

HARVEST EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

JUNE 2010

Headed to South Dakota...

On Friday, June 4, a team of 22 people headed out to the Standing Rock Reservation near Mobridge, South Dakota. The team will minister to the communities of Wakpala and McLaughlin on the reservation through Vacation Bible School activities, meals, fellowship and service.

This is the 7th year we have worked with the Sioux Assembly of God Church in Wakpala to support them in their faith and reach out to the surrounding community. This is the first year we will also partner with a church in McLaughlin to offer a Vacation Bible School.

Not only do we minister to these two communities, but those participating have the opportunity to share God's love in numerous ways and in turn have their faith strengthened. It is also a great time of fellowship and team building as many hours are spent together in very close quarters (just think— 900 miles each way in a van or Suburban)!

This year's team includes: Hillary Bargman, Casey Benham, Chris Benham, Nick Benham, Alura Christoffersen, Joseph Christoffersen, Bill Gebhart, Cathie Gebhart, Justin Hamm, Ashley Hensley, Sarah Hubbard, Weston Marine, David Newcome, Michelle Newcome, Valerie Newcome, Wayne Newcome, Blake Nosalek, Stephanie Ortiz, Brendon Rapinchuk, Dori Rapinchuk, Mark Rapinchuk, and Elisha Stenzel.



We wish to extend sincere thanks to everyone who has supported this trip through finances, prayer, baking, cooking, and helping in preparation. We also send a huge THANK YOU to the children for their dessert fundraiser, which raised over \$1,000 to contribute to this trip.

The team will likely encounter many challenges during this trip; so, please pick up a prayer brochure (which also includes pictures) and place it in the middle of your dining room table as a daily reminder to lift up the team in prayer! The team will return on Sunday afternoon, June 13th.

July 4th—Harvest Family Fun!



This year, the July 4th Holiday falls on a Sunday...actually on a SOUPER Sunday. So, we thought it would be a great opportunity to celebrate together!

We are planning our Souper Sunday meal, but we'd also like to offer some fun family games and possibly a pie-baking contest...however, we could really use some help in pulling everything together. If you might be interested in helping to plan some fun games for kids, families, youth, seniors, and anyone in between, please contact Dori Rapinchuk at 417-598-0541 or drapinchuk@yahoo.com. Watch for more details as they become available, and mark your calendar to save this afternoon for fellowshiping with the Harvest family.



LOOKING AHEAD:

June 13:

New Mission Class begins during Equipping Hour, and...
Wakpala Team returns late afternoon

July 4:

"Souper Sunday" Family Fun following the worship service

July 12-15:

Vacation Bible School

July 31-Aug. 7:

Zaragoza Mission Trip

Welcome our New Members!

Nick Benham, Xanda Christoffersen, Grace Leach, and Abbie & Grant Ruccio. If you don't know these folks, take some time to seek them out and introduce yourself—you'll be glad you did!

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Ray & Jamie Pettigrew Family on their new son, Blake Yancey, and to



the Lance & Katie High Family on their newest daughter, Lydia Joy!

May God richly bless these young and growing families.



YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

A large number of our youth and their Leadership Team will be heading to Wakpala in early June, but once they return, so will the summer fun and fellowship opportunities.

Jr. & Sr. High youth & parents, be sure to mark these dates on your calendars:

June 20 - Lake Day at Moonshine 2pm

June 27 - Ultimate Frisbee/Honor America at C of O 4pm

July 4 - 4th of July Celebration TBD

July 18— Ultimate Frisbee at C of O 6pm

July 25—Lake Day at Moonshine 2pm

August 1—Polish Kickball at Stockstill 6pm

August 13/14—Float Trip (more details to come)

Questions? Contact Bill, Hillary, Brendon or Marcia

The Kids are Headed to EGYPT!

VBS is just around the corner, and Jodi Stone is working hard to coordinate this exciting event. VBS will be held **Monday through Thursday, July 12-15, from 9-Noon.**

This year's theme will be: "**Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace.**" Please plan to join Joseph as he shares his life adventures with us. Lessons will be learned about abandonment, love, mercy and forgiveness. Kids will enjoy eating Egyptian food, making Egyptian crafts, playing cool games, and worshipping the "King of Kings." You won't want to miss out on this adventure!

We are still seeking a Music Team Leader to lead the children in worship—there is a worship CD and DVD with the songs and actions just waiting for you! Food and craft item donations will be requested as we draw closer to the event.

Parents, be sure to mark your calendar and encourage your kids invite their friends as well.

Zaragoza

Summer is the time for travel, and at Harvest, we are doing quite a bit. While we have one mission team currently headed to South Dakota and our kids headed to "Egypt" in July for VBS, another mission trip to **Zaragoza, Mexico** is being planned for **July 31 through August 7.**

Further details will be forthcoming, but if you have an interest in learning more about our ministry in Zaragoza and/or the upcoming trip, you are encouraged to attend "ZTC," our Zaragoza Training Class during the Equipping Hour (10:45 AM on Sundays) beginning June 13th and running for 6 weeks.

This class will be a great resource for all who are planning to participate in the Zaragoza trip, as well as anyone desiring to work in a cross-cultural setting.

Plans for this year's trip are currently being finalized. Therefore, if you are seriously considering joining this summer's team, please contact Joanna Hubbard at 417-561-5324. **Deadline to register is June 13th.**

Catechesis

"**Catechesis**" (pronounced cat-a-key-sis) is not a word most of us typically use, but it's one you'll be hearing more about at Harvest in the coming months. *Catechesis* refers to the discipleship and mentoring of new believers into the Christian faith. While the Church did a great job of *catechesis* during its first few hundred years, it gradually became quite lax, so that by the time of Martin Luther and John Calvin the time was ripe for renewal. And a renewal of serious *catechesis* is part of what the Reformation led by these men was all about.

So what does all this have to do with Harvest? Well, nearly 500 years after the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, the Church is again in need of renewal. Harvest, following in the footsteps of Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and others, believes that *catechesis* is one important element of renewal, so beginning this September we will provide a number of regular and purposeful opportunities for learning together the essential truths of the Christian faith. Watch for more details to be coming this summer.

I have; I need

"**HAVE**" something you no longer use or need—like an outdated but still working frig, mower or washer? "**NEED**" something you don't have—like a chair to fill that empty spot in the living room or a handy person to help you finish a household chore? Then check out our "**I HAVE/I NEED**" display on the bulletin board down in Fellowship Hall. Jot down and post your information. It's a great way to bless one another by sharing resources or talents in a quick and inexpensive way.



HARVEST TEACHING SCHEDULE

June 6

Matt. 20:17-28
Jesus Addresses a Mother's Request
Eric Bolger

June 13

Matt. 20:29-34
Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
Gary Hiebsch

June 20

Matt. 21:1-11
Jesus Enters Jerusalem
Gary Hiebsch

June 27

Matt. 21:12-17
Jesus Enters the Temple
Eric Bolger

July 4

Matt. 21:18-27
Jesus Cures a Fig Tree & Answers Jewish Leaders' Questions
Eric Bolger

Gone on Vacation?

You can listen to each week's sermon on the web. Just log on to www.harvestefc.org and click on Download Sermon.

Equipping Hour

Don't forget that our Equipping Hour classes will continue throughout the summer. Adults may choose from three—Barnabas, Timothy or Missions.

TAKE A REWARDING WALK... It's not too late to join others from Harvest in taking a walk through the Bible. Becky McKnight is facilitating a group who will be reading through the entire Bible this summer. They started on June 1, so it's still easy to join in and catch up. If you aren't able to join the group, there are hand-outs on the welcome table that provide you with scripture readings for each day. So go ahead, and take a walk.