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Harvest Christian Fellowship

Invites You To An

*“After-Church” Luncheon**

*WHEN: Sunday, August 20, 2017
(Immediately following worship)*

WHERE: School Cafeteria

WHO: HCF Family

WHAT: Church is providing Subway subs, chips, potato salad, cookies and beverages.

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

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

Family _____ No. Attending _____

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 vine¹ poured from a

¹ At HCF we use grape juice.

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



August 13, 2017

Congregational Singing

You Never Let Go

Harvest Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Joel

Quiet and Worshipful Reflection – Refuge/Stronghold

Invocation/Prayer of Confession

Buck Wicker

Congregational Singing

*Before the Throne of God Above
In Christ Alone*

Harvest Praise Team

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

The Lord's Supper

Worship through Offering

Rob Roberts

Offertory/Congregational Singing

Man of Sorrows

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 "The Watchful Gaze of Our Sovereign Creator" Pastor Joel
Psalm 139:1-24

Closing Song

Man of Sorrows (Reprise)

Benediction

I Corinthians 15:58

Alex Crain

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 16:12-18.

Question/answer for this week’s Children’s Catechism – **What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Our **NAMB missionaries** of the week – **Daniel and Lily Marie Bondad** – Church Planters – Staten Island, NY.

HCF will have a **Members’ Meeting** next Sunday, Aug. 20th immediately following the service and luncheon. New members to be voted on include Katelyn Southward, Patrick Seay and Ted & Kathie Davis.

Attention HCF Youth! We will have a **skate night** on **August 17th** from 6:30 PM to 9 PM at Ashland Skateland. Families of our youth are welcome to stay. Church group admission is 1/2 price. (\$3 admission and \$3 for skate rental. One adult gets in free with each paying child - not including skate rental).

Belarus Mission Trip – HCF will send a 5-6 member team to Belarus on a short term mission trip November 3rd – 13th. If you sense God wants you to go please talk with Pastor Joel.

Theo@9 Classes:

Old Testament Overview – Part 2 – Why study the Old Testament? First, because the Old Testament reveals the character of God in a way that the New Testament does not and secondly, the Old Testament tells us about Jesus. This is being taught by Joel Bradberry and meets in room #28.

Suffering: Fighting for Faith in Trial - How can God be both good and sovereign—and yet have allowed these things to happen to me? The Christian life is caught up in this tension—between our experience and its apparent conflict with God’s character as claimed in the Bible. We’ll establish a Biblical framework for suffering and in the weeks that follow, we’ll apply that framework. Ultimately, our goal is ambitious: suffering as witness. Not just a class on surviving, but a class to prepare us to use suffering to joyfully bring honor and glory to our king in a way that is dramatically compelling to those around us. Taught by Davis Gooding in Library.

Unity & Diversity - Being a Christian is more fundamental to your identity than your family, your ethnicity, your job, your nationality, your sexuality, your personality—or any other way this world defines identity. And so the unity you share with every other Christian is more profound than any other conceivable bond. That means that wherever the gospel exists, diversity should exist too since all types of

people can be saved. Diversity is a natural outgrowth of the gospel. 7-week Course taught by Barry Taylor in room #27.

Guidance – (Begins Aug. 20th) -What does the Bible say about decision-making? The world and even Christians have developed some unbiblical ideas about how God guides our decisions - And yet the Scriptures give us some amazing truths about how God does guide us. We’ll be looking at Anxious or Restful decisions, God’s Sovereignty, God’s Will and how we can apply these truths to our decision making process. 6-week Course taught by Barry Taylor in room #27.

Women’s Bible Study each Wednesday (10-11:30am). This is an inductive study of Hebrews. These studies are hosted by Priscilla Riley at 3731 Horseshoe Dr., Quinton VA, with various group participants facilitating each week. All ladies are welcome! Any questions please call Priscilla at 241-9837.

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible study will resume later in the summer following a brief summer break.

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

There will be an elder (Buck Wicker) 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

Buck Wicker, John Riley, Joel Bradberry, David Walker, Barry Taylor, and Davis Gooding

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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.



**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.**

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know
my thoughts!”*

Psalm 139:23