- 7pm: Session 11
- 11pm-12am: New Years Celebration

HARVEST WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS

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CHOIR BREAK

Our adult choir will be taking a break from December 9 to January 6. We will start back with practice on Sunday, January 13, at 4:30pm in room 106. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Come join us!

MINISTRY TEAMS

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MINISTRY STATS FROM THE 2018 HARVEST CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- 699 shoeboxes filled for Operation Christmas Child and over \$1,920 in donations given
- 188 children will receive stockings through the Jerusalem Project
- 50 children and 17 families will receive Giving Tree gifts

THANK YOU // JOIN THE TEAM

Thank you so much to all of those who serve on ministry teams here at Harvest. By faithfully serving others, you are serving Him. We really appreciate you! If you are not connected to Team Harvest, we invite you to come partner with us in 2019! We have openings on several Sunday morning teams. Interested or want more info? Email us at ministryteams@harvestdothan.com.



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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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BIRTHS

- Rowan Scott Stewart (son of Scott and Ashton Stewart) was born on November 16.

BAPTISMS

The following people were baptized on Sunday, November 18:

- Tyler Brown
- Shawn Culver
- Annamarie Culver
- Amanda Green
- Andrew Neve
- Tim Neve
- Tabitha Peairs
- Jamey Woodham

NEW MEMBERS

The following people joined Har-

vest on Sunday, November 25:

- Alexis Cundiff
- Dewayne Guess
- Shakuntala (Shan) Ingram (child: Alexis Dumas)
- Tim & Sunny Neve (children: Andrew & Vanessa)
- Jaila Terrell
- Presley Thorne
- Treston & Cassidy Ward (children: Stevein & Lilliana)
- Ronald & Debbie White

BABY DEDICATIONS

The following babies were dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, December 2:

- James Curtis Harvey IV (son of CJ & Lydia Harvey)

- Madeline Whitehead (daughter of Kaylae Whitehead Sliger)

BEREAVEMENTS

Please be in prayer for the following people:

- Andrea Stransky and family during the loss of her mother, Stella Stransky.
- Hannah Parker and family during the loss of her mother, Christine Adams.
- Amanda David and family during the loss of her sister, Felicia Register.
- Justin Blocker and family during the loss of his mother, Karen Power.

HARVEST KIDS

Charlene Scribner | Children's Ministry Director
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XTREMEKIDZ BREAK

XtremeKidz will be breaking at the same time as Open Small Group. There will be no XK meetings on December 19, 26, and January 2. We will start back on Wednesday, January 30 (21 Days of Prayer: January 6-26).

THIS MONTH IN KZ

In KZ this month we are learning that God sent His Son for everyone! Because of Jesus, we're freed to love God and love others. So you can share the good news about Jesus with anyone you meet. That might be through your words or through showing God's love in your actions. Pray that God will show you when and how to share the good news about Jesus with your words and through giving God's love to others.

EPIC PAJAMA PARTY

Wednesday, December 19, 6-9pm, Chapel. Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas and join us for a time of holly jolly fun with a movie and snacks! Bring a friend!

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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text "@site56" to 81010 for 5th/8th grade info



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NOAH'S PARK

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WHAT'S ON YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST?

Talk with your kids. As you listen to their wish lists, also help them think about ways to show compassion. You could give your time serving in your local community. You could donate food or winter jackets to those in need. You could choose gifts to make an impact for children in poverty. Whatever you decide to do, get the whole

family involved. Help your kids make some sweet memories by serving and loving others.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who has served in Noah's Park this year! You are a huge blessing to Harvest families. If you want to partner with us and serve on Sunday mornings, email us at preschool@harvestdothan.com.



Joel Sigler | Youth Pastor

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT HY SERVICES

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

GUYS BONFIRE & LAN PARTY

Friday, December 14, 6-10:30pm. We will be joining the Men of Harvest for Fireside Fellowship at Brad Willis's house at 6pm. Bring \$5 for BBQ ribs. If you need a ride, meet at the church at 5:30pm. Afterwards we'll head back to the church to play Super Smash Bros Ultimate and Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 in the Chapel. Parents, pick up at the church at 10:30pm.

GIRLS COZY CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 14, 6-9pm, Siglers' house. We will be watching Christmas movies, building gingerbread houses, and decorating cookies. Wear your comfiest pajamas and let's celebrate the Christmas season together!

CHILI FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 16, after both morning services. Buy a bowl of chili at the Café or the

Fellowship Hall after church to help support the youth group's upcoming Ski Retreat! Small is \$5 (serves 1), medium is \$7 (serves 1-2), and large is \$10 (serves 2-3). If you can make a pot of chili, please sign up online at HarvestDothan.com/hychilifundraiser.

HY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 19, 6:45-8:15pm, Youth Room. Come celebrate the season with us! Bring a snack to share! There will be a lip sync battle, games, and more.

NEW YEARS EVE EVE BROOMBALL

Sunday, December 30, 3pm, Columbus, GA. We will leave from the church office at 3pm and return around 10:30pm. Cost \$10. Bring extra money for dinner. Sign up online at HarvestDothan.com/hybroomball.

SKI RETREAT 2019

February 17-20 at Sugar Mountain. Don't miss our annual HY Ski Retreat! We will be returning to Sugar Mountain in Boone, NC. Cost: \$225 for skiing or \$240 for snowboarding. Payment schedule: **\$50 deposit due December 19**; 2nd \$50 due January 16; balance due February 6. Sign up online at HarvestDothan.com/hyskiretreat.

Please Note: We will not be having our HY service on Wednesday, December 26. Enjoy the holidays with your family! Merry Christmas! Small groups will be taking a break starting December 16. We will start back in January.



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AMAZON SMILE

Support Harvest Church when you shop this Christmas season! Buy your gifts and holiday essentials online at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Harvest.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Remember that all financial gifts must be either postmarked by December 31, brought to the church office by 3pm on Monday, December 31, or submitted online to HarvestDothan.com by midnight on December 31 to be included on your contribution statement for 2018. 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.

Did you know that there is a way to lower your taxes by giving to the church through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), or individual stock gifting? If you are interested or if you would like more information, you can email jfleming@harvestdothan.com or contact Janet Fleming at (334) 702-6555 ext. 227.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER: JANUARY 6-26

At Harvest we start the new year with *21 Days of Prayer*. Prayer guides, which give directed prayer focuses for our individual prayer times, will be available at the info boards and Resource Center, as well as fasting guides. We will also have special corporate prayer times and Wednesday night services during the 21 days. More information coming soon!

FREEDOM GROUPS

After 21 Days of Prayer, we will be offering a semester of *Freedom* small groups. This curriculum “will challenge you to take a step toward truth – about God, about faith, and about yourself.” Pastor Michael Schmitz is overseeing *Freedom*. He took about 25 of our leaders this past weekend to the end-of-semester *Freedom Conference*, so they will be ready to lead groups at Harvest at the end of January. Plan to take part in this powerful experience that can bring you to a new place of joy and peace in your life in 2019!



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Guest Wi-Fi at Harvest

Network name: Harvest Public Password: praisehim!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30PM, WORSHIP CENTER

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CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight & Communion SERVICE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 4:30-5:15PM
WORSHIP CENTER

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