

Harvest Highlights

August 2009

August 9

- ◆ Harvest Time for Children

August 12-13

- ◆ Youth Float Trip—Leaving at 5:30

August 16

- ◆ Claudia Cabrejos visit
- ◆ Children move up to their new grade-level classes
- ◆ Roberts' Baby Shower—Noon

August 18

- ◆ Ladies Night Out, 6 PM, Garfields

August 23

- ◆ Abby Kitchener visit
- ◆ Nalley—Stevens Wedding Shower—Noon

August 30

- ◆ No morning service
- ◆ Evening service at 5 PM followed by dinner

Sept. 6

- ◆ We will not have Souper Sunday today

Sept. 13

- ◆ Baptism at 7:30 PM, Moonshine Beach

Sept. 13, 20, 27

- ◆ Membership Class during Equipping Hour

October 25

- ◆ Annual Congregational Meeting

Staying Connected

Thanks for taking a moment to read this month's newsletter.

It is our goal to provide an informative form of communication that will help you stay connected with your Harvest family.

We seek to provide articles that share not only what special events may be coming up, but to highlight some of the exciting things God is doing among us and through us.

We also desire to challenge you to become involved in the

life of our church, as well as in the ministries around us and across the globe.

We want to encourage you to stretch your mind through our book reviews and stretch out your hands through various opportunities for outreach.

We endeavor to connect you with individuals and/or community groups who will support you in your spiritual journey.

While we will not "hit the mark" with every person in

every publication, we do seek to provide information that will be of benefit to you.

With that said, we ask you to please let us know of any ideas you may have for how we can improve our communication (newsletter, bulletin, website, e-mail, etc.) with you.

Thanks for your active participation in the life of the Harvest body. We look forward to hearing from you!

God's Mission Around the World

We are excited to report that we will have several Harvest-supported missionaries visiting this month and sharing about what God is doing in the places they have been serving.

On August 9th, **Joanna Knox** will be at Harvest. Joanna teaches the children of volunteer aid workers in a closed Muslim country, where teachers are desperately needed. Volunteer teachers enable families to stay in this area and work with organizations that address the needs of disabled people and abused women, as well as provide health care and efforts in community development. Last year Joanna lived on her own savings to support herself, and this year Harvest has committed to a portion of Joanna's

support so she can continue a second year. Please welcome Joanna back to our fellowship and take the opportunity to learn about what God is doing in her life and through her life!

On August 16th, **Claudia Cabrejos** will join us for worship. She is on leave from her Bible School and literacy work in El Salvador to travel & visit churches in the US this summer. Many at Harvest know Claudia, but before she comes next week, check out her blog at <http://claudia-cayita.spaces.live.com/blog/>. "Life is never boring, following Jesus," says Claudia in her June update, "He keeps molding us, growing us and His eternal work never stops. Unlike any other target, He is not there just to be ad-

mired, but as we seek him, he invites us to share in his nature and transforms us."

On August 23rd, we will hear from **Abby Kitchener**.

In the last two years, Harvest has been a part of the Doulos Ship ministry through Abby. She will be sharing about this ministry and the opportunity she has to extend her time on Doulos for another year. When she continues as a coordinator for Doulos, she will assist in challenging young volunteers to grow in their faith and get a first-hand experience in mission work.

Please join us in welcoming these ladies "home," and continue to keep them in your prayers



YOUTH INFO...

JUMP Youth are excited to welcome back our fearless leader, Bill Gebhart, from his summer of service in Wakpala, SD! Special thanks goes out to the D-Team, who kept the excitement going for our junior and senior high youth throughout the summer months.

The Youth are looking forward to welcoming new members to their group and bidding a fond farewell to the graduates on the upcoming Float Trip.

If you haven't made plans to attend, now is

the time! The cost is only \$35, and scholarships are available for anyone who may have a need. Be sure to see Brendon Rapinchuk ASAP for your registration forms.

Also, keep your eyes on the bulletin for weekly information about upcoming events and, of course, the annual Back-to-School-Bash!!!

Congratulations go out to...

Brandon & Lauren Roberts on the birth of their son, Elliott William born July 14.

A shower is being hosted by Joanna Hubbard and Dori Rapinchuk at the church on Sunday, August 16th, noon. Ladies, please come join us as we welcome this newest member to the Harvest family.



Children's Ministries

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS provided a wonderful opportunity to enter the time machine and step back into what Rome was like when the Apostle Paul was under house arrest there.

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the oversight of Children's Ministry Director Jodi Stone, we had the fellowship hall and a few classrooms set up to look like Rome, a marketplace, a house, and a cave—it was amazing!

The kids were taught daily by Paul and then encouraged to go share the Good News of Jesus with the underground church, who could be found hiding in a cave. They learned it was not like the USA; Christians could be killed or imprisoned for speaking

about Christ. The characters really came to life as the children made crafts, had snacks, and played Roman games.

The kids learned that Jesus loves them and wants to be in their life, and they also learned how important it is to spread the Good News of Christ just like Paul did.

Thanks again to everyone who donated items, helped decorate and build sets, and who came to serve the kids at VBS. It was awesome!!!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday was a fun day for the kids that are moving up to 1st -7th grade. They all took a trip with their teachers to McDonald's to eat breakfast and then they were off to Alexander Park to play games. The kids

were so good, and everyone had a blast! No doubt about it, though, the water balloon games were the best!

CURRICULUM

Starting in September, the kids will be learning various things in their classes. The pre-school - K area will be concentrating on the Old Testament Bible Stories. First - Third grade will be learning their regular lessons, but they will start learning the books of the New Testament. Fourth- Sixth grade will be learning the Old Testament books of the Bible along with their regular lessons.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 9-Harvest Time

August 16 - Kids move up to their new classes.

Want to Learn More About Harvest?

We will be offering a membership class **beginning on September 13th** during the Equipping Hour (10:45 a.m.) and continuing September 20 & 27.

If you are interested in learning a little more about Harvest or if you would like to become a member, we encourage you to participate in this class.

For questions or to sign up, please contact Eric Bolger or the church office.

Class Dates:
Sept. 13, 20 & 27

Interested in a Good Book?

Raising Cain: Protecting the emotional life of boys

by : Dan Kindlon PH.D. and Michael Thompson, PH.D.

Book review by:

Mark VanderLey

As a father of three boys and a counselor for many teenage boys that are struggling to become men, I have been asking myself several important questions lately. How do I prepare my boys for the challenges they will face as adolescents? How can I help the adolescent boys that I counsel to navigate the challenges of today and become men? I read a book recently that I think offers some helpful in-

sights into the struggles that boys face in our culture and what parents, teachers, pastors, and counselors can do to help.

Raising Cain Protecting the Emotional life of boys was written by Dan Kindlon, PH.D. and Michael Thompson, PH.D. The thesis of this book is, "boys need an emotional vocabulary that expands their ability to express themselves in ways other than anger or aggression." The authors argue that boys are presented with a "big impossible" image of stoic masculinity and manhood that is impossible and even unhealthy for them to achieve. This picture of an emotionless and powerful "man"

never shows the fear, uncertainty, anxiety, and pain that boys inevitably experience. Boys are not presented models of men who wrestle with these emotions and therefore never learn how to do it themselves. As I shared with some ministry friends what I was learning from this book, I was surprised to find that the image of stoic masculinity is just as prevalent in Christian circles as in secular. One friend jokingly said, "Oh, you're gonna raise some mamsy pamsy, sensitive boys." Although I get the joke, in my experience counseling teens, many from Christian families,

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Opportunities...

- ◆ We are putting together a **Creative Worship Team** to help plan Sunday morning worship. Please contact Eric Bolger if you are interested.
- ◆ We are looking for a few people to be trained as **technical helpers** during the worship service, including running sound, projection, and Power-Point. To learn more, please see Eric Bolger.
- ◆ **Playground Project Participants:** There are still plenty of opportunities (both big and small) to get involved in the Playground Project—from donating labor to supplies to toys to sidewalk chalk! Find out how you can help by contacting Amy Wescott or Mandy Carswell.

Men of Harvest

Gentlemen: Take time from your busy schedules to connect with other men from Harvest over breakfast on **Tuesday mornings—bright and early at 6:30 AM—Clocker's Restaurant** in downtown Branson. It's a great way to start the day. Want more info? Contact Greg Stone or Jim Freeman.



Also, be sure to keep your calendars open in October! The men are planning a retreat, with Joe Baker cooking the grub. Anyone who participated in the last retreat will most definitely confirm that Joe's cooking is worth the trip! Tentative dates are October 16-18...but keep an eye open for more info on the final decision.

Community Group Kick-Off Coming Soon...

Our Community Group year will kick off on **Sunday, September 13th**. If you've been wanting to get involved in a Community Group, or would simply like more information about what groups we have to offer, this will be the day for you! During the service, we will introduce the Community Groups that will be meeting this year, and during our fellowship time, you will have the opportunity to sign up to try one or more groups. If you will not be at church on September 13th and would like more information, or if you have any questions about the Community Group Ministry, contact the church office at 339-4038 or Amy Wescott at amywescott@tri-lakes.net or 527-0501.

Women's Ministries

There have been many things going on behind the scenes with Harvest Women's Ministry this summer.

The biggest change is that Dori Rapinchuk will be stepping down from the leadership of this team and Ann-Victoria Kuenzle is excitedly stepping up! In addition, Kristin Hanley has also joined the Women's Ministry team and will provide valuable input from the perspective of the many young moms in our congregation.

We are very excited about these changes, as we see our team

continuing to work together under Ann-Victoria's leadership to further the goal of Women's Ministry, which is to *build and support the community of Harvest by providing opportunities for women to grow in fellowship, faith and friendship.*

Fall planning is well underway, and we encourage you to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:



Ladies Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 18th

We will be having an end of the summer get-together at **Garfields on the Landing** on **Tuesday, August 18th, at 6:30 pm**. Whether you want to come for dinner, dessert, or a soda, you're guaranteed to have a great time!

Also, be on the lookout for information regarding our upcoming **Women's Retreat**, which will be Friday, November 6th through Sunday, November 8th.

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139:1-10

AUGUST 30TH

Join us for our
SUNDAY EVENING

**WORSHIP
SERVICE**

at 5:00 PM

w/an Old-Fashioned
Potluck Supper after

There will be NO
morning service on
August 30th.

HARVEST TEACHING SCHEDULE

Aug. 9 - Jesus
Addresses John the
Baptist's Questions
Matthew 11:1-19
(Eric Bolger)

Aug. 16 - Jesus Contrasts
Responses to His Ministry
Matthew 11:20-30
(Justin Carswell)

Aug. 23 - Congregational
Sharing Service

Aug. 30 - EVENING
Jesus and the Sabbath
Matthew 12:1-14
(Gary Hiebsch)

Sept. 6—Jesus as God's
Chosen Servant
Matthew 12:15-21
(Eric Bolger)

*Please consider reading
through these Scriptures
each week and praying for
the individual who will be
sharing God's Word with our
congregation.*

Baptism

We are planning to meet
at Moonshine Beach for
baptism on Sept. 13th,
7:30 PM. If you are
interested in being
baptized, please see
Eric Bolger or one of
the Elders.

Harvest EV Free Church

Staff Members

Staff Elder	Eric Bolger
Worship	Allison Hamm (Brandon Bliss currently on leave)
Youth	Bill Gebhart
Children's Min.	Jodi Stone
Admin. Asst.	Julie Marine
Church Admin.	Dori Rapinchuk

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www.harvestefc.org

Book Review

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I agree that many teenage boys have a very limited emotional vocabulary that consists mostly of mad and angry.

Kindlon and Thompson suggest that the solution to this problem is to, “build emotional literacy, first, by being able to identify and name our emotions; second, by recognizing the emotional content of voice and facial expression, or body language; and third, by understanding the situations or reactions that produce emotional states.” The authors describe many ways that adults can help boys become emotionally literate. The most important ones are:

1. Good discipline
2. Emotionally engaged fathers
3. Moms that give space, and
4. Permission to express emotions.

The authors contend that, if adults who care for boys and our society in general could revise our image of “manhood,” our boys would be much more prepared to face the adversity of adulthood. “The difference between boys who overcome adversity and those who surrender to it always comes down to the emotional resources they bring to the challenge”

I recommend this book to any parent raising a boy and to teachers, youth pastors, or anyone who has daily influence on boys. It is not written from a Christian perspective, but I would not characterize it as anti-Christian either. I will warn you that it speaks very honestly about the struggles that boys face in our culture—namely, drugs, sex, pornography, and violence. If you are sensitive to those subjects, it may be shocking; but based on my experience, I believe it gives an accurate depiction of what boys are experiencing in our society.

If you have suggestions for the next newsletter, or if you have questions regarding any information contained in this newsletter, please contact Dori Rapinchuk at drapinchuk@yahoo.com or 417-598-0541.