



# HARVEST TIMES

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**“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.” – Mother Teresa**

Humans are 60% water. A Japanese scientist, Masaru Emoto, did several experiments with water. He discovered that our emotional energy and vibrations, our positive and negative words, change the very structure of water. Positive words, music, and images result in beautiful crystal structures being formed. Negative words...well you get the picture. To view the photos of the water crystals, google, “Water Crystals – Masaru Emoto.” The crystals formed from positive words, songs, images, and prayers are beautiful and intricate! “Thank you” forms beautiful crystals, while “You fool” and “evil” are devastating.

If we are a majority water in composition, imagine what negative words – from our self, from others – do to ourselves and to others. Science seems to suggest that our words, what we cast out into the universe...really do matter.

“Pleasant words are flowing honey, sweet to the taste and healing to the bones” (Proverbs 16:24). If love is the fruit of the spirit, then this is how you can spot love: joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control in both our words and our actions.

As summer approaches and we celebrate milestones (graduations, the end of the school year), families (in whatever shape or size they come in), and the birth of our country, may our words be intentionally kind. Even in the midst of disappointment, hurt, loss, frustrations, expectations not lived up to, may we work diligently to notice the good, the image of God in others, and use our words to affirm what we see. May we be a force of good, of restoration in the world. May your words and my words form good, beautiful crystals in the lives of others.

I look forward to crossing paths with you so that we may exchange meaningful and positive words with one another. See you in worship on Sunday!

*Katie*

Pastor Katie



## WORSHIP AT HARVEST

### LAKWOOD RANCH CAMPUS

14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch

**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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## Rising 6th Grade Sunday School Class

We are so excited about our current 5th graders who will be 6th graders in the fall! On Sunday, May 14, we will start a 9 a.m. Sunday School class especially for them.

During this time we will discover and discuss the five core values of HY5: Believe, Belong, Live, Love, and Grow. This class will end on Sunday, June 18.



## Save The Date

Here are some dates to put on your calendar now . Don't miss these events!

**June 4–8** Youth Week

**June 26–29** Middle School Mission Trip

**July 10–15** Warren Willis Summer Camp

**July 22–29** High School Mission Trip

**August 6** Youth Sunday

**Visit [hyfive.org](http://hyfive.org) for more info.**

## Summer Camp

Registration for Summer Camp is still open!

Students who are currently in 3rd–12th grade are invited to join us at Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, Florida, on July 10–15. Find out more information and register online at [warrenwilliscamp.org/register](http://warrenwilliscamp.org/register). Space fills up quickly, so we encourage you to register early!



# HARVEST KIDS

LAKEWOOD RANCH



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12-16, 9 AM to 12 PM

[welcometoharvest.org/events](http://welcometoharvest.org/events)

This Summer come learn, create, play, sing and dance at the Maker Fun Factory!

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Join us for Maker Fun Factory! Register your kids today, sign up to volunteer as a leader or helper, or donate to help support VBS.

[vbspro.events/p/events/2810d6](http://vbspro.events/p/events/2810d6)

**VOLUNTEER FOR VBS!**

**Mandatory Volunteer TRAINING**  
May 7 @ 11:45 AM



## SPROUTS Creature Feature SUMMER CAMP

**June 5-9 // Ancient Giants** Who doesn't find dinosaurs cool and intriguing?

**June 19-23 // Who's Swimming By Me?** We will listen to waves and learn about ocean animals - big ones like whales and small ones like sea horses. There will be lots of water play and crafts too!

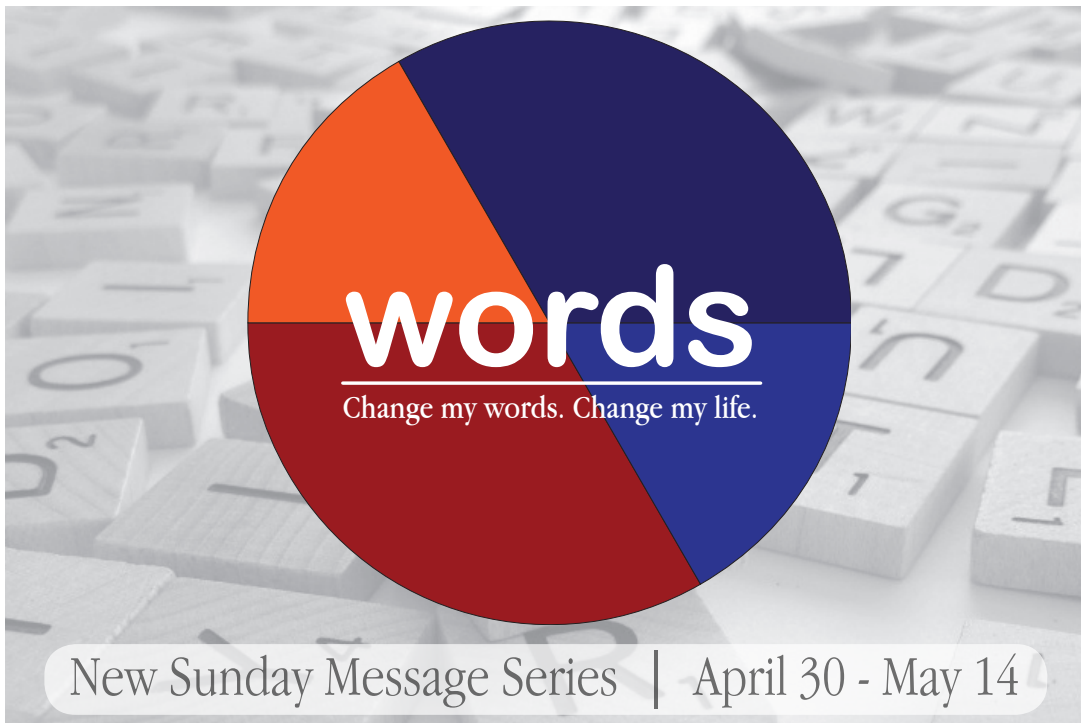
**June 26-30 // Animals Around the World** Travel with us to 5 different continents where we will find the interesting and lovable animals, like penguins, pandas and chameleons.

**July 10-14 // Nocturnal Buddies** Come learn what's going on while we sleep. We will play with worms in the dirt, hoot like an owl, and make frogs on a log for a snack!

**Camp hours:** Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a packed lunch! Children may attend camp for any or all sessions. Space is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To attend camp, children should be between the ages of 3 and 6 by September 1, 2017.

**Camp Fees:** \$30 non-refundable registration fee per family, \$125 per session

Sign up at *Hospitality Hub 1!*



New Sunday Message Series | April 30 - May 14

The first paragraph of the bible tells us that God creates not by hands, but by words. We soon discover that words create worlds. Words have an extraordinary capability to build up, and also to do harm. We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings, April 30 through May 14, to explore how God is calling us to change our words – so that we might change our lives.

4/30 – In the Beginning was the Word (John 1:1-5, 14)

5/7 – Building Up and Tearing Down (Ephesians 4:29)

5/14 – Family Words (James 3:9-11)

# HARVESTERS



## Harvesters will Visit the Henry B. Plant Museum in May

Join the Harvesters on Wednesday, May 24, for a guided tour of the Henry B. Plant Museum in Tampa. The museum transports you through educational exhibits and events to the late Victorian period, the beginning of Florida's tourist industry, and the early years of the city of Tampa. The hour-long tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. The cost for the tour is just \$8 per person. To register go to [welcometoharvest.org/events/](http://welcometoharvest.org/events/). If you have any questions, contact Bob or Mary Stark at 231- 824-3294.

## VITAL SIGNS

The people of Harvest are sowing seeds of faith, growing together in Christ

- < We welcomed over 600 friends at our Easter Egg Hunts across 2 campuses
- < The Bayshore Egg Hunt partnered with *Lighthouse of Manasota & Division of Blind Services* to welcome visually & hearing impaired children
- < Holy Week worship welcomed 1650 people across two campuses

People are giving generously! You can see our financial picture at [welcometoharvest.org](http://welcometoharvest.org).  
For a full report of our Missional Vital Signs, go to [tools.flumc.org/yearly.asp](http://tools.flumc.org/yearly.asp).