



Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining us in worship. As you will notice we will observe the Lord's Supper today. This is a joyous time for all believers as we feast at our Lord's Table. You need not be a member at Harvest to participate—we simply ask that you be a professing believer to partake.

We want to be clear as to what we believe happens during the Lord's Supper so that you are adequately informed before the bread and cup are distributed. (By the way, these elements will be distributed to you. You will not need to leave your seat. Please take the bread and cup and wait until all have been served. We will partake together).

So, what happens at the Lord's Table? First, imperfect believers act in obedience to their Lord's command. The Lord's Supper is one of two ceremonies ordained by Jesus for his church, the other being baptism. The Lord's Supper is a visible representation of the gospel and is therefore good news for weary saints—not sinless ones. So we confess known sin and gladly receive the bread and cup.

Second, as we experience the elements, we commemorate Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection which he accomplished for our atonement. The bread and cup are signs of the body and blood of Jesus. As signs they point to the realities of his body and blood; however, the signs are not the same as the things they point to. The bread is bread and not the real body of Jesus. Likewise the cup is juice of the vine and not the blood of the Savior.¹ Led by the Holy Spirit we obediently remember the person and work of Jesus on our behalf.

Third, the body of Christ—the church—engages in true fellowship with God and each other at the Table. Unity is demonstrated by our common dependence

on Christ—we eat from a common loaf and drink the fruit of the vine poured from a common cup. The Table spread before us today is a forerunner of the future Marriage Supper of the Lamb described in Revelation 19.

Fourth, we celebrate. Commemorating Christ and his gospel is ultimately joyous. It is an occasion whereby we offer sacrifices of praise and joyfully look forward to his return to usher in the consummation of his kingdom. We celebrate each time the gospel is heralded. The good news is not simply old news to maturing Christians. In fact, mature believers understand that the gospel is not only the spark that ignites eternal life but is also the fuel that sustains it. Hearing the gospel time and again is great joy! Seeing the gospel in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, likewise, is a source of great joy.

Fifth, as we experience continual reminders of our position in Christ, we align our lives to God's ways. We walk closer with Christ motivated more by love than compulsion. In other words, we grow to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Finally, and perhaps most significant, we cooperate with God in his supernatural work of sanctification. Our obedience in examining ourselves in light of God's holiness, remembering Christ's atonement for our sins, communing with God and one another, celebrating the Gospel, and partaking of the elements is supernaturally used of God to make us more conformed to the image of his Son. In this sense we can say that God, not man, is the primary actor during the Lord's Supper. God the Father, through the Holy Spirit, faithfully assures us of our salvation, security, home in heaven, forgiveness of sins, and all of the benefits that accompany our adopted status as children of God through our union with Christ. We are nurtured and our faith is strengthened by Christ at his table.

What will happen today at the Lord's Table? In short, God will sanctify us and strengthen our faith as we hear, see, touch, smell, and taste the gospel. We, in obedience to our Master, remember his sacrificial death. Through the work of the Holy Spirit we feed on Christ—our faith is strengthened by the assurance of all his benefits provided for his church. There is great joy as we draw sustenance from a common loaf and a common cup. Such joy excites faith and love. Such joy motivates us towards loving obedience to the two great commandments.

Grace and Peace to you,

HCF Elders

¹ At HCF we use grape juice.

Harvest Christian Fellowship

Invites You To An

*“After-Church” Luncheon**

*WHEN: Sunday, July 10th, 2016
(Immediately following worship)*

WHERE: School Cafeteria

WHO: HCF Family

This week’s bulletin follows on the pages below.

*WHAT: Church is providing lasagna,
salad, bread & drinks.*

**There will be a members’ meeting
immediately following lunch.*

Please fill out the form below if you plan on attending and drop it in the offering plate.

Family _____ No. Attending _____



June 26, 2016

Congregational Singing

The Solid Rock

Harvest Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Chad Seay

Quiet and Worshipful Reflection

Invocation/Prayer of Confession

Buddy Pritchard

Congregational Singing

My Savior's Love
Jesus Thank You

Harvest Praise Team

Children's Catechism – All children K-5 are invited to come forward.

Prayer & Worship through Giving

Matt Sluder

Offertory/Congregational Singing

All I Have Is Christ

Harvest Praise Team

If you are visiting with us today please do not feel compelled to give. If you filled out a visitor card feel free to put it in the offering basket.

Worship in the Word

“A Granny's Biscuit Gospel”

Joel Bradberry

I Corinthians 2:1-5

The Lord's Supper

Church Covenant

Closing Song

All I Have Is Christ

Harvest Praise Team

Benediction

Romans 15:13

Pray for HCF and Pastor Joel as we continue the sermon series in I Corinthians entitled “The Troubled, Triumphant Church.” Please take time each week to read through and meditate on that week's text and then come each Sunday expecting to hear from God through “the foolishness of preaching.” For next week be familiar with I Corinthians chapter 2, especially verses 6-16.

Question/answer for this week's Children's Catechism – **Why must the Redeemer be truly human?** That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin.

The front doors of the school will be locked at 10:30 each Sunday morning. Once the front doors are locked please do not open them to allow anyone in. All people who arrive after 10:30 should enter through the back door of the auditorium.

The next **new member's class** will begin today at 4:00pm at Seay Realty. Please know that taking the new member's classes does not obligate you to join HCF.

The **HCF Praise Team** will be singing at **Autumn Care** Tuesday night at 7:00pm. Feel free to come and join in the fellowship.

The next **HCF Member's Meeting** will be held on **July 10th** immediately following our luncheon.

Ladies Bible Study in Galatians from 6:15 to 7:00pm at Seay Realty. We will have prayer time from 7:00 to 7:30pm (you can come to just one or both, whichever fits into your schedule). If you have any questions, please contact Janlyn Anthony at 804-475-6203.

Planning has begun for our fall Belarus trip for evangelistic follow-up, intentional teaching of the church and work projects on the church building. If you are led to go and/or need more information talk with Joel.

Coming in July – Women's Bible study on the book **Revelation:** This study will begin Thursday, July 28th, at 6:30pm at the home of Phyllis Abbott, 7225 Hanover Grove Lane, Mech., VA. There will be discussions from your workbook as well as a DVD segment featuring David Jeremiah. If you are interested please contact Phyllis at 746-7930 so she can order the proper amount of workbooks.

New Theology@9 Classes will begin on July 3rd:

This course is continuing into its 2nd semester:

New Testament - A 26 week course to understand the big picture of each book of the New Testament, the continuity between the books in the NT, to realize the Promises God has kept to His People from the OT and to hear God speak to us today

through His Word and so to be challenged in our lives. This class is taught by Buddy Pritchard in room #27.

Christian Discipleship - we will consider in more detail, the last command that Jesus gave to his followers - the command to go and make disciples. As followers of Jesus ourselves, we have a keen interest in knowing how we can best be obedient to that command – to go and be about the work of making disciples - what we'll refer to as the work of “discipling.” This class will be taught by Joel Bradberry in the Library.

Barry Taylor and Davis Gooding will teach these classes in room #28:

Baptist Essentials - Can Christians do fine with God, and without the church? To answer that question, we need to think carefully about what the Bible says about the church; to think about the theology of the church. What we'll find is that far from being optional, the church is central to God's plan. Far from being something that is reserved for scholars in ivory towers, the theology of the church matters for you and me because God has spoken. This is a 6-week course.

Christians in the Workplace - Americans spend more time working than any activity other than sleeping. For something so central to our daily lives, so central to our lives in general, it's important to ask the simple question, “Why do I work?” This is a 6-week course.

Men's Bible Study – Men's 24/27 Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 6:00am at the HCF Office (Seay Realty).

Women's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:30am to 12:00 noon at the home of Priscilla Riley, 3731 Horseshoe Drive, Quinton, VA. The ladies are currently studying the book of Romans.

Youth Worship Service – Wednesdays at Old Church Community Center, 2080 Old Church Road, Mechanicsville - 6:45 to 8:00pm.

There will be an elder (Buddy Pritchard) available in the front office at the conclusion of worship to pray with you or attempt to answer any questions you have about HCF or the Christian faith.

HCF Elders

Buddy Pritchard, Buck Wicker, John Riley, Joel Bradberry, and David Walker.

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**Worshiping at Cold Harbor Elementary School
6740 Cold Harbor Road
Mechanicsville, Virginia**

**Sunday School & Theology @ 9 – 9:00A.M.
Worship Service - 10:15 A.M.**

“And my speech and my message were not plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

I Corinthians 2:4-5