

May
2019

HARVEST MONTHLY

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 @ 10a

Current Series



EVERY
WEEK

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at Harvest @ 10a
Just Moved Ministry
Breath of God (Beth Moore)
Mondays at Harvest @ 7p
Esther Study

EVERY
SAT

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ 7:30a
Meets at Harvest Café in the church lobby. Doors open at 7a, study begins at 7:30a. All men are cordially invited to join us.

10
FRI

meet
New here? Come to a party at the pastor's house at 7p for coffee, dessert, and fellowship with Harvest leaders!

31
FRI

MARRIAGE NIGHT
SIMULCAST
MAY 31ST
FRANCIS AND LISA CHAN
LES AND LESLIE PARROTT
MICHAEL JR., COMEDIAN

JUN
12

SUST FAMILY SINGERS
MISSIONS FUNDRAISING CONCERT
JUNE 12 | 7P
LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT CHRISTY SUST'S MISSIONARY WORK IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

JUL
22-26

HIGH FIVE
VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE
ARMOR OF GOD
JULY 22-26
9a-4:30p
Labels: Helmet of Salvation, Breastplate of Righteousness, Sword of the Spirit, Belt of Truth, Shield of Faith, Shoes of Readiness

JOIN a
Harvest Small Group!

YOU ARE LOVED

Preaching Schedule

Current Series



Five parables of Jesus focusing on the priorities of God's Kingdom.

May 5 (Communion)

Kingdom Allegiance

Luke 16:1-13

May 12

Kingdom Treasures

Luke 12:13-21

May 19

Kingdom Mindset

Matthew 21:28-32

May 26

Kingdom Perseverance

Matthew 13:24-30

June 2 (Communion)

Kingdom Mercy

Matthew 18:21-35



Listen to messages during the week
at harveststlouis.org/sermons

A Dwelling Place

Concerning our dwelling place, (in other words, where Harvest St. Louis makes its home), over the past 12 years we have been in a “tabernacle mode.” Whenever our time was up, we moved – and not just once, but six times!

When we first started, apart from the early meetings in the Šust Family living room in Fenton, we met as a Core Group at River Chase, the municipal fitness and swimming facility in Fenton. I still remember those Saturdays. We met from 6 to 9 p.m. and after that, all forty of us went to Culvers and stayed till 10:30 p.m. (getting kicked out 30 minutes past the closing hour).

We launched the church at the North-East Middle School on I-270 at Ladue Road, but stayed there only for a couple of months. The school did not like our 40-foot sign on their lawn facing the highway and featuring the name of our church. It was the word “Bible” that really bothered them...

Shortly after the launch, God miraculously provided the Double Tree Hotel in Chesterfield as our next facility. We worshipped there for the next four years and also acquired a small mid-week office and ministry space in Manchester.

One day, a Korean pastor walked in on Sunday and offered to share his church building on Wild Horse Creek Road. The place was in a poor shape and known in the neighborhood as “The Pink Church” since the exterior trim and doors were all painted with fading pink color. The original church actually also wound up losing the building to foreclosure and the bank leased us the space for one year. Currently, it’s owned by Gateway 61.



Another miraculous provision followed, resulting in our current facility. When we first inquired about it, the realtor did not even want to let us in, hearing that we only had about a hundred people. Yet, after we learned that this property (also a foreclosure) was owned by a Christian lending group in California, we petitioned the owners to let us use it in exchange for a very reasonable rental fee and whole lot of maintenance work.

After nearly seven years, our church leaders sense that the time may be coming when we will need to move again. Please pray with us about this important decision. Let’s trust the Lord has the next dwelling place for us and will confirm it in His time. After all, He goes before us and dwells in our midst through all the changes – and that’s what really makes us His church!



What are some ways you can live intentionally in light of the Resurrection?

Sometimes saying no best paves the way to say yes to what God desires. The end of the school year and beginning of the summer can be a stressful time! Take time each week to pray and ask God what His top 3 priorities are for you for that week. Practice the discipline of saying no to things that don't fall in line with those priorities. Our time is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. It is also one of the greatest gifts we are called to give back to God. As much as God calls us to be good stewards of our money, we need to be good stewards of our time as well!

If you are interested in serving on the Worship or Tech Teams on Sunday morning, please shoot me an email! We are so excited to continue to grow our Worship and Teach Teams over the next few months, so now is the perfect time to start serving!

“And They Went Forth...”

Written by Steve Reischl

Have you ever walked into Target or Wal-Mart the day after a major holiday? One of the first things you'll notice is that the holiday merchandise is discounted sometimes 60-80% off! Whether it be Christmas lights or Easter baskets, in the eyes of the store and those who shop there, the value of those items decreases dramatically.

Unfortunately, it is easy for us as Christians to treat these special seasons of remembrance the same way our society treats holiday merchandise. The minute a Christmas or Easter service is finished and we've taken our family pictures or eaten our family meals, we move on and find it easy to forget the life changing work Christ accomplished during His ministry on earth.

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.”

Mark 16:15-20

It always strikes me in reading this passage the last phrase Mark uses to describes the actions of Jesus' disciples after His resurrection. It's interesting how the way many of us tend to treat Easter stands in stark contrast to how Jesus' first disciples treated His resurrection. For many of us, the conclusion of the Easter season is just that, a conclusion. For the first disciples, however, Christ's resurrection was the purpose, focus, inspiration, and launching point of the ministry Christ wanted to accomplish through them. For them, Christ's resurrection wasn't a conclusion, but rather a fulfilled promise and hope for the future that they simply could not keep to themselves. Mark says that they preached “everywhere.” The resurrection of Christ was not something simply to be tucked away until next March or April. Rather, it became engrained into their testimony, forever shaping their story and marking their lives in ways that couldn't help but be noticed by the world around them.

However you came into this resurrection season, my challenge to you in the weeks ahead is to remember the life changing work of Christ on the cross. Maybe you were a guest with us for the first time this Easter, normally only attending a church service on Easter or Christmas. Maybe you are a part of our Harvest family but are heading into a busy season of life where 1,000 things are competing for your attention. Whatever your situation, allow the mercy, grace, and sacrifice of Christ to impact and change your life *daily*. My prayer for all of us is that our lives would be so impacted by our living Christ that the world can't help but see Christ's love in us!

God Gives Mercy

Memory Verse – “As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me, your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!” Psalm 40:11

This month Harvest Kids will be learning that God’s mercy is for each of us. They will learn through the stories of Rahab (Joshua 2), Samson (Joshua 13), Zacchaeus (Luke 19) and the story of the Sinful Woman (Luke 7).

You are so Loved!



The Harvest Kids had a great time waving their palm branches and praising the Lord on Palm Sunday!

Volunteers of the Month

Written by Terri Shukri

Here’s what the Lees have to say about serving in Harvest Kids!

“The Lord brought us to Missouri in fall 2017, and we started attending Harvest in the fall of 2018. Recently, the Lord opened the opportunity for us to pioneer family small groups and join in children's ministry. Over the last ten years, we been on the receiving end of others pouring into our children, Hannah (13) and Arianna (8). Therefore, we are blessed to ‘pay it forward’ to others when the church cried for help.”

Lindsay has a long history of professional work with children, having educated children from preschool to high school age; she is currently an English teacher at Lindbergh High School. Andy serves both as the Lee family's lead goofball and Director of Quantitative Research at Exegy in Webster Groves. We are thankful to have this opportunity, to love on your children, and point them to Christ!

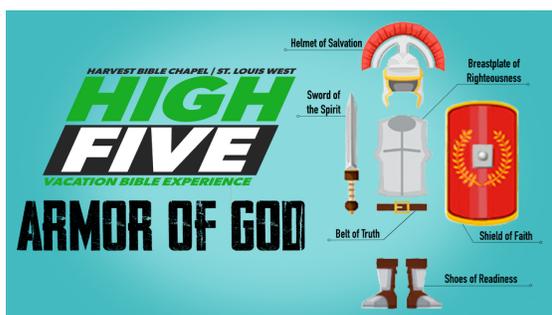


Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for summer fun with High Five!

July 22 – 26 | 9:00a - 4:30p | Ages 4 thru 12

Sign your kids up at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching for High Five 2019! Contact Terri Shukri for more information and to volunteer!



Small Groups = Encouragement

Written by Wanda Goggin & Jean Larson

When & Where?

+ Meets **Wednesday nights** at church at 7 pm



"If God intended for all of the days of your life to be easy, they would be. No, in grace, he intends for your days to be his tools of refinement."

-Paul David Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*

Our group believes in each other, sharpens each other, and holds each other accountable. Sharing how God is working in our lives, through our trials and joys, is a practice ground to grow in faith and confidence, which encourages us to tell others about our BIG GOD!

"For me, small group is a place where I can be open in sharing my spiritual struggles, what God is doing in my life, my love for Jesus, painful things that have happened to me, doubts, and questions. I know that it is safe and the things I share will not be repeated to anyone outside the group. That means a lot to me. I learn so much from the other group members when they share their own stories. When I bring a prayer request to the group, or explain something that is going on in my life, I get not only empathy and support, but I get godly wisdom about how to deal with the issues I'm facing. I come away from a small group meeting equipped with new perspectives, confirmed in what is right and good, confident about doing the right thing, encouraged, and blessed with a sense of peace. God is always present at our meetings. He brings us together. He speaks to us through His word. He ministers to us through each other. He comforts and guides us as we pray. He binds us together through His love. My small group is a vital part of my spiritual growth. So many things I would not understand on my own have become clear through our discussions in bible study, talking over what we have read, and applying it to our lives. It is a precious thing to have fellow Christians with whom to learn and grow in our knowledge of and trust in God. I am so thankful for my small group! Also, they are funny. And the food is good."

-Jean Larson



Women's Ministry Calendar Items

Girls' Time-Out: Summer Fun Edition!

There will be morning opportunities for meeting up with other ladies for a Girls Time-Out. Think sharing and caring.... discussion of the things of God over coffee with friends, summer sanity mom's play dates, exercise classes and more! Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer!

Girls' Time-Out: Family Edition

Super fun events with a purpose, where you can bring your spouse, your kids, your friends for some fun and support missions near and far at the same time.

Heidi Brooks on Beth Moore/Living Proof Live:

"I had not been able to see Beth Moore live before - I've invested time in her studies, and always benefited greatly from her very passionate handling of God's Word, but have just never been able to see her live. What a treat! Of almost equally special significance, however, was the connection made among the women of Harvest. From rides to and from Memphis for the event to our "late night pajama party," we seized the opportunity to get to know one another in deeper ways. I will never forget our "story cards" that captured something we didn't think others would know about us, thrown into a bag, and read aloud for the group to guess the contributor. We laughed and laughed - much needed for more than just myself, I'm sure!"



Heidi Brooks with Jessica Smith at the Beth Moore Conference

Expectant Hearts

Written by Debbie Breneman

What do you want Jesus to do for you? Over and over, we see Jesus asking in the Bible, "What is it you want?" (Matt 20:21) "What do you want me to do for you?" (Matt 20:32, Mark 10:36,51) "Do you want to get well?" (John 5:6)

Jesus spent time with people who wanted something. He asked them to consider their innermost desires and express them. In that expression of desire for what Christ offered them, they acknowledged their inability to do for themselves what only Christ could do for them. So, again I ask you to consider: what do you want Jesus to do for you?

Are you satisfied with your current status quo? Or do you want more? The good news is that God created you that way and He wants you to want more of Him.

This summer, we will be looking for a few good women (or as many as are willing) with some time on their hands and a desire to grow and know Christ more to come and seek Him. Plans are underway for our summer Girls' Time Out opportunities. These will be discussions around spiritual disciplines that will challenge you to a more focused, intentional pursuit of God. If that is what you want, plan now to pursue Christ wholeheartedly this summer and expect God to make it a Season of Transformation. Pray with me to that end!



Harvest Women attending Beth Moore Living Proof Live in Memphis, March 2019

Does God Care About My Trial?*

Written by Jennifer Schumacher

Next Steps

We all have needed or will need counsel at some point in our life. We generously offer 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.

In Mark 4:35-41, there is a story about the disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee. A great storm comes, sending waves crashing into their boat. While the disciples were fearing for their lives, Jesus was sleeping in the stern. The fearful men woke Jesus and questioned Him: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" With 3 words "Peace! Be Still!" Jesus calmed the storm; he then turned to his companions and said: "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" (v. 40). After this they did not fear the storm, they feared the God who controls the storms (v. 41). When our focus is on the storm, we tend to respond in fear of the storm. But when we focus on the God in control of the storm, the storm doesn't seem so scary.

Trials are for His glory and your good.

Knowing God is in control helps, but we also must believe that God is good. Romans 8:28 says God is working all things for the good of those who love Him and verse 29 says His purpose is we be conformed into the image of His Son. God desires us to grow in Christ not to be pain or trouble free. In 2 Cor 12: 9-10, Paul asks the Lord three times to remove a thorn from his side, but God's reply is that His grace is sufficient. It is in our weakness that God's power is displayed, so Paul can boast in his weakness because Christ's power is with him.

We can rejoice in trials when we know the One who controls the storms.

In James 1:2-4, James tells us to "count it all joy" when facing a trial and in Romans 5:3-4, Paul says to "rejoice in our suffering." Were they crazy? I've never been joyful when facing a trial. But James and Paul knew the trial was producing something far more valuable. They were not telling us to enjoy the suffering but to rejoice in the good work God was doing. Trials produce endurance which builds character and produces hope so we may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. Endurance requires time and pressure. And only after you have endured the trial will you reap the benefits.

View all trials through faith, not by sight.

Do not focus on how hard the trial is or whether you deserve this trial, focus on:

- Who God is
- What God is teaching you through the trial
- Trust that He is good
- Choose to rejoice in all things.

* Abuse is not a trial. If you suspect you are in an abusive relationship God is not calling you to endure, He wants you to call for help.



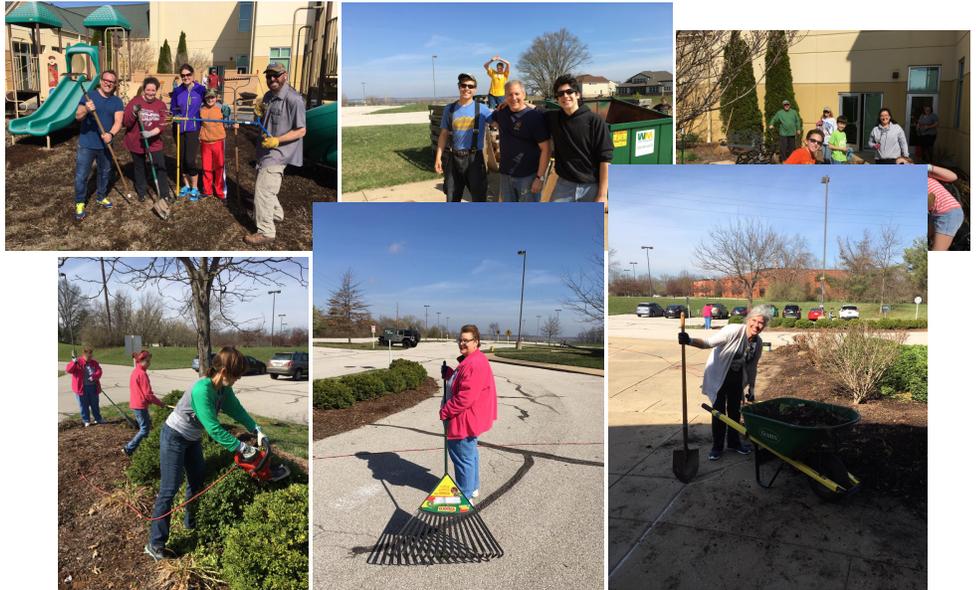
What happens when 40 people come together to do God's Work, you ask?



You get a bunch of smiling people praising God and carrying His message with them as they go. These "characters" flagged down people driving by Harvest on Easter morning, garnering 56 "honks," numerous waves, and many smiling faces.

A Quiet Place to Pray...

Thank you to Team Prayer Garden for your hard work and expert gardening skills. You have given us back our "quiet place."



A New Place to Play...



Well Done, good and faithful servant! (Matthew 25:21)

Stewardship Report		
April 2019		
	Actual	Budget
Week 1	9,265	9,475
Week 2	6,003	9,475
Week 3	6,780	9,475
Week 4	5,844	9,475
Total	27,892	37,900



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.
Matthew 28:19-20; 22:37-39



OUR ELDERS

Michael Šust | Pastor
 Theodore Brooks | Elder
 Mike Breneman | Elder

