

**EVERY  
SUN**

**PRAYER MEETING @ 9:30a**

Join us in the Worship Center before the service to ask God to reveal His power through worship.

**WORSHIP SERVICE  
@ 10:00 a**

**Current**



**EVERY  
WEEK**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays at Harvest @ 10a**  
"Just Moved Ministry"

**Thursdays at Harvest @ 10a**  
Entrusted (Beth Moore)

**EVERY  
THU**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ 7:00p**

Meets at Harvest conference room in the church office. Study begins at 7:00p. All men are cordially invited to join us.

**OCT  
4-5**



**NOV  
1-2**



**NOV  
3**

**MISSIONS SUNDAY**

**DEC  
7**

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS  
LUNCHEON**

## Preaching Schedule



*Living out the "one-anothers"  
in a vertical community*

**September 15**

**We Welcome One Another**

*Romans 15:7*

**September 22**

**We Love One Another**

*John 4:7-11*

**September 29**

**We Serve One Another**

*1 Peter 4:10-11*

**October 6 (Communion)**

**We Forgive One Another**

*Luke 17:1-4*

**October 13**

**We Submit to One Another**

*Ephesians 5:21-6:9*

**October 20**

**We Encourage One Another**

*Hebrews 10:23-25*

**October 27**

**We're Devoted to One Another**

*Romans 12:1-10*



**November 3 (Communion)**

**Go in His Name**

*Acts 4:5-20*

**November 10**

**Go in His Approval**

*Galatians 1:9-20*

**November 17**

**Go in His Power**

*1 Corinthians 1:12-18*

## Going Vertical

Things are changing all around us all the time and we don't give it a second thought unless we feel impact of that change. More precisely, the process of change (before any impact is made) is often enough to shake up our comfort zone and make us protest. And yet, the unyielding objective of the gospel is to change us by the power of Jesus Christ. If you're a Christian, there is no way around it.

Change is the vehicle of God to make things better over time. In fact, there is no transformation possible without the old being renewed and the past being replaced by the future.

At Harvest, we are beginning to feel the impact of the changes we have all waited and prayed for. Our staff was recently strengthened by two new pastors – John Fieck to lead our Family Ministries and oversee our spiritual formation programs from little kids to college students, and Erik Michael to be our worship pastor who also leads the media communications sector. We have also been offered a new contract on our facility, one that not only enables us to share it with the greater community, but also to share in the financial benefit of subleasing it to other ministries and organizations.



A few good things about change:

- It is an opportunity to improve
- It is a pathway to refreshment
- It is the remedy for lethargy

A few challenges regarding change:

- Our old nature tends to resist it
- It can be hard as it includes me
- It takes faith to make it happen

When we first started, as a new church plant in 2007 we were a part of Harvest Bible Fellowship and inherited the network's vision, mission and values. In 2017, due to some unforeseen circumstances the Harvest Bible Fellowship fell apart. We began praying for a new vision and God answered. Our own new vision from the Lord is based on 1 John 1:3 – "We proclaim that which we have seen and heard that you too may have fellowship with us. And indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ."

Over the next six months, we will see some changes within our community. Recently the elders began sharing the details with the church under the slogan "New vision, new name, new place – same God." Soon we will begin implementing an exciting plan to relaunch our church on March 1, 2020 as "Vertical Fellowship." Our passion for God, His Word and biblical values will remain the same, but the way we communicate those to those around us will change – in hope of becoming even more effective as His ambassadors.

God will see us through. To put in the words of one of our new songs: "When things change, You never do – Your love is the anchor we can hold on to – In trials we face, we fix our eyes on You – When things change, You never do."

## WORSHIP DEVOTIONAL

God has not called me to be successful. He has called me to be faithful.

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This is one of the most convicting “check your heart” quotes for me. Every one of us has the drive to be “successful” in whatever it is that we do. The question is how are we measuring success? Is it by the standards of our peers or by God’s standards? Jesus told a parable of a land owner who gave differing amounts of money to his servants and told them to steward what he gave them well. To one he gave a lot, to another some, and to one a little. The one servant who received a lot from his master, stewarded it well and returned a great profit. The one who received some did the same as his fellow servant and turned a profit, (although not quite as large as the first.) However, the servant who had received only a little did nothing with it and disappointed his master. Godly success is measured in what are we doing with what the lord gave us stewardship over? Are we being faithful to invest it well with the intent to turn a “profit” in a kingdom building way, or are we going to say- “I’m not making enough money,” or “I want what so and so has or is doing.” And chase those things? Let’s choose



## This is an exciting time to be a part of our church!

As we step into the fall season, the team leaders and I are focusing a lot on team and culture building.

So what does that mean? Well for one, we are looking for MORE VOLUNTEERS! Yes, if you play an instrument, sing, enjoy graphic design, or like to take pictures and video let’s talk. Secondly (and more importantly) our goal is to develop a ministry culture of servanthood and adoration.

The worship / media ministries are composed of teams of people with creative skills, who are using those skills to point people to Jesus, and to proclaim the truth of the gospel. That’s done through the playing of instruments, singing, production development, and media creation.

Over the next few months we will be pressing deeper into the focus of using our skills to passionately serve the people by modeling a heart posture of adoring Jesus. Psalm 103 says to “Bless the Lord oh my soul and to forget not what HE has done.” The worship / media teams are to be striving to example for the people, what it looks like to be a church community that intentionally recalls God’s character, and when doing so, is inspired to thankfulness. When we think upon the goodness of the Lord and of his character (Which can be seen played out in our lives and in scripture.) how can we not thank and adore him?

So as a church members, what does that look like? What does it look like for all of us together to build a culture of intentional adoration?

1. On Sunday morning come early. Don’t snooze your alarm. Be intentional about being present and a part of the community.
2. Come prayed up. If there are things hanging over your head and your heart from the week, bring them to the Lord. Ask Jesus while you’re driving to church on Sunday to bring to mind his character and to stir in you a desire for his presence.
3. Come ready to lift your voices in adoration of Jesus. If we can shout and cheer for the cardinals we can shout and cheer for Jesus!
4. Come expectant to meet with our Savior.

I can’t wait to see what Jesus does in our community as we continue on the rest of this year!



**Harvest Kids** immerses children (babies to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) in the Gospel, starting with Sunday morning discipleship and continuing all week. We believe the Gospel changes everything. Heart transformation can only take place when a child experiences the Gospel with clarity, simplicity and urgency. *The Gospel Project for Kids* is our current Children's Ministry resource of choice.

What makes Harvest Kids unique? We are:

## Christ-Centered

- We believe God is the primary actor in the grand narrative of Scripture, and the Gospel of Jesus is the climax of that story.
- We approach the OT as Jesus did: all the Scriptures testify to Him.
- We teach NT imperatives as implications that flow from the Gospel.
- We will study Genesis through Revelation over three years, discovering how all of Scripture points to the Good News of Jesus.

## Story-Focused

- We are naturally led to the overarching story of Scripture as a result of being Christ-Centered (Creation/Fall/Redemption/Restoration).
- We are convinced this helps children connect the dots in the grand story that tells the truth about the world and provides a hope-filled outlook on our world because of the future God has promised.
- We believe a chronological approach allows kids to see how Jesus fits into the whole.
- We spend equal time in the Old and New Testaments, learning how every story connects to the Gospel.

## Mission-Driven

- We believe telling the story of the Bible is impossible without leading to mission, as the Gospel reveals the heart of our missionary God and His desire to save people from every tribe, tongue, and nation.
- We expect that by keeping the focus on the Gospel, children will be compelled toward mission.
- We know God's heart is for the nations and long for that to be impressed on the hearts of Harvest Kids.
- We highlight a missionary/country each week.

## BEYOND THE WEEKEND

### Equipping Parents

- We will deliver a weekly resource that provides follow up devotionals and questions parents can work through with their child.
- We will intentionally partner with parents through weekly communication via Basecamp (a dynamic app).
- We will offer regular parenting seminars/training onsite, online and via simulcast.

### Training Leaders

We are not only responsible to disciple children and equip parents, but also train our kids leaders well. Through regular training rhythms, our leadership will grow in their passion, confidence and skill through:

- Weekly training videos through Ministry Grid (a powerful video-based library)
- Monthly trainings and assessments
- Quarterly onsite or streamed seminars

### High Five



**Harvest Students** spend time in worship, in God's Word, in small groups, and in authentic relationships that lead to life change. We also serve our junior and senior high students through special events, trips, retreats, serving and outreach opportunities, as well as summer and winter camps.

We seek to intentionally make multiplying disciples of the next generation who:

- Worship Christ
- Walk with Christ
- Work for Christ
- Witness about Christ

**Harvest Student meet Sundays 6p-8p in the Harvest Café.**

## BEYOND THE WEEKEND

### Discipling Students

We will help students cultivate daily rhythms of holy habits

- Reading, watching, listening, journaling, praying, studying, memorizing, fasting...

### Equipping Parents

- We'll deliver a weekly resource that provides follow up devotionals/questions parents can work through with their student.
- We will intentionally partner with parents through weekly communication via Basecamp (a dynamic app).
- We will offer regular parenting seminars/training onsite, online and via simulcast.

### Training Volunteers

We are not only responsible to disciple students and equip parents, but also train our student leaders well. Through regular training rhythms, our volunteers will grow in their passion, confidence and skill through:

- Weekly training videos through Ministry Grid (a powerful video-based library)
- Monthly trainings and assessments
- Quarterly onsite or streamed seminars

## QUARTERLY SCHEDULE

The Small Group Discipleship ministries aren't really designed to take extended breaks because accountability should never really take a break. We all need one another in the sanctification process! Groups generally meet weekly with rare exceptions determined by the individual group and its leaders. Day of the week depends on the group – some meet Tuesdays and some meet Wednesdays. Women's studies take place on Monday evenings at 6:30 and on Thursday mornings from 10-12. Men's study takes place on Thursday evenings.

### September

**Weekly – Small Groups Meet**

### October

**Weekly – Small Groups Meet**  
**10/18 – Small Group Leader Meeting**

### November

**Weekly – Small Groups Meet**  
**\*\*OFF – Week of Thanksgiving\*\***

### December

**Weekly – Small Groups Meet**  
**\*\*OFF – Week of Christmas\*\***

## ONE THING REMAINS

Twelve years is a long time. A lot has happened since we held our first public worship service. One thing has remained consistent, however. Small Groups! Our church began as a small group and since its inception, the mantra of “doing life together” has remained. We are a community that is uncommon in today's world. Rather than focus on self, our small groups are focused on loving and serving one another. From individual accountability to meals at the welcoming of a new baby and from serving at the church or in the community to offering prayers for healing, the small group members pull together to strengthen and support each other. While we are excited to experience the momentum with the additions of new pastors to serve our church body, we take comfort in the knowledge that the foundation of the small group ministry is solid and its tenets remain. The small group discipleship ministry will continue to focus on time the Word, accountability, welcoming others with open arms and outreach. If you have yet to experience being a part of this uncommon community, Theodore & Heidi Brooks are happy to help you get plugged in today.

The dates/times and studies of these groups are listed below:

#### Mondays

- Women's study – 6:30 p.m. (Church)
  - Studying 1 and 2 Thessalonians

#### Tuesdays

- Led by: Lou & Mary Jo Stralka – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Des Peres)
  - Studying Esther & Job
- \*Led by: Andy & Lindsay Lee (Family Group) – 6:30 -8:30 p.m. (Chesterfield/Wildwood area)
  - Studying Mark

#### Wednesdays

- Led by: Bill & Wanda Goggin – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Church)
  - Studying John
- Led by: Ben & Rhea Cartright – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Wentzville area)
  - Studying John
- \*Led by: Andy & Lindsay Lee (Family Group) – 6:30 -8:30 p.m. (Chesterfield/Wildwood area)
  - Studying Mark

#### Thursdays

- Women's study – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Church – childcare provided)
  - Studying Entrusted by Beth Moore
- Women's study – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Church – childcare provided)
  - After the Boxes are Unpacked by Just Moved Ministries
- Men's study – 7 p.m. (Church)
  - Studying Matthew

\*Day of week the family group will meet is to be determined by the group members as of the publication of this newsletter. Likely Tues or Wed.

## Fall Bible Studies

### **1 and 2 Thessalonians: Living the Gospel to the End**

Mondays at 6pm starting 9/16  
Chesterfield  
Cost: \$10  
Led by Jennifer Schumacher



The Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study is designed with the busy lady in mind. Outside of our weekly meeting the daily time commitment is light but strong enough to "lead to ever-increasing satisfaction, discernment, and delight in God's Word." Our study is 1 and 2 Thessalonians: Living the Gospel to the End by Kathleen Nielson. This study will encourage you to persevere in living out the Gospel while eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus. Ladies, we would love for you to join us

### **After the Boxes Are Unpacked study**

Thursday mornings at 10:00am  
Childcare provided  
Harvest Bible Chapel  
Facilitated by Deb Breneman  
Cost: \$20

This study takes the newcomer through the important stages necessary for a successful move: letting go and trusting God, starting over with hope, and moving forward in faith. Not only does the study prepare, encourage, and equip for the emotional and spiritual strain of such a major life change, it provides a wonderful way to make the friends and to create community connections. Are you new to the area? Know someone who is? Spread the word!



### **Ladies Fall Retreat**

Lake Sallateska  
Oct 4-5  
Cost: \$40

Living in this world, while not being "of it," is not easy. Do you ever just wish the world would stop so we could jump off? Even when things are great, there is just so much! So much happening around us. So much to do. We never seem to catch up. And then there is the tugging at your heart to spend time with the Lord and the guilt when those urgings are ignored or put off till later.

Perhaps you can relate. There will always be the pull of the Spirit against the flesh in the midst of the world and it's obligations. Its a balancing act. But...Mary knew what was truly important; what was really needed, and that is what she chose. Jesus never took that from her. In fact, He

### **Entrusted**

Thursdays at 10:00am  
Harvest Bible Chapel  
Facilitated by Carla Cordes  
Childcare provided.  
Cost: \$15

Entrusted is a 6-session study of 2 Timothy by Beth Moore.

In Paul's final letter, he charged Timothy, his beloved son in the faith, to not be ashamed to fulfill God's call on his life. In this 6-session Bible Study, Beth Moore will challenge you to do the same.

God has a plan for you. He has entrusted you with the gospel message and has gifted you to carry it to the furthest reaches of this planet. He's calling you to be His mighty servant, willing to face whatever difficulty you encounter as you carry out His mission." Come be a part of this dynamic women's study. Let's take this city for Christ!

## Men's Ministry Calendar



November 1-2, 2019

- Overnight camping adventure
- Fellowship with other brothers
- Finetune your shooting skills on a private range just before the hunting season
- Save the date - more details coming soon

## Men's Bible Study

Thursdays – 7 p.m.

Church office, conference room



***Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.***

***(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)***



Get in God's Word with us!

## Battle Cry

In the ancient times, men gathered by the city gate to sit together and talk about life, family, battles, to hear stories of encouragement and learn from one another. Natural mentoring took place with young men listening to the older ones and hearing words of wisdom for life. Times were different then; today men often missing the natural man-to-man connection replaced by impersonal electronic communication, soundbite slogans, instant "advice" access through Google and do-it-yourself TV shows.

God-seeking men today have to be intentional about coming together and sharpening each other "as an iron sharpens iron." (Proverbs 27:17). At our church, we want to create opportunities for men to come together, learn from each other, fellowship, hear some good biblical teaching, discuss the applications of God's Word in their personal lives and pray.

This fall, Harvest Men's Ministry will be hosting a series of events aiming to equip and encourage our men and help reignite their passion for God's call. There is an increasing shortage of guys committed to the biblical principles of fatherhood, marriage, family leadership and personal responsibility. Statistics show that most men in today's society are moving away from these values while sinking deeper into selfishness, laziness and entitlement. Yet, God's voice sounds a battle cry calling out to men the same way he called to the Prophet Isaiah: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

This fall, we would like to invite all men to join us in pursuit of the answers through teaching, prayer, discussion and fellowship. We have designated four specific Thursday nights to gathering men here at the church. Our pastors will teach through the passage in Isaiah 6:1-8. Let's equip men to answer God's call with confidence saying, "Here I am! Send me."



Here are the specific dates and teaching topics in the BattleCry series:

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| September 26 | "The Trigger" (v. 1) – Pastor John      |
| October 10   | "The Vision" (v. 2-4) – Pastor Michael  |
| October 24   | "The Surrender" (v. 5) – Pastor Michael |
| November 7   | "The Healing" (v. 6-7) – Pastor John    |

This is an opportunity to invite other men in your personal circle of friends. Just think, how many guys are out there who desperately desire to find a way to manhood that works and satisfies. Most don't even know where to begin... Men need other men to point them to Christ and support them in their walk. Would you commit to bringing at least one friend? Hope to see you there!

## Next Steps

We all have needed or will need counsel at some point in our life. Harvest generously offers an initial consultation for most directional and corrective issues free of charge. Contact Jennifer Schumacher for more information on receiving counsel or how to become a BSC Counselor.

Types of Issues we Help with:

- Addiction
- Anger
- Anxiety/Worry/Fear
- Cutting
- Depression
- Marriage conflict/issues
- Eating Disorders
- Much more...

## Referrals Welcome

Biblical Soul Care is not just for our church members it is open to anyone. Do you know someone outside of Harvest that may need Biblical guidance facing a trial? Refer them to us.

## Target the Heart of Biblical Soul Care

*Written by Jennifer Schumacher*

The World says to follow your heart and the answer to your problems lies within, but the Bible says: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9) Following your heart isn’t the best advice (Eph 4:17-18), but God has given us His Word (Hebrews 4:12-13) and men of understanding to draw out what is in the heart (Proverbs 20:5). Jesus also told us: “The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45) Fruits are clues to reveal our root desires and predominant heart attitude.

**The problem is not the fruit;  
The problem is the heart that produces the fruit.**

If we accept God’s diagnosis of a sinful, evil heart there is hope because Jesus died for sin. Through reconciliation with Christ we are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). Through Christ we have peace with God (Romans 5:1). True lasting heart transformation is possible in Christ. Once a Predominant Heart Attitude is revealed, changing our heart is not as simple rearranging fruit - stopping a behavior or replacing a bad habit or thought for another. First, we repent of our sin and are reconciled to God. Then, through His help, we put off the old man, renew our minds through the reading of the Word and put on the New Man in Christ. (Eph 4:20-24)

We no longer must live in bondage to sin (Romans 6). There is hope in Christ. Biblical Soul Care is available to help.

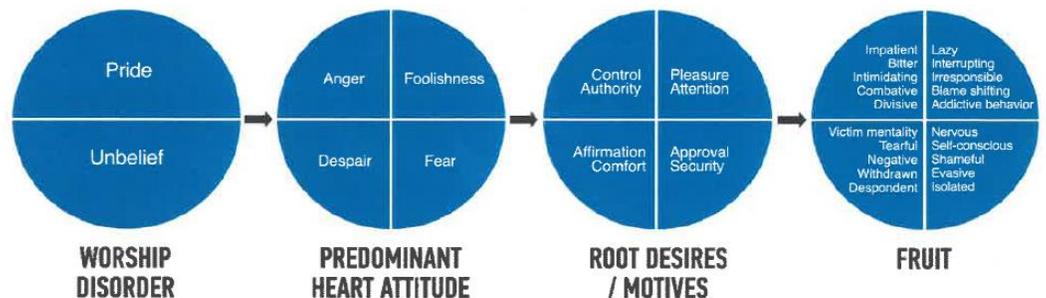


Diagram adapted from Harvest Bible Chapel Biblical Soul Care



## OUR FOUR PILLARS

### 1. UNAPOLOGETIC PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming the authority of God's Word without apology.

**2 TIMOTHY 4:2 | HEBREWS 4:12**

### 2. CHRIST-CENTERED WORSHIP

Lifting high the name of Jesus through worship.

**JOHN 4:24 | JOHN 12:32**

### 3. CONFIDENT PRAYER

Believing firmly in the power of prayer.

**EPHESIANS 6:18 | HEBREWS 4:16**

### 4. FEARLESS SHARING

Sharing the good news of Jesus with boldness.

**EPHESIANS 6:19 | ROMANS 1:16**



## OUR MISSION

The Church exists to glorify God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission, in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

**MATHEW 28:19-20; 22:37-39**



## OUR ELDER

**MICHAEL SUST** | Pastor

**THEODORE BROOKES** | Elder

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### June/ July / August

#### Budget:

	Actual	Budget
June	\$34590	\$47,375
July	\$25567	\$37,900
August	\$33138	\$37,900