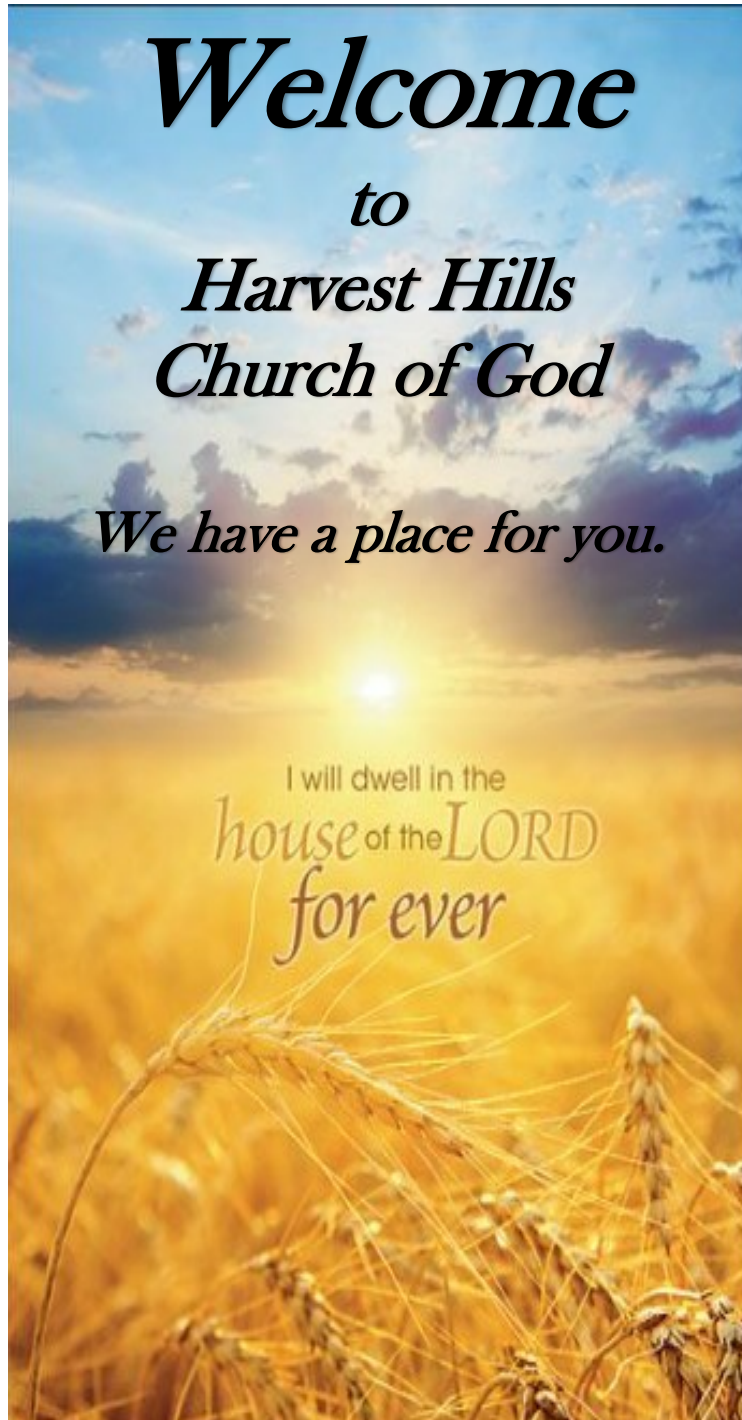




HARVEST HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 16, 2026

2026 Ministry Theme: In His Presence

Let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy. Sing praises to God...Sing loud praises... His name is the Lord—rejoice *in his presence*! (Ps 68:3-4, NLT)

Back to School Recognition & Prayer: Today, August 16th, at the closing of the morning worship service, we will be praying for our students and teachers who are returning to the classroom for the 2026-2027 school year.

Family Game Night: The Bible Family Feud!! Saturday, Aug 29th, 5:00 pm. Come join us for dinner, fellowship and games. Suggested price for dinner is \$5 per person (at the door). There will be special activities for kids. This is going to be a fun event! Scan the QR code on the information wall to RSVP or volunteer.

World Missions Service: Sunday, Aug 30th, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Richard Saxon, Regional Coordinator for the Church of God Ministry to Israel, will be the guest speaker. Please be encouraged to pray about giving to a missions project for the coming year.

Ladies Lunch Bunch: SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 12th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the gym. Come for devotions, fellowship, and a light lunch. Sign up sheet is on the information wall. Questions? See Linda Jordan.

Fall Revival: SAVE THE DATE! September 21st-23rd with Andre Hester. 7:00 pm nightly. Please make plans to attend.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-Service Prayer

Each Sunday, 10:00 AM, Church Library

War Room Prayer Service

Each Sunday, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Just As I Am ***Written by Charlotte Elliott, 1836***

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Charlotte Elliott was born in Clapham, England, on March 18, 1789. As a young person, she lived a carefree life, gaining popularity as a portrait artist and writer of humorous verse. By the time she was thirty, however, her health began to fail rapidly, and soon she became a bedridden invalid for the remaining years of her life. With her failing health came great feelings of despondency.

In 1822, a noted Swiss evangelist, Dr. Caesar Malan, visited the Elliott home in Brighton, England. His visit proved to be a turning point in Charlotte's life. In counseling Miss Elliott about her spiritual and emotional problems, Dr. Malan impressed upon her this truth: "You must come just as you are, a sinner, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Throughout the remainder of her life, Miss Elliott celebrated every year the day on which her Swiss friend had led her to a personal relationship with Christ, for she considered it to be her spiritual birthday.

Though Charlotte Elliott lived to be eighty-two years of age, she never regained normal health, and she often endured seasons of great physical suffering. Of her own afflictions she once wrote, "He knows, and He alone, what it is, day after day, hour after hour, to fight against bodily feelings of almost overpowering weakness, languor, and exhaustion, to resolve not to yield to slothfulness, depression, and instability, such as the body causes me too long to indulge, but to rise every morning determined to take for my motto, 'If a man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.'" Another time she wrote, "God sees, God guides, God guards me. His grace surrounds me, and His voice continually bids me to be happy and holy in His service just where I am."

Miss Elliott wrote the text for "Just As I Am" in 1836. It was published that same year in the second edition of The Invalid's Hymn Book, a collection which contained 115 of her original works. She wrote this hymn with the desire that it might aid financially in building a school for the children of poor clergymen that her own pastor brother was trying to build in Brighton, England.

Mission Statement

Harvest Hills Church of God is a life situation, worship centered, Spirit-filled congregation committed to Exalting Christ, Equipping believers and Expanding the kingdom.

Today's Sermon

Title:

Scripture:

Main Ideas:

I.

II.

III.

IV.

How can I apply today's sermon in my daily life?



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Food Pantry Ministry: Inflation, government shutdown, family crisis; no matter what situation comes our way, God is with us through them all. Thank you for your faithfulness and for remembering the food pantry ministry with your prayers and donations. If you know someone who is in need of food, please call Bill or Pat Brown at 336-222-9034

August Birthdays

Jo McKinnon	8/01
Poncho Garcia	8/03
Russell Morris	8/03
Caleb Flood	8/04
Matt Auton	8/06
Dale Lowe	8/16
Cheryl Turner	8/18

Our Daily Bread: September 2026-November 2026 edition is now available on the Information Wall.

LIFE Sessions: Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for an in-depth study of the Bible. Handouts available each session. Kids/Teens classes also available.

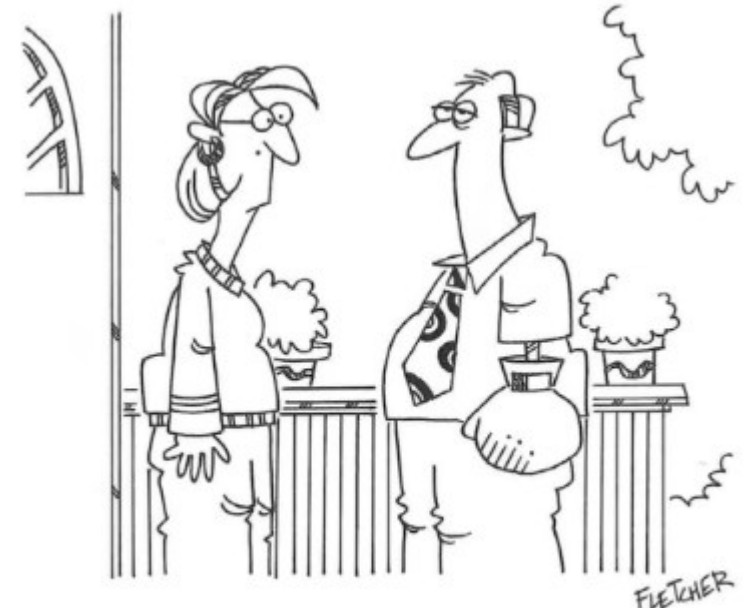
Rooted Young Adults Bible Study: Join us for a small group Bible study for high school grads - 30s. First & Third Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. See Angela Williamson or Matt Auton for more information.

e-Prayer: If you would like to be a part of the e-Prayer team and receive prayer request and praise report notifications, please contact Dale Lowe. Send all prayer concerns to Dale Lowe, e-Prayer coordinator at hhcogeprayer@gmail.com. The prayer concerns will then be forwarded to the e-Prayer team. When prayer concerns are received, please read and pray over each one.

Online Giving: On Wednesday, July 15, we transitioned to the new online giving vendor, Planning Center. The following link will direct you to a short video that explains the new process. If you have additional questions, please contact Teresa Elkins in the church office. <https://planningcenter.wistia.com/medias/hdnsfv5xnc>



"A GOOD SERMON, BUT I'LL NEED A FACT CHECK."



"The pastor said it's unhealthy to live with unresolved conflict ... is your husband home?"