

Harvest

APRIL
2009

Our 'outer walls' of steel are going UP!
As each day goes by we see the vision
becoming REALITY.



Heart for the Harvest connecting with the local Body and the World

Kingdom Transition....it's not what you HEAR, but WHO you know.....

2009 is already confirming the Word of the Lord to Harvest Church for this year. Since January 1, we have seen and felt the 'shakings' that are going on not only around us locally, but also around the world.

One of the most influential differences that our generation is affected by is the gigantic flow of information...true, false or misleading. Just think about it, 100 years ago we wouldn't have known by 6:00 pm the same day that there had been an earthquake in Italy, a tornado in Alabama or even who was going to

be our next President. Actually, we might not have even known what was going on 5 miles down the road for weeks.

Well, that fact certainly is different now. How has this onslaught of information affected us as believers? In some ways for good, but in other ways we are quick to hear and believe the *negative report* more than ever before.

In this KINGDOM TRANSITION, we have been pressing the point that this is SPIRITUAL as well as PHYSICAL. Our minds have got to be constantly renewed by what GOD says in His Word, rather than what the TV anchorman is spinning our way on the evening news. We need

to constantly filter what we hear and see by God's standards...not the status quo.

We are NOT of this WORLD. We are Ambassadors of the King of Kings and we have been given an assignment that lasts until He calls us home. As we transition as a Body of Believers into the next phase, let us go in CHANGED !

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Heart for the Harvest is a publication of Harvest Church's ministry to its local body of believers and to Christ's Body worldwide. Its goal is to share teaching, testimonies, prophetic words, music and articles of interest that would help inform and prepare the Church for the second coming of our Lord and also to bring understanding concerning our role as *Kingdom people*.

Heart for the Harvest newsletter is presently published quarterly.

A LOOK BACK.....

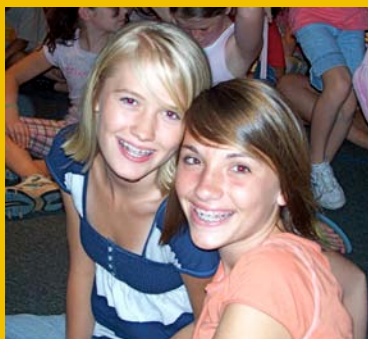
WELCOME New Members - 2009



David Sowers, Lucinda/ Monk Squires, Paul, Cass, Josephine, Griffin Hawkinson William, Bebe & Jamie Majors



BRIAN Van deVenter, missionary to Greece, shares in morning service.



BAPTISM...Jessie Boseman, (left) baptized by cousin Kate Sillitoe in March. YEAH !!

MOVIE NIGHT...HUGE SUCCESS



SAY "I DO"... ALL OVER AGAIN! THE NO. 1 INSPIRATIONAL FILM

Around 130 people came to enjoy Dinner & a Movie. Thanks for making this OUTREACH a success.



Karen Thomas..... shares of God's COMFORT in time of personal loss in her article, "Jesus Wept"

JESUS WEPT. He who created tears, tasted their saltiness and felt them trickle from his chin. Lazarus was dead and Jesus wept. Was the Son of GOD surprised by the sheer weight of sorrow? Did He really know until that moment how deep and cold and terrible grief is to the human soul? Was He who embodied the creative power of the universe overwhelmed by the infinity of raw emotion? Jesus knew that He would raise Lazarus from the dead, yet He wept.

How long did Jesus cry? Can you see Him sobbing tears and snot smearing the dust on His sun browned face? Can you hear Him groaning.... His words blocked by grief? Did He wipe His nose.... His eyes on His sleeve? Did His forehead tense in pain? Was His heart broken?

Jesus wept. For a moment in time, grief gripped the Creator and as Jesus cried, I suspect that the universe cried with Him. Jesus knew that he would restore Lazarus. He could have skipped over the grief, reprimanded the mourners for their lack of faith and then 'beamed' Lazarus to His side. But He didn't. Instead, Jesus walked with Mary and Martha and the crowd to the tomb - a cave, really, sealed with a stone to shield the living from the process of decay. Worn out by emotion, Jesus asked a few men to unseal the grave. And then He paused to pray. A red letter prayer spoken out loud - Jesus talking to His Father as the sweet scent of burial spices and the putrid stench of death wafted from the dark interior.

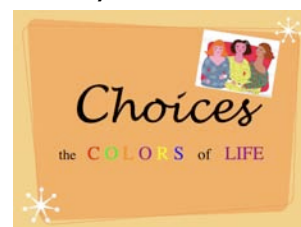
Did Jesus gag in the still, hot air that day? Did He swat at the flies attracted by the pungent, new smell? Did His eyes widen at the sight of Lazarus' swollen body wrapped in stained and sodden linen? As Jesus finished His prayer and gazed into that cave, did grief give way to anger?

Jesus didn't whisper at death - He shouted at it, "Lazarus, come forth!" The flies buzzed. The crowd stared. And Lazarus walked from the tomb, pulling the disgusting grave clothes from his eyes as Jesus ran to him and grabbed him in His arms. Jesus spoke. His words disarmed grief, destroyed sorrow, and defeated death. But Jesus did weep. He knows what I, what we feel today and He pauses with us to share that visceral pain. It's okay to weep, and like Jesus we will mourn for a time. But I know that on March 3rd, my Dad quietly and peacefully cast off the decay of this life and went forth to unending life with Jesus. For now, we weep, but we also rejoice because Jesus has spoken in punctuated power. "COME FORTH" !

Our Women's Health and Wellness workshop, 'CHOICES' held in January was a real inspiration to all of us. We are unbelievably blessed at Harvest to have the gifting of so many teachers and leaders among our women.

The Workshop team consisting of Dr. Karen Thomas, Katherine Zachman, Monica Burns, Jennifer Weatherly, Sandra Buckman, JoAnne Watters, Carlyne Everett and Treva Tankard inspired all of us in the areas of Health, Fitness and Healing for Body, Soul and Spirit. As they shared real life testimonies, many women were not only educated but encouraged in their daily personal lives.

The excellence in preparation and fantastic response to the event certainly paves the way for a bigger 2010 Workshop like this in our new facility. We're looking forward to an even greater impact next year. Praise the Lord !



*SUPPORT EME Ministries in Greece with Brian and Gail when you shop at Amazon.com for your Christian resources, gifts, and other items of your choosing.

Thank You !



Harvest Talk *...what's happening?*



Spring Conference

April 26 - 27

It is always an honor and a wonderful blessing for HARVEST when Pastor Frank Harvey comes and ministers. The connection and relationship we have had with him since 1998 has brought us a wealth of wisdom and encouragement in the specific work God has called us to do. Pastor Frank spoke the prophetic word over HARVEST in 2003 that 'the Lord had opened a door no man could shut', before he even knew about the vision God had given Pastor Tad of going into the city.

Pastor Frank always brings a "NOW" word to us and leaves us with an impartation of the prophetic word. Don't miss this special opportunity to hear one of the 'Fathers of the Faith' as he speaks on Sunday morning and evening. On Monday PM there will also be a special meeting with Leadership, LIFE group leaders and any who have a heart for God.

KENT and BEVERLY MATTOX* JUNE 21, 22, 23

Mark your Calendars now for our Summer Conference with Pastor Kent and Beverly. Be expectant & believing for Miracles, Transformations and Salvations.

Pastor Kent brings a powerful word of Healing and Deliverance as well as teaching of the Word.



*Services begin at 7:00 pm.
*Be early to get a seat a seat.

Check out Bookstore for Sermons, Books & Music

HEY, have you checked out the HARVEST bookstore lately? We want to be a blessing to our Harvest family by providing materials that help train, teach and equip. Jeff Rieg, as manager, does a SUPER job keeping track of all Books, CDs and Tapes. Remember HOUSE of HOPE greeting cards can be found in the Bookstore as well as music from some of our 'own' at Harvest.



You can purchase a DVD, CD or Cassette tape of all services. Check us out after service or fill out an order form. We are looking forward to our new 'space' in the new building.

SERIES: 'The Seven Hebrew Words for Praise'	by Pastor Tad	8 part series
'Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper'	by Pastor Tad	5 part series
'Beatitudes'	by Pastor Tad	7part series
'Reclaiming the Kingdom'	by Bubba Burns	

Our MILITARY...where are they NOW.....



William Hamilton



Michael Spivey



David Latham



Phillip Hassell



Jon Finch



Josiah Blystone



John Scott Taylor

Let's not forget family from HARVEST serving our country in the ARMED FORCES. They appreciate our prayers, letters, emails and packages. Check the Bulletin Board and WEB site for their info. We are indebted to them for their sacrifice.

William H., Michael S., David L.: Iraq
Jon Finch: Texas, on to Iraq
Josiah Blystone: Fort Bragg
Phillip Hassell: Lejeune / Afghanistan
Check Bulletin Board for Addresses

A LOOK AHEAD

Be sure to check your Bulletin and WEB site for changes and updates to Calendar.

LIFE GROUPS will be ending with the annual Memorial Day Fish Fry at Pastor Tad and Treva's home.

This is our last event for Outreach before the break. Be sure to 'reach out' and invite someone.



Women of Purpose

APRIL

5, 19

SOD - School of Discovery Class 5, meets at 5:00

410 Class at 5:00

PRISON Team: Leaves at 5:00

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SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE: Invite your family and friends to CELEBRATE !

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CHICKEN SALE for the Youth. Get your tickets!

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SPRING CONFERENCE Frank Harvey will be speaking AM and PM service.

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LEADERSHIP MEETING at 7:00 with Pastor Frank for all leadership, including LIFE group leaders.

MAY

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PRISON Team: Leaves at 5:00

WEDDING SHOWER for Shawn Smith and Coley Strickland after service.

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YOUTH EVENT - 'Super-Charged' : 6:00 at church with Brian and Hannah Oliver

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LIFE GROUPS - last meeting

23

GOLF TOURNAMENT - watch for info in Bulletin

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MEMORIAL DAY FISH FRY at PASTOR TANKARD's house. Bring sides and chairs. Starts at 3:00. Sign up please.

JUNE

7

GRADUATE SUNDAY all graduates from Kindergarten 8th grade, High School and college are honored. Also a special KIDS Day.

PRISON Team: Leaves at 5:00

12 - 14

SUMMER FESTIVAL

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PRISON Volunteer Banquet 6:00 PM

22, 23, 24

KENT and BEVERLY MATTOX

Nightly meetings at 7:00

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Women's meeting on Tuesday with Beverly at 9:30.

* Men's Golf *

SUPER-CHARGED 2009

May

9th
6:00 pm

7th Grade and UP

Music by Local Band, Food & Fellowship

MAST

Musicians and Singer's Training

MAST is for those musicians or singers wanting to be a part of the Worship Team Ministry of Harvest Church. MAST meets Fall and Spring semesters with a workshop in the Summer. If you are interested call Pastor Treva at 927-3410 or email at treva@harvestchurchnc.com.

Beverly Mattox

TUESDAY MORNING

June 23 at 9:30

Beverly has her own unique way of ministering to women. With honesty and transparency she shares the Word of God in a practical way to encourage women to become 'champions' and run the race with JOY. Join us for a special time of ministry, worship and teaching. Take this opportunity to invite a guest and share the Blessing.



Child Care for 0 - 4 years



WHEN: Sat. MAY 23

WHERE: Bayview

Come join US!

Great Outreach Event!

Invite your friends and sign up early. There will be LOTS of Fun, Prizes and 'yummy' FOOD so don't Miss it.

Look for more info in the Bulletin and on the WEB

Brian

and

Hannah

Oliver