



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.

Community Group Interest Form

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE

Name: _____

Email: _____

___ I am interested in joining a Community Group but CANNOT meet on these days: (X out any that apply) Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat (If you're free anytime, then don't put an X on any of the above.)

___ I would prefer a different starting time than 6:00pm, such as _____ or _____.

___ I have questions about Community Groups that I've written on the back of this form.*

*If you've written questions on the back of this form, please provide a contact # and time to call.

Phone: _____

Day(s) & Time(s) to call you: _____



September 17, 2017

Congregational Singing <i>This Is Amazing Grace</i> <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Harvest Praise Team
Welcome and Announcements	Chad Seay
Quiet and Worshipful Reflection – Wall of Fire	
Invocation/Prayer of Confession	Barry Taylor
Congregational Singing <i>This I Believe</i> <i>Stronger</i>	Harvest Praise Team
Children’s Catechism – All children K-5 are invited to come forward.	
The Lord’s Supper	
Worship through Offering	Matt Stewart
Offertory/Congregational Singing <i>At the Cross</i>	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 “Just Follow Your Heart, Right?” Psalm 119:9-16	Pastor Joel
Closing Song <i>Your Great Name</i>	
Reading of the Church Covenant	Alex Crain

Over the course of the next few months Pastor Joel will preach approximately 10 messages from various texts of the Bible. For next week read and meditate on I Peter 2:9-10

Question/answer for this week’s Children’s Catechism – **What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?** You shall not give false testimony.

Our **NAMB missionaries** of the week- **John and Shawndra Onwuchekwa** – Church Planters – Atlanta, GA (cornerstoneatl.org.).

The next **new member’s class** will begin on October 1st at 4:00pm at our church offices. Please know that taking the new member’s classes does not obligate you to join HCF. If you are interested please call the church office at 59-4232 or email nancy.wicker@hcfellowship.com.

Community Groups will begin the week of October 8th. There’s plenty of time for you to make plans to participate; simply fill out the sign-up form in today’s bulletin and place it in the offering basket.

An **offering for our Belarus ministry** will be received on October 15th. This money will help send our team in early November and support our ministry goals to and with our sister church in Druisk. Please begin praying now as to how God would use you in this ministry.

The 2017 9Marks at Southeastern conference will be held on the campus of SEBTS in Wake Forest, NC, September 29th – 30th. The speakers for the event will be Danny Akin, Mark Dever, Thabiti Anyabwile, H.B. Charles Jr., and Jeramie Rinne. This year’s topic, or mark of a healthy church, is **leadership** in the local church. Please contact the church office at nancy.wicker@hcfellowship.com if you would like to register. HCF will pay the conference fee and attendees are responsible for their transportation and accommodations.

New Theo@9 Classes will begin Oct. 1st:

Prayer: What IS prayer? We know it is vital to the Christian life so why do we often fail to pray? What does it mean to pray without ceasing? Since God is sovereign and it is certain His plans are never thwarted, why should we bother to pray? In this 13 week in-house study we will address these questions and more. If you admit your prayer life could be richer and more consistent this class is for you. Be prepared, for significant class time will be spent—praying! This class will be led by Pastor Joel in the library.

Evangelism: 13 week study about one of the main purposes of our life – to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our goal will be to equip you, encourage you and exhort you to be disciple-makers. This course is not designed for experts or professional evangelists...this course is designed for people who want to, by the grace of God, learn how to better tell others about the Savior who came to rescue sinners from the wrath of God. This course is intended to be put into practice. Evangelism has to do with real people who need a real Savior. This class will be led by Barry Taylor in room #27.

Marriage: Many of our marriages are missing God at the center. Even as Christians, we sadly live atheist marriages—marriages that are devoid of God and his Word. Sure we go to church. Sure many of us try to do personal bible reading. Sure we want to be more faithful. Yet, in reality, many of us don’t often enough put God and his Word at the center of our marital

relationships. We'll study the biblical theology of marriage and how the gospel transforms our life together; as well as deals with conflict, communication, sexuality, children, money and divorce in this 13 week course. This class will be led by David Walker in room #28.

New: Women's Bible Study on Philippians – An inductive Bible study from 6:00 to 7:30pm, at the home of Phyllis Abbott, 7225 Hanover Grove Lane. If you have questions, contact Phyllis at 746-7930.

Women's Fall Conference – Saturday, October 7, 9:30-2:30. Join with other Harvest women in the beautiful setting of the International Learning Center in Rockville. Theme: "Members of One Another ... Building a culture that is God honoring, Christ exalting and Word centered." Speaker: Cyndi Logsdon from Movement Church, Richmond. Cost: \$15 due at sign up. Register with Martha Abernethy by Sunday, September 24th. See flyer for details or contact Martha Abernethy mjabernethy@gmail.com.

Simeon Trust Workshop, November 9-11, 2017, at Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, MD. An information sheet is available on the book table which includes "best rate" registration dates. If you are interested in attending, please register online using the link provided on the sheet. This workshop is designed for women who are currently in a regular teaching ministry, but is also open to any who want to better understand and more effectively teach the Bible. It equips you to better handle biblical texts and provides opportunities for small group practice. If you have questions, please talk with Janlyn Anthony, Rona Cline, Wanda Gooding or Priscilla Riley, who have attended in the past.

Women's Bible Study each Wednesday (9:30-11:30am). 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 this month.

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

There will be an elder (Barry Taylor) 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.

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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.



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

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

"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Psalm 119:11