



## Schedule Updates

No Youth on November 21st - Happy Thanksgiving!  
No Youth on December 26th - Merry Christmas!



## Christmas Party

The Youth Christmas Party will be held at the church building on Wednesday, December 19th from 6-8pm. (Note earlier start time.) We will have our White Elephant gift exchange game again, so each Youth is asked to bring a gift (tasteful gag gifts welcome) for the party. The gifts should cost no more than \$10. A pizza dinner will be provided. Boys—please bring chips or sides. Girls—please bring desserts.

## Centrifuge

Harvest Christian Fellowship's Youth are headed back to Fuge Camps in 2019! This year we will be participating in Centrifuge/ Missionfuge camps at Liberty University the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>. All youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade through those who have completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us.

Specific details on the cost and signing up will be shared in 2019. So for now, be sure to mark your calendars and Invite your friends. We have 40 spots reserved!



HCF Advent Season



Harvest Christian Fellowship will once again celebrate the Advent season with the use of Advent banners and Advent readings. The dates are listed below. If you would like to participate in this special time of preparing our hearts for Christmas, please list your name alongside the date that is best for you:



Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Eve \_\_\_\_\_

May God bless you this holy season for your willingness to be a part of our Advent Celebration.



### INSERT #3- Online Version / The Lord's Supper



Dear Friends,

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. 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



### November 18, 2018 – ONLINE VERSION

**Congregational Singing** Harvest Praise Team  
*Famous One*

**Welcome and Announcements** Chad Seay

**Quiet & Worshipful Reflection** – Father

**Invocation/Prayer of Confession** Buck Wicker

**Congregational Singing**  
*This Is Amazing Grace*  
*Let Your Kingdom Come*

**Prayer for OCC** Pastor Joel

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

**Worship through Offering** Rob Roberts

**Offertory/Congregational Singing** Harvest Praise Team  
*Facing a Task Unfinished*

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** "Epilogue" Pastor Joel  
John 21:1-14

**The Lord's Supper**

**Closing Song** Harvest Praise Team  
*Good Good Father*

**Church Covenant** Shad Gilley

**Next Week's Sermon:** John 21:15-25. The speaker is John Riley.

**Children's Catechism:** What is our only hope in life and death? That we are not our own but belong to God

**Sunday School:** Each week from 9:00 to 9:50AM...coffee and bagels at 8:30AM

**Mission Emphasis Service** – Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. *How is HCF committed to the Great Commission? What are we doing in Belarus, Guatemala, and China? What is the IMB?* Make plans to be at this extremely important service.

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2018 – Every Church, Every Nation** – It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. We believe every church – and every church member – has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Our church's participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that. *Through Our Gifts God Transforms Lives.* Because we give to the Lottie moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar we give makes a difference because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation. **HCF will collect the Lottie Moon Christmas offering on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**HCF New Member Classes** will begin sometime in January. Watch your bulletin for more details.

**Harvest Women's Retreat** - February 22-23, at the ILC. Speaker is Abi Byrd.

#### Women's Bible Studies:

***Mechanicsville:*** Every other Thursday at 7:00pm at the home of Kim Bradbarry. . They are studying the book of James.

***New Kent/Quinton:*** Wednesdays – 9:30-11:30AM, at the home of Priscilla Riley. They are studying the book of Acts.

**Youth Gathering:** No Youth gathering this week.

There will be an elder (Buck Wicker) available in the conference room at the conclusion of worship to pray with you or attempt to answer any questions you have about HCF or the Christian faith.

*Epilogue*



**Worshiping at  
8080 AMF Drive  
Mechanicsville, Virginia**

**Sunday School - 9:00AM  
Worship Service - 10:15AM**

**HCF Elders**

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*That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.*

John 21:7