

THE GRAPEVINE



Our Purpose
"To lead people into friendship with Jesus Christ,
develop them to Christ-like maturity
and empower them for meaningful ministry
in their home, church and society."

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Pastor's Desk March 2008

John 11:20-27 "When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday we must consider once again the truth, the power, and our personal response to the event that changed history. As you read the scripture above you might remember that this is the same scripture that I used in last month's Pastor's Desk, I have added verses 20-24.

You will recall Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus died a few days earlier and Jesus has just arrived in town. Martha trusts Jesus and loves

him. He asks her this huge question, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She answers Jesus, "Yes, I believe!"

Martha and Mary... the famous ladies that all women have been compared with over the years, "are you like Mary or Martha?" In an earlier meeting with Jesus, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and was honored because she listened to Jesus. Martha was criticized for her business with cooking because she missed out on Jesus' teaching. In the text above, Mary misses out on this very important word from Jesus on resurrection. She stayed at home.

Mary was very sad that her brother had died and stayed home. Although she was equally sad about her brother's death, something moved Martha to go meet Jesus. By going she heard Jesus' biggest claim, "I am the resurrection and the life." Who would have wanted to miss such an awesome conversation with Jesus and not hear this powerful word of truth?

Mary stayed at home. Have you ever stayed at home and missed something big? These two different actions show us how our personal response is crucial. We can miss out on huge events by staying home. When we stay home we sometimes miss out on fun or a good time, but even more costly we may miss out on the Lord's presence and his word of power, joy, and hope. Mary missed out because she stayed home.

I encourage you to not stay at home and miss out on any of our special times of worship and fellowship throughout this season of resurrection. What is your personal response to Jesus' resurrection this Easter season?

Easter blessings, Pastor David Votaw

Upcoming Messages:

March 2, 2008

Following a Great Jesus
Chris Martin, Youth & Outreach Director
Preaching

March 9, 2008

Following a Great Jesus: Amazing Teaching

Matthew 7: 24-29

Christ here shows that it will not be enough to own him for our Master, only in word and tongue. It is necessary to our happiness that we believe in Christ, that we repent of sin, that we live a holy life, that we love one another.

March 16, 2008

Following a Great Jesus: Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Called "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion," the palm branch was a symbol of triumph and of victory, in Jewish tradition. Because of this, the scene of the crowd greeting Jesus by waving palms and carpeting his path with them has given the Christian festival its name. It also shows the freedom wanted by the Jews, and their desperation to have political freedom.

March 23, 2008

Following a Great Jesus: Resurrection Sunday

Matthew 28: 1-10

Within the body of Christian beliefs, the **death and resurrection of Jesus** are two core events on which much of Christian doctrine and theology depend. According to The New Testament, Jesus, the central figure of Christianity, was crucified, died, buried within a tomb, and resurrected three days later.

March 30, 2008

Following a Great Jesus: Centurion's Faith

Matthew 8: 5-13

Jesus was asked by an official to heal a person important to them, and although Jesus is somewhat annoyed at being constantly asked to perform miracles, rather than being asked for teachings, he says that the person would be healed, and the official returned home to find that this has happened.



ABOUT HARVEST!



Harvest Community Church (Presbyterian USA) offers contemporary family services to lead you into a friendship, and a closer walk with Jesus Christ, help develop you into Christ-like maturity, and empower you for meaningful ministry in your home, church, and society. Whether you're a new believer, a mature Christian, or a seeker of Truth, you will find Harvest is a loving place for you and your family. Our church services are all about life. Each Sunday's message is designed to provide Biblical guidance to help you live your best life. We do not care where you've been. We care more about which direction you are going! Harvest is here for you. Harvest offers practical teaching, great contemporary music, casual dress and a relaxed atmosphere. Our worship is done in a style that is empowering, fun, encouraging, and God-centered. If you're looking for an unchanging message in these changing times, look no further than Harvest Church. We invite you to make this "your" church. Come and experience a Sunday morning at Harvest, 9:30AM. Childcare is provided. Enjoy!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 10	147
February 12	30 (Spiritual Gifts)
February 17	114
February 19	35 (Spiritual Gifts)
February 24	157

EASTER EVENTS

Passion Week Begins March 16th

Palm Sunday

March 16: Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday will have some special additions of music, celebration, and communion. With the message, "Following a Great Jesus: Resurrection Sunday," Harvest will commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross.

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March 19: Brown-Baggers Hymn Sing

The Brown-Baggers Group, which meet every Wednesday at 12 Noon, invite you to celebrate Passion Week with a special Hymn Sing focusing on the cross and Holy Week. Bring your own brown-bag lunch and be prepared to sing to the Lord!

March 20: Maundy Thursday

At this 7PM candlelight service, Harvest will observe communion to celebrate Jesus' final meal together with the men who had followed him for so long before his execution.



March 21: Good Friday

The Madera Ministerial Association will observe Good Friday with it's Annual Cross Walk in which Jesus' cross is carried through downtown Madera to the Courthouse Park at 12 Noon, with a time of gathering and prayer. Harvest will symbolize Good Friday with the installation of a bare wooden cross at the corner of Schnoor & Sunset. On this day, we commemorate Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, suffering, death, and burial.

March 22: The Cross & Easter "Eggstravaganza"

This Saturday morning acknowledges the solemn time of Good Friday is not without it's own joy. Members are encourages to add "greens" to the Resurrection Cross, to symbolize the coming of the resurrection against the darkness of Good Friday.

In the afternoon, the annual Easter "Eggstravaganza" takes place on Harvest grounds, 1PM-3PM. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to this community outreach event. The event is geared towards toddlers through the 6th grade. There will be games, prizes, music, refreshments, and those famous Easter Eggs filled with candy.



March 23: Victory Cross & Easter Sunday

Begin celebrating Easter by placing flowers on the

Resurrection Cross. Expressing the renewal of life and the hope of eternal life, we place the flowers on the cross with the promise of new life and place the hope of the Resurrection against the background of death and endings.

Easter Sunday services are the ultimate celebration! Come hear the message, *"Following a Great Jesus: Resurrection Sunday,"* at 9:30AM. A special Easter Coffee hour will be served. Resurrection Sunday marks the central focal point of the Christian Church in that we have witnessed the victory of God over sin, and Jesus as the Messiah.

HARVEST FELLOWSHIP

Harvest Clean-up Days

Company's comin' and it's time for some Spring Cleaning! Come and help clean "God's House & Grounds" on March 15th at 9AM, to prepare for Harvest's Easter Events, which attracts hundreds of people each year. Terry Hanson is coordinating this event. There are many needs: Grounds clean-up, trimming, raking, picking up, window-washing, planting, and interior needs. Contact the church office at 674-4001, if you would like to sign up!

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Don't look now, but the Easter bunny is coming! Harvest has been selected for a visit on March 22nd, for the Treat "Eggstravaganza" Easter Celebration. This annual event is an outreach to the community of Madera to invite children to learn about Easter and it's meaning, fun, games, singing, and most importantly, the Easter Egg Hunt.



To prepare, we need candy, candy, candy! We are asking each family to donate two bags of candy for the Hunt. Please drop off your donations of wrapped candy (no chocolate please) at the church office. If you would like to make homemade cookies, we will same them for our Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday. Designated cash donations for candy are also being sought, and cookies and refreshments are needed. Volunteers are sought for registration, games, entertainment, refreshments, and supervising the hunt. If you can help, contact Chris Martin at 674-4001.

HARVEST EASTER LILLIES

Celebrate Spring and Resurrection Sunday by ordering flowering plants to be planted on the grounds for permanent beautification, following Easter. Pre-order by March 16 (Palm Sunday) and our Easter Sunday



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Worship center will be filled with flowers. It is anticipated that plant costs will be in the \$10-\$15 range. Any contributions to this project in the memory or in honor of someone special to you would be appreciated. For more information, contact the church office at 674-4001.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Save the date! Mark your calendars! This year's All-Church Retreat is set for September 12-14, 2008 at Calvin Crest Conferences. A planning group is forming. If you are interested in being part of the Retreat Team, call the church office at 674-4001.



HARVEST WOMEN WOMEN'S OASIS OF REST

You are invited next Saturday, March 9th, 9AM-11AM to our next Oasis Meeting. Come join us and learn about "Sandpaper People," and hear a short devotion on "This Season of Len." We will have delicious quiche and fresh fruit for breakfast, with lots of time to talk and laugh with one another.



March 8: "Sandpaper People" (Handling People Who Rub You the Wrong Way)

There will be a sign-up sheet after Sunday worship so we are sure to have enough food and materials for all, so please sign up! See you there!

FASHION SHOW TEA

Everyone is invited to model at the Second Hand Rose Fashion Show & Tea to be held Saturday, April 12th, 9AM-11AM. We will have lots of women modeling outfits they purchased from Thrift and consignment stores. Start shopping now for something to wear. We are looking for elegant, fun, practical, classy, silly, formal...anything goes! Your choice...so start shopping!!

Retouch—A Weekend Away for Women CALVIN CREST WOMEN'S RETREAT 2008

Come. Rest. Take a look at the truth set in the scriptures

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and listen to the Spirit's voice through a friend, a speaker, or quiet times alone in the great Sierras—which will bring you back to that place you have set aside for grace, security and peace.

Come and be retouched by the finger of the Creator April 25-27, 2008, at Calvin Crest Conferences! This year's speaker is Chris Welch, who always brings a challenging, transforming message of the grace and power of Jesus' love. A mother, pastor's wife, and former jr. high teacher, Chris brings a wealth of humorous everyday experiences to illustrate her insightful Biblical teaching.

So reserve April 25-27, 2008 today. For more information, contact Calvin Crest at 683-4450, or www.calvincrest.com.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Four local churches are participating in this year's Madera Parks Church League Basketball: Fourth St. Church of God, Harvest, YMI, and Grace Community.

Remaining games on the schedule are March 6 @ 6:30PM vs. YMI; March 13 @ 6:30PM vs. Grace; March 20 @ 6:30PM vs. Fourth St.; March 27: Playoffs @ 6:15PM.

Games are on Thursday nights in the Millview sports Gymnasium at 1901 Clinton. For more info, contact Dave Dougherty 673-7777.

MEN'S SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Men's Spring Softball League team registration is due by March 21st at the Madera City Parks office. A mandatory manager's meeting is April 3rd, 6PM, at the



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Frank Bergon Center. We are looking for a sponsor who will assist with the league fee of \$393.00. It is anticipated that games will be played on Mondays and Thursdays, starting the week of April 7th. If you are interested in coaching and/or signing up, contact the church office at 674-4001.

MEN OF INTEGRITY RETREAT **April 4-6, 2008**



The 7th Annual Madera Men of Integrity Retreat will be coming to Camp Sugar Pine, April 4-6, 2008. This event is a must for every man, young and old alike!

This year's featured speaker is Dr. Jim Cecy, Senior Pastor/Teacher of Campus Bible Church in Fresno. Saturday night features the band, 'Servant's Heart Band.'

Located only 10 miles north of Oakhurst, Camp Sugar Pine boasts a magnificent mountain setting, with cabins, RV parking, and activities galore. For more information, contact Oscar Olguin at 661-2060, or maderamenofintegrity.com.

PROMISE KEEPERS 2008

Promise Keepers (PK), the international ministry to men, will hold its high energy men's conference in seven cities in 2008, including Fresno, marking 18 years of life-transforming events in sports arenas across the United States. The theme for the gatherings is "Manhood '08: Let the Truth Be Told," and is set for June 27-28, 2008. The program runs Friday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"**The concept of manhood** itself is under assault in our culture," said Dr. Tom Fortson, president and CEO of Promise Keepers. "Fewer and fewer children are being raised under the influence of their fathers, and without a constructive masculine role model. Sexuality is totally distorted. We need help with our identity and priorities, and Promise Keepers events help men address these issues like no other experience."

EQUIPPING MEN FOR BATTLE

From the opening downbeat of the drums, to the closing "Amen," the 2008 Promise Keepers conference is designed to speak directly to the minds and hearts of men. In the strongest possible terms, the sessions will

outline the spiritual, moral and intellectual territory that must be claimed if men are to fulfill their potential and destiny. The sessions are framed as "battle-planning:" "The Battle for Eternity," "The Battle for Absolutes," "The Battle for Growth," "The Battle for Sexual Freedom," "The Battle for Priorities," and "The Battle for Influence."

If you are interested in attending this year's PK, contact the church office at 674-4001.

HARVEST YOUTH *Insight on Youth Ministry by Chris Martin*

Snow-go 2008 was met with excitement and anticipation. On Friday night we met at the church with bags packed ready for a fun, inspirational weekend to remember. During this amazing weekend had a chance to participate in some awesome worship. We were admiring God's beautiful creation as we worship the Creator of the universe. Just to watch the youth let go and sing to God, with hands lifted high, shouting at the top of their lungs. It was such a sweet sound. On top of the worship the speaker challenged us to look at church words that we read or hear. These words that he looked at were: SIN and sins, Justification and regeneration. Throughout the entire weekend the big idea was God loves you and wants you to be his.

We did have some time to place in the snow. We built a snowman over 6ft tall. What a job that was. We had a chance to have several snow ball fights. All and all, it was an awesome weekend. Thanks to my parents for transportation.

Don't forget that Acquire the Fire is around the corner. This year it is coming to Selland Arena in Fresno. There are some phenomenal speakers such as: Ron Luce, Phil Joel and Joel Johnson. And you cannot forget about the bands like: Stellar Kart, Rojo and Michael Gunger.

This year's theme is "LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD." This focuses on making your mark in eternity. Last year they challenges us to make decisions to lay everything down for and be Branded by God and God alone. This upcoming tour will challenge us to go further by walking out the initial decision to be consecrated by God. Letting your voice be



heard will pinpoint how you can take ownership and realize your strength in God; teaching you how to make change happen through your words, and action.

If you have ever been there also this amazing drama that sets the stage for the entire weekend. This year's drama is "BEMA." Here is a little glance into what it tells. Your life flashes before your eyes, everything you've ever thought, every action you've ever taken, every emotion you've ever felt now stares back at you in the face. No longer are you living life, but literally watching it happen. Follow six people through their daily lives in high school and walk with them on their journey as you discover what truly rests in the hearts and minds of each character. Each of them will take a step back and observe what their life has accomplished and what they really lived for. What will they see? What will you see? Come and find out at this year's ATF.

COLLEGE GROUP

Harvest's College Group meets on Sundays evenings at 8:15PM at Starbucks on Howard Road. We are in a series called "Tough Questions." The book we are studying is called "How does anyone know God Exists?" We are discussing the questions: Does God exist in the world in the present time we are living in spite of everything that is happening in the world?



WEDNESDAY ALL-YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

NIGHT! We meet at Café Coffee at 7PM. We have started a new series, "Faith Hall of Fame," based on Hebrew Chap. 11.

HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Children's Ministries

HARVEST "SONSHINE KIDS" SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday school is offered for all ages during the 9:30AM worship service. **Nursery News:** For those with young ones, don't forget we have a staffed Nursery every Sunday from 9:30AM until church service is over. Our staff is CPR certified and we are equipped with pagers. Stop by and meet our staff!



Mid-Week Children's Program:

ALL-STARS FOR JESUS



Our All-Stars program has been averaging 18-20 kids this season, and we need your help! Snack-helpers are needed to supply cookies and treats for these hungry hordes. Please deliver your snacks to the church office prior to the Wednesday program and designate them for "All-Stars."

YOUTH CONNECTION WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY: Youth Bible Study for Junior & Senior High meet in the Youth Hut every Sunday morning during the 9:30AM worship service. Youth meet in the Worship Center for the start of worship, then leave for Bible study at the conclusion of Children's Time.

SUNDAY: "Leadership for the Next Generation," meets on Sundays at 7PM, at Round Table on Howard. We are studying "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership." This is a lifelong journey for those who are called to lead, for those who want to lead and for those who already do lead. If you want to lead your generation and not follow, then this is for YOU!

MONDAY: Wake up! On Monday mornings we meet for fellowship at Café Coffee at 10AM and 7PM. Come and get some caffeine and 'hang' with others to get you through the day and week ahead of you.

TUESDAY: Jr. High meets 7PM at various members' homes.

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Geared towards PreK-K through 6th grade, children are invited to learn through Bible stories, worship, and play. ASFJ meet each Wednesday night 6PM-7:30PM. Volunteers are always needed. To help, please contact the church office at 674-4001.

And don't forget parents that there is a Small Group that meets at Conner Hall, that meets at the same time as All-Stars, beginning at 6pm. Studying "The Purpose-Driven Life," Bob Carlson leads this lively discussion and insightful study.

HARVEST MISSIONS & OUTREACH

"HELP IS ON THE WAY"

BOSNIA MISSION UPDATE by Jane Wiebe

We do not need to look or listen too far to find hurt, pain, desperation, and total despair which surrounds us—I ceased long ago (actually at the beginning of this mission) wringing my hands and worrying about the state of our world. Instead, with your encouragement and support, we are doing something about "it."

This entire movement started almost 15 years ago with one small random act of kindness, and that was taking a meal to five wounded Bosnian men here in Madera. I have never stopped being moved by that. Many of you who know me and are with me on a regular basis know my deep desire to encourage all of us to do random acts of kindness. They indeed can change your world and the world of another and then on to incredible journeys such as "Help is On the Way (HOW)."

Each time you send a support to HOW, you are doing an act of kindness. Because I care, I encourage you to find daily ways to ease the strain of another by doing a kind gesture. They do not need to be grand or magnificent. In fact, it is the small things that make the biggest difference.

For example, I was in line at the library yesterday behind a very shoddy older man. The librarian said he could not check out the books he had because he had a 50-cent fine. He did not have the 50 cents. Very quietly I just reached over and placed the 50 cents on the counter. So nothing...so nothing. The man turned to me and, I kid you not, he got teary. He asked me why I would do that. I told him "Random acts of kindness, friend." He said, "God bless you." He seemed seriously to leave with a lift in his spirit. The librarian also made a comment and said he wished more people would do those kinds of things.

Now the point: Yes, it was so very small but it made ALL THREE of us feel a little better about the day. To be honest, I love doing things like this...it makes me feel great. Selfish? I think so. It is just fun though to go about the day looking for random acts of kindness. They most often don't involve money—but they pay off in incredible joy each time we do them.

I plan to go to Bosnia again this summer. There is much to be done in our continuing efforts there, and I will continue to serve with you as long as God calls. I stay connected with the Bosnian front via email and we send monthly support via Moneygram. Another project is getting a roof on a

village home. With funds collected, materials are bought a bit at a time.

So many of you have supported this ministry. "Blessed is he who is kind to the needy." Proverbs 14:21. *If you would like to contribute to HOW, contact Jane Wiebe at 674-7719 or at wiebster@comcast.net.*

SWEETHEART BANQUET SUCCESS

Last month's Sweetheart Dinner brought raves of laughter, fun, and deliciously good food to all who attended. Approximately 100 Harvest friends and family came to the



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annual dinner fundraiser to support this year's mission to Mexico.

Social hour started off with tasty appetizers while guests took in all the prizes and pies available for bidding, as well as raffle prizes and grand prize, a homemade quilt. Ray Paolucci provided ambiance with his accordion music. Raffle prizes included sponsors from The Word, Serenity Day Spa, Sweet Indulgence, Treasure Chest, and Curves. The big winner of the quilt was Gabe Gil. Congratulations!

The dinner was grilled chicken, San Jose corn, rice pilaf, salad, and apple/cherry cobbler. Yum! Youth and mission participants helped prepare and serve the meal.

Entertainment was the ever-popular "Newlywed Game," with selected couples Gabe & Annie Gil, Bud & Pam Sanders, Diane & Rob Fischer, and Don & Florence McCarter. Each couple were quizzed on things such as their favorite meals and TV shows, to where their first date was, and favorite restaurant. The McCarters were this year's winners!

The highlight of the evening were all the pies that were showcased for bidding. Mixed berry, coconut cream Kailua cream cheesecake, and praline peach pies, to name a few. And they all flew off with cheers by the winning bidders.

A big thank-you goes to Bob & Bonnie Carlson, who organized the fundraiser for the 2008 Mexico Mission trip in June. If you would like to help with this mission project, please contact Bob Carlson at 661-2007.

SUITCASES FOR KIDS!



Let's not forget the need that Foster kids bear when moving. A hard or soft suitcase or even large duffel bag can make a difference. We will be happy to receive them anytime. Contact Helen Lewis 674-7108, or Yvonne Millhollon, 674-7243.

HARVEST ADMINISTRATION NEWS MEET A DEACON: MARGE PIA

This month we would like to introduce to you Marjory (Marge) Pia, who has just been elected to serve as a Deacon here at Harvest:

"Hello, I'm Marjory (Marge) Pia. I grew up in Merced, CA, where I attended Sunday School at First Presbyterian Church. My family's camping and hiking experience in Yosemite led me to love the outdoors.



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I finished school, married, and then moved to Madera in 1987. Our two sons, Matt and Gian ("John" in Italian), grew up attending Sunday School here when Harvest was First Presbyterian.

Matt was eventually married at Harvest and now lives in Madera Ranchos where he and Tanya are raising four kids (and 5 dogs!). Gian lives in San Diego which provides me with great travel opportunities.

Retired from teaching, I now enjoy gardening, traveling, bird-watching, and hiking in the Sierras."

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE by Terry Hansen

- We have received tentative approval for the idea of getting a second power meter, to be located at the scout hut.
- T-Mobile has agreed to some needed changes to their new cell installation to make it less obtrusive
- We should have the new alarm cabling complete in the next few weeks, allowing us to remove some of the unsightly exterior cables
- We have plenty of projects that need attention for anyone wishing to volunteer their labor.
- We have hot water again in the office

HARVEST PRAYER

FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER by Sue Overstreet

We meet the first Saturday each month at 8:00AM in Connor Hall. It is such a blessing to spend time with others in prayer. For the coming year, make a New Year resolution that you come **AT LEAST** once in 2008.



If you simply cannot come on Saturday morning once a month, but would like to join us in prayer, please send me

your e-mail address, and I would be happy to send you a copy of our prayer needs for the month. If you don't have a computer and still would like to pray, let us know, and we will see that you get a copy. My e-mail address is: sueoverstreet@sbcglobal.net.

PRAYER CHAIN

If meetings are not for you, sign up for our Prayer Chain and we'll email you specific personal prayer requests and praises. There are no "hidden strings" attached with joining the Prayer Chain. Just an agreement to pray regarding the request as you get them.



If you have a prayer request, **please call Loretta Gustafson at 674-7234 or the church office at 674-4001**. Our prayer team retrieves the prayers several times a day and will be praying for your requests immediately.

HARVEST SPIRITUAL GROWTH CONNECTION

How do you connect with others and learn about Christian living in today's times?

By joining a Small Group! Harvest has multiple opportunities for you to learn about God and applying Biblical truths in your life. A Small Group is a place for you to get connected as well as be supported in times of crisis, change, and stress. Participating in a group will help you on your journey of growing closer to God and becoming part of the Harvest family.



THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS by Sharon Overgaard

Come join us after church on Sunday mornings in Conner Hall for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. We are studying 2 Corinthians. Everyone is welcome! We start the class with fellowship, then we have Bible study. Upon completion of our study we take prayer requests and close with prayer. For more information, contact Sharon Overgaard 243-0414

HARVEST HOME GROUPS SMALL GROUPS

Want to get together to meet, learn from one another and socialize together? Now is your opportunity to meet and speak with people in settings where you can be yourself. Join an adult small group and find out what makes your neighbor think and act the way they do! Call Sheila Chandler, Home Group Coordinator, 675-3521 for more information.



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SUNDAY Meets Sundays after worship service. Sharon Overgaard, 243-0414; Connor Hall/HCC. All are welcome/possible childcare available; Studying II Corinthians.

MONDAY 6PM Dinner; Bible Study 7PM—Mixed group; Eldon & Mo Graham, 25380 Ave. 19, Madera, 675-9988.

TUESDAY Study 7PM; Women's Group; Sheila Chandler, 675-3521; 1900 Riverview Dr., Madera.

TUESDAY Study 6:30-8:30PM; Men's Group/Dinner; Curtis Chandler, 675-3521; Harvest Church.

WEDNESDAY Brown Baggers; Noon at HCC's Conner Hall. Studying Revelations presented by Pastor Votaw. Periodic social trips planned.

Bring your own sack lunch.

WEDNESDAY Study 6PM; Mixed Group. Studying "The Purpose-Driven Life." Bob Carlson, 661-2007, 871-0903 cell; Conner Hall.

WEDNESDAY Study 7PM, Mixed Group/all ages; Sue Overstreet, location rotates, 673-7420.

THURSDAY Study 7:00PM, Mixed Group; Charlotte Hobbs, 661-0317, Location rotates.

FRIDAY Study & Breakfast 6:15AM; Men's Group at Chubby's (behind IHOP); Bob Lewis 674-7108.

GETTING TO KNOW HARVEST: GUESS WHO?

My name is _____. Can you guess me?

Four things you may not know about me...

A) Four jobs I have had in my life:

1. Hostess at Holiday Inn
2. Insurance Secretary
3. Cost Accountant
4. Medical Transcriber

B) Four movies I would watch over and over:

1. Overboard
2. Swiss Family Robinson
3. Great Escape
4. Dark Territory

C) Four places I have lived:

1. LaHabra
2. Fresno
3. Menlo Park
4. Treehouse

D) Four TV Shows that I watch:

1. C.S.I
2. Bones
3. Walker
4. Matlock

E) Four places I have been:

1. Pastors House
2. Pompeii
3. Encinada
4. Seoul

F) People who e-mail me (regularly):

1. Colleen
2. Relay for Life
3. Prayer Chain
4. Flowers.com

G) Four favorite Foods:

1. Tomato soup/cheese
2. Baked potato fully loaded
3. Watermelon
4. Avocado

H) Four places I would rather be right now...

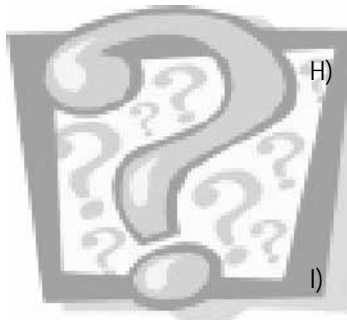
1. Catalina
2. China Town
3. Having a massage at Pebble Beach
4. On a road trip with friends.

I) Four friends I think will respond:

1. Son
2. Mom
3. Daughter
4. Chris

J) Four things I am looking forward to in 2008

1. Vacation in Las Vegas
2. Finishing the Bible
3. Improving my health
4. Making one new friend



Guess who this is? Call the office with your response. The first person to guess the right person will win 2 Movie tickets

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Laurie Evans

2 Sandy Gregory

3 Erin Hudson

4 Wendi Reyna

6 Rodney Hagopian

7 Whitney Tune

9 Steven Graham

10 Tracy Graham

11 Brendan Evans

12 Patrice Hudson

13 Leslie Creamer

13 Donald Lucas

14 Greg Betts

15 Robyn Cosgrove

19 Elayne Say

20 Courtney Norton

28 David Tooley

30 Amy Bolton

30 Julie Nichols



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Let us know! Please contact the church office or put a note on Sunday's Welcome Card.





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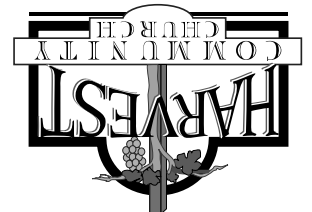
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