



*Please join with other Harvest women in our shared commitment to the Word of God and one another in Bible study and prayer. We will be meeting at the locations below to study the book of **Philippians** using the inductive Bible study method. If you would like to learn more about these studies and/or sign up, please contact one of the hostess/leaders below.*

Central Mechanicsville:

Wednesdays - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Phyllis Abbott's home, Contact Phyllis for address

(Ph. 746-7930, stevenphyllis@comcast.net)

King William:

Beginning October 17th – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

(meeting every other Tuesday)

Mae Stewart's home, 357 Nottoway Lane

(Ph. 239-6946, maecstewart@gmail.com)

This group will begin the study using Jen Wilkin's book, "Women of the Word" and then move into Philippians.

New Kent/Quinton:

Beginning October 18th – Wednesdays – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Priscilla Riley's home, 3731 Horseshoe Drive

(Ph. 241-9837, pcriley79@gmail.com)

In this group, various participants facilitate the study each week.



**HARVEST CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP
FALL FESTIVAL**

Home of Todd & Amy Martin

3341 Legacy Lane

(parking and "trunk or treat" in adjacent field)

Saturday, October 28th - 3:30pm

(Supper served around 5:00pm)

The church will supply meat (BBQ chicken/ribs)/drinks and each family is asked to bring a side dish (initials A-M) or dessert (initials N-Z). There will be games, trunk or treat and a bon fire. Any questions contact Matt Sluder at 901-2597 or Todd Martin at 357-0873.

Family

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 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 and gluten-free bread



October 15, 2017

Congregational Singing Harvest Praise Team
Come People of the Risen King

Welcome and Announcements Chad Seay

Quiet and Worshipful Reflection – Redeemer

Invocation/Prayer of Confession Pastor Joel
O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

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

Belarus Offering

The Lord's Supper

Congregational Singing Harvest Praise Team
Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Worship through Offering Matt Sluder

Offertory/Congregational Singing Harvest Praise Team
Mercy

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 "Adopted Sons and Daughters" Pastor Joel
Ephesians 1:5-6

Closing Song
There Is a Redeemer (Reprise)

Benediction

Alex Crain

II Corinthians 13:11

Please pray for John Riley as he prepares and preaches next week on Psalm 15.

Question/answer for this week's Children's Catechism – **Did God create us unable to keep his law?** No, but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, we are all born in sin and guilt, unable to keep God's law.

Our **NAMB missionaries** of the week- **Don Durbin**, Chaplain/Disaster Relief, Taylorville, IL.

New members' classes are now being offered each Sunday afternoon for the next 4 weeks. Please know that taking the class does not obligate you to join HCF. If you are interested in taking the class please notify Pastor Joel or Nancy Wicker (see contact info below).

An **offering for our Belarus ministry** will be received today. This money will help send our team in early November and support our ministry goals to and with our sister church in Druisk.

HCF Fall Festival will be October 28th at the home of Todd and Amy Martin, 3341 Legacy Lane. Parking and "trunk or treat" will be in adjacent field. Any questions contact Matt Sluder at 901-2597 or Todd Martin at 357-0873,

Save the Date! HCF will have our annual **Thanksgiving Meal and Celebration** on Saturday, November 11th at 6:00pm at Mechanicsville Church of Christ.

Ariel Gilley warmly invites you to her recital "The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever" on Wednesday, November 8th at the Sara Belle November Theater located on the campus of Westminster Canterbury. The hour-long recital will feature Ariel's original compositions based on beloved Christian hymns. Tickets are free but limited. To make a reservation, please email arielgilley@gmail.com by October 31st. The concert begins at 3:00pm and the doors open at 2:15.

Theo@9 Classes:

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 is 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 is 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 is led by David Walker in room #28.

Women's Inductive Bible Studies – Book of Philippians

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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.

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

There will be an elder (Joel Bradberry) 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.**

“In love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.

Ephesians 1:5