



HARVEST TIMES

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The Art of Neighboring

Think about your home and its location for a moment. Picture the eight closest surrounding homes – both sides, across the street, those with whom you share a backyard border. Or if you're like me, the apartments closest to you, perhaps upstairs or downstairs neighbors, those with whom you share a breezeway. Now consider the last time you talked with each of those eight households. If you're like me....it's a difficult exercise. Most of us don't know those individuals or families who live in the closest proximity to us well at all. Perhaps you know their names, maybe you even know a few of their stories, if you're fortunate you may call one or two close friends. What would it look like if we began to recover the lost art of neighboring? What would it mean in our communities if we began to cultivate real and meaningful friendships with those whom we live the closest to? These are just a few of the questions posed in *The Art of Neighboring* by Dave Runyon and Jay Pathak.

Beginning May 22, Harvest Bayshore will spend four weeks examining the idea of neighboring within our home communities and within our church community through a new sermon series. These kinds of questions though aren't limited to one of our Harvest campuses. Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22). Even more the Good Samaritan demonstrates what it is to be a neighbor: the one who shows mercy. And Jesus commands us to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10).

So as we look forward to summer, my challenge to all of Harvest is to go and do likewise. To go and meet our neighbors, to spend time in conversation, to greet those we pass in the grocery store, to find ways to go out of our way to be merciful to those with whom our lives intersect every day. For some great ideas about how to begin to get to know neighbors, throwing block parties, or stories of real life neighbors, check out www.artofneighboring.com (especially the resources and stories pages)! Let's together recover the art of being neighbors and loving neighbors right here in Lakewood Ranch and Bayshore this summer!



Rev. Jennifer Potter Buff
Bayshore Campus Pastor

WORSHIP AT HARVEST

LAKWOOD RANCH CAMPUS

14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch

Thursday 6:48 PM
sixtyeight Worship

Sunday 9 AM
Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:30 AM
Contemporary Worship

Sunday 5 PM
Harvest Youth HY5

BAYSHORE CAMPUS

Worshipping at Lee Middle School
4000 53rd Avenue West, Bradenton

Sunday 10:30 AM

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NEXT MESSAGE SERIES

OUTPOURING

AT LAKEWOOD RANCH Starting May 12 and 15

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon followers of Jesus is not confined to the ancient first day of Pentecost or that first generation of those who believed. Any day, indeed every day, can bring a fresh experience of the transforming power of the Spirit of God in our lives. Dwight L. Moody, a famous evangelist of the nineteenth century, reminds us, "You might as well try to see without eyes, hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as to try to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit." Are you ready to receive afresh?



**THE ART OF
NEIGHBORING**

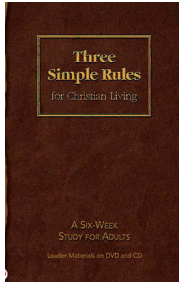
AT BAYSHORE Starting May 22

Jesus is pretty clear that as Christians we are to love our neighbors and our world. But how do we go about neighboring? Could we learn to recover neighboring as an art? Join Harvest Bayshore this month as we together explore what it means to be called to love, to be intentional about our neighbors, and to pay attention to the ways God is at work in the world- beginning right next door.

MORE INFO: welcometoharvest.org/message-series

SUMMER SEED GROUPS

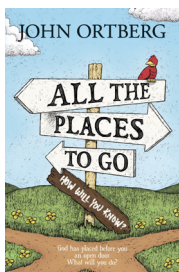
During our Disciple's Heart church-wide Lenten study and message series, did the Holy Spirit inspire you to commit even more to practicing the classic spiritual disciplines? If so, Harvest's Discipleship Team will offer the following small group studies this summer:



***Three Simple Rules – A Wesleyan Way of Living* by Reuben Job**

In *Three Simple Rules*, former United Methodist Bishop Reuben Job offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today's readers. This insightful work calls us to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God with a challenging look at three rules: "Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God." Harvest will soon offer this tiny treasure as a free gift to any new Harvest guest who wants one.

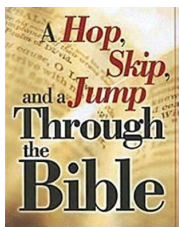
Thursdays from 10 - 11:15 AM | May 5 - June 9 (6 weeks)



***All the Places to Go - How Will You Know?* by John Ortberg**

In *All the Places To Go... How Will You Know?*, bestselling author John Ortberg, with his characteristic wit, opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. So go ahead – walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity.

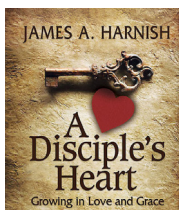
Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM | May 4 - June 15 (7 weeks)



***A Hop, Skip and a Jump Through the Bible* by J. Ellsworth Kalas**

The grand story of the Bible in 13 brief chapters. Writing in his engaging narrative style, Kalas takes readers through the different books of the Bible – from Genesis through Revelation – providing descriptions, reflection, and content, and he shows how there is an overarching plot that binds all of the varied writings of the Bible together.

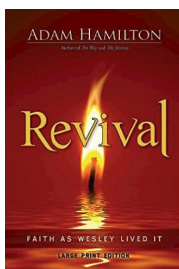
Wednesdays from 6:45 - 7:45 PM | May 4 - August 3 (14 weeks)



***A Disciple's Heart* by Jim Harnish**

If you missed out on *A Disciple's Heart* small group during Lent, have no fear! Here's your chance to experience it.

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45 PM | May 4 - June 15 (7 weeks)



***Revival* by Adam Hamilton**

If you've taken a class using Adam Hamilton's *The Journey* or *The Way*, you know how his DVD sessions seem part travelogue—part history lesson—a lot Bible study. In *Revival*, he once again uses his captivating, storytelling talent to take you on a six-week journey through England tracing the life of John Wesley. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to twenty-first-century Christians, calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. His story is our story. It's our heritage, it defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

Sundays from 10:15 - 11:15 AM | May 8 - June 19 (7 weeks)

More Info/Sign Up:

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HARVEST KIDS

LAKEWOOD RANCH CAMPUS

SAVE THE DATE

May 8 - Family Worship Sunday
Mother's Day

June 5 - Family Worship Sunday
Graduation Sunday

July 4 - 9 - Warren Willis Camp in
Fruitland Park, FL for raising 4th graders
through high school. Please contact us
for more information.

July 25 - 29 - Drama and Music Camp

July 31 - Family Worship Sunday
Youth Sunday

September 11 - Family Worship Sunday
2nd grade Bibles

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24 | 9 AM and 12 PM

This year Harvest will be hosting 300 children for "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School on June 20 - 24 from 9 AM - 12 PM. We are searching for 60 volunteers to gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure! Help ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love. Please register online by going to the Harvest Kids page, welcometoharvest.org/harvestkids. VBS music CDs are on sale at Hospitality Hub 1 for \$10. Please see the bulletin boards at Hospitality Hubs 1 and 2 for a listing of donations/needed supplies.

SUNDAY FUN DAY

Sunday Fun Day meets each Sunday through June 5 from 5 - 7 PM in the East Wing. Children ages 4 - 5th grade will pack their dinner, eat when they arrive, playtime and then fun instructional time to learn about the Bible. In May the children will learn about Joshua, Deborah, Gideon, Ruth, and David.



HARVEST KIDS SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Wood, 4th grader at Freedom Elementary loves math and being a part of Girl Scouts. But what Hannah really loves is being a part of Harvest. She runs around the Church with her sister Haven in tow and wherever she wanders, Hannah sees someone she knows, because Harvest feels like family. Hannah is especially fond of Easter at Harvest. "I like the Easter Egg Hunt, because I have to look for stickers that say "Jesus Lives". It reminds me that Jesus died for us and rose again. All because he loves us." This year Easter was especially meaningful to Hannah, because Pastor Steve and Catherine, who baptized Hannah as the age of 3, served her communion and Pastor Steve gave her a really big piece of bread.

HARVEST YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

5.7 Miracle League Service Day

The Harvest Youth will be partnering with the Miracle League of Manasota on Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 AM. Youth will serve in a variety of ways to help disabled children in our community play baseball. Find out more and sign up at hyfive.org/serve.

5.11 Menchie's Hangout

Stop by Menchie's on S.R. 70 on Wednesday, May 11 to enjoy some frozen yogurt and some time with your Harvest Youth friends. We will be there from 3-6 PM; come for the whole time or just stop in and grab a cup to go, we'd love to see you there!

5.29 Lock-In

Memorial Day weekend means that summer break is almost here, and for the Harvest Youth that means one thing: lock-in! Join us for fifteen straight hours of overnight fun starting at 5 PM on Sunday, May 29. This is always a ton of fun and something that we look forward to all year.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

As part of worship at both services on June 5 we will celebrate with the members of the Harvest family who are graduating. If you are graduating high school or earning a degree this year please send your name, school, degree (if applicable) and a short summary of your future plans to Brad by May 22. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT DATES

We are excited for a summer full of fun activities! Check out the full calendar at hyfive.org.

May 19: Registration and deposit due for summer mission trips

June 12 - 16: Youth Week

June 27 - 30: Middle School Mission Trip

July 4 - 9: Summer Camp at Warren Willis

July 16 - 23: High School Mission Trip

July 31: Youth Sunday

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SPROUTS UPDATE

As the school year winds down for Sprouts, we are planning our special VPK Graduation ceremony. Graduation takes place on June 7 at 6 PM in the Harvest Center and is sure to be a great night!

Even as we plan for our oldest children to graduate, we are also planning for our new children for next year, and even the following. We are fully enrolled for the 2016-17 school year, though we will maintain a waitlist throughout the year in case anyone has a change of plans. The wait list for the 2017-18 school year will begin on August 10, 2016. We are so blessed that our ministry is able to touch so many children and their families.

Not only is Sprouts blessed with great families, we have the very best group of teachers around! Sprouts is hiring lead, assistant, and substitute teachers for the 2016-17 school year. Those that are interested in joining the team of Sprouts teachers, or finding out about qualifications, please contact Sprouts director, Callie MacLeod. Sprouts license is #C23MA0136.

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GIRLFRIENDS GATHERING

SPECIAL THANKS

THANK YOU to all who participated in Girlfriends Gathering events since last July. We have enjoyed meeting each of you and hope you made some new girlfriends along the way. Girlfriends Gathering will not have planned activities during the summer.

All the women who participated in yoga would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to Caryn Patterson who taught yoga classes twice a month, September through April. What a relaxing treat for those who attended.

If you are interested in planning or hosting an event in the fall, please contact Debbie Lewis or Karen Hoskinson.

Debbie Lewis | debbie@stonelewisfamily.com | 941.727.5142
Karen Hoskinson | karenhoskinson@verizon.net | 941.756.4737

GATHERING FOR LUNCH

Thursday, May 5 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a relaxed, charming lunch to soothe the soul and unwind. University Park Café is located at 7671 The Park Blvd, University Park, FL 34201.

Please RSVP online by May 5.

GATHERING TO READ

Third Monday of each month

5.16 selection is *The Good Girl* by Mary Kubica

11 AM Book Club | W206 (Includes a salad lunch)

Contact: Carolyn Eliason | 941.755.0525

7 PM Book Club | Home of Nancy Reed

(11210 Rivers Bluff Circle, Bradenton)

Contact: Nancy Reed | 941.752.7434

Please RSVP online.

RSVP:

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HARVESTERS

On Friday, May 13, the Harvesters will have the privilege of spending time with sculptor and public artist Malcolm Robertson. Malcolm and his wife, Kathryn, are residents of Scotland but spend a few months each year in Sarasota. When in the States, they are part of the Harvest Lakewood Ranch congregation where they sing in the choir. Malcolm has several outdoor sculptures on display in the Sarasota area.

On May 13, Harvesters will meet at 9:15 AM in the Memorial Garden of Harvest's Lakewood Ranch campus where we will view Malcolm's sculpture entitled "Resurrection". From Harvest, we will then caravan to the Fruitville library to see "Open Book Gateway". Following the presentation at the library the Harvesters will head west to St. Armand's Circle where we will enjoy an early lunch at Cha Cha Coconuts. The cost of lunch will be on your own.

After the time of food and fellowship, the group will continue on to Longboat Key. There we will be able to experience and learn about several more of Malcolm's sculptures. "Wave 2 Me" and "Condo" are located at the entrance of the Longboat Key Club and Resort which will be our third sculpture stop. The day's sculpture tour will end at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts with the viewing of "Waveheart."

There is no registration cost for this day's traveling adventure, however please register online so that we can let the restaurant know how many to expect for lunch. If you have any questions about the traveling tour please feel free to contact Bob and Mary Stark. If you would like to view Malcolm's sculptures, please visit his website at www.malcolmrobertson.com.

More Info/Register:

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SAMOSET FAIR

Thanks to the generous support of the people in Harvest, Samoset Elementary School will have its 4th Annual Scholastic Book Fair from May 31-June 3. Students will get to shop for their very own books – at no charge to them. Samoset Elementary School needs our help to ensure all 600 students have a fabulous Book Fair experience, so please join us for a volunteer servant shift at the school that week. To ask how you can serve, contact Kim Dalglish.

More Info:

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Samoset students with books from the Book Fair in 2014.

STAFF UPDATES

WELCOME REED CONLEY!

Harvest welcomes Reed Conley to our staff team as Director of Worship Arts. Reed succeeds Allison Merriott, who resigned recently because her family is moving back to Kansas City. Reed is a native of Tampa, has worked with his family's woodworking and lumber business since 2002, and has years of experience leading worship. He will be joining us with his wife Jeanette and their three daughters: Annabelle, Violet and Samantha, ages 5, 3, and 1.

CONGRATULATIONS SARAH MITCHELL!

Harvest congratulates Sarah Mitchell on her promotion from Communications Associate to Communications Manager! We're grateful for Sarah and her presence amongst us, and we thank her for offering her gifts and talents to God and this community of faith.

LIFT IN PRAYER

We invite you to lift in prayer the following Harvest families:


Don and Tracey Nickens -Tracey's sister-in-law, Sonya, passed away in April.

Laurie and Dave Ladue - Their sister-in-law passed away in April.

GOD OF MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

MARCH VITAL SIGNS


WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
 2016: 1046
 2015: 734


ONLINE VIEWERS
 2016: 49
 2015: 0



SMALL GROUPS
 2016: 519
 2015: 454


TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 2016: \$44,577
 2015: \$32,931

Numbers reflect weekly averages.

Imagine the future

TOTAL COMMITTED:
\$2,002,296

TOTAL RECEIVED:
\$1,701,177

MONTHS REMAINING:
1.5



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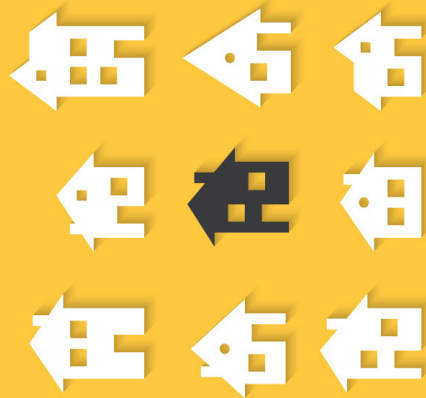
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