



HARVEST HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 13, 2024

2024 Ministry Theme: Engaging the Great Commission

Jesus...told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:18-19a, NLT).

Thank You HFCOG for \$5,555.00 in donations for the WNC Hurricane Relief Fund.

LIFE Sessions: Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for an in-depth study of the Bible. Our current study is titled *Letters from John*. Handouts available each session.

Church Picnic: Saturday, Oct 19th, 3:00 p.m., Joe Davidson Park. Scan the barcode on the Information Wall in the foyer to RSVP or get directions.

Frontline Youth: Saturday, Oct 26th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Cook-out & Bonfire. Scan the QR code on the Information Wall to RSVP. Questions? See Angie & Steve Manuel with questions.

Family Focus Sunday/Fall Festival: SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, Nov 3rd, will be our quarterly Family Focus worship service where our children will be in the sanctuary to worship together with family. Biblically themed packets will be available for Catalysts Kids aged children. Nursery will also be provided. Hot dog lunch immediately following service. Fall Festival will begin at 1:00 p.m. with inflatables, popcorn, yard games, and lots of fun!! Scan the QR code on the Information Wall to volunteer for this event.

Burlington Christmas Parade: SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, Nov 23rd, Harvest Hills is a parade sponsor and will have a float in the parade. All church families invited to participate. More details coming soon.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-Service Prayer
Each Sunday, 10:00 AM, Church Library

War Room Prayer Service
Each Sunday, 6:00-7:00 P.M., Church Sanctuary

Eating Together

continued from last week...

Christians have always enjoyed sharing a meal because of the rich biblical symbolism; because it is a tangible expression of service, love, and unity; and because of the opportunity it affords for true fellowship and genuine community. Practically, sharing a meal nourishes our need to know and be known because it facilitates face-to-face conversation.

In our digitally connected world, we share a tremendous amount of information through texts, e-mails, and tweets; however, because a significant amount of communication is nonverbal, precious little communication actually occurs digitally. Seeing someone's facial expression, hearing the tone of his voice, and looking into his eyes are all vital elements of real communication. Ideally, sharing a meal would put us face-to-face with real people. But I am sure you have witnessed this scene: people out together at a restaurant, sitting at the same table, interacting not with each other but with their phones. Technology can become dehumanizing. It is therefore vital that we emphasize the importance of living in personal relationships within the church.

Tragically, in our modern, Western culture, authentic communication and real relationships are in decline. Sadly, nuclear families rarely eat together today; how much less do we invite others to our homes? In a world where we are growing more divided and isolated, one of the tangible, compelling, and attractive distinctives of the church will be our authentic relationships and loving community. Christians will be people who actually talk to one another face-to-face. Sharing a meal will be an "otherworldly" experience to our otherwise fractured, depersonalized, and hyper individualized world, and therefore a tremendous witness to the reality of Christ's kingdom. We have to invite our friends and neighbors to come out into the light of unfiltered relationship both with God and with others. Without such relationships, human flourishing is impossible.

-Rev David Camera
Pastor, River Oaks Church
Lake Mary, FL

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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Not Receiving Church Emails? Contact Andy Carter or Teresa Elkins to be added to the list.

Choir Rehearsal: For Christmas Program - Oct 13th, Oct 27th, Nov 10th - 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Choir Room - for more details see Cheryl Turner

Harvest Hills Church App: Have you downloaded the new HHC app to your phone yet? Simply visit your app store and download the Church Center app and select Harvest Hills as your home church. This will give you access to information about upcoming events, the church calendar, a link to the church bulletin and more. See Andy Carter if you need assistance or have questions.

e-Prayer: If you would like to be a part of the e-Prayer team and receive prayer request & praise report notifications, please contact Dale Lowe. She will add your name to the list. 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.

Inclement Weather: All closings and/or cancellations will be posted on WFMY TV, Channel 2.



"When I was a kid I would go up to someone's porch, ring the doorbell, and run like the dickens. I still do it, except now our church calls it 'outreach training.'"



"Prayer is no longer allowed in churches because it discriminates against non-believers."