



# HARVEST

VINEYARD CHURCH

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SMALL GROUPS &  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

**FALL 2025**



*Acts 2:46-47*

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*

**ENCOUNTER CHRIST.  
EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY.  
LOVE THE WORLD.**

*Thanks for your interest in small groups and community groups here at Harvest Vineyard Church. They are a vital part of our church family, and I would love to help you find the right fit.*

*We have groups meeting all over Central Iowa on different days and at different times. Our groups consist of 5-15 people who meet to make friends, study the Bible, pray for each other, and do life together.*

*Before attending, it is recommended that you email, call, or text a group leader to make sure they are meeting that week; some groups will take a break or rotate locations. Otherwise, let me know if there's anything I can do to help you find the right fit.*

**- Kent Prescott**  
**Associate Pastor for Small Groups**  
**[kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org)**



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SMALL GROUPS & COMMUNITY GROUPS BOOKLET

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# SMALL GROUPS



## College-age Group Will Johnston

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAYS @ 6:00PM  
Harvest Lobby

Will: [will.johnston@harvestvc.org](mailto:will.johnston@harvestvc.org)  
(515) 450-6553

"Whether you're brand new to town or deep into your college experience, Harvest College Ministry is a place to build meaningful relationships and grow in your faith. We're a community of college-aged students who are learning to follow Jesus, care for each other, and make space for God to move in our lives.

From small groups and Sunday hangouts to worship nights and weekend adventures, there are plenty of ways to get connected—whether you're looking for conversation, community, or just a good game of pickleball. We don't have everything figured out, and that's kind of the point. We're creating space to be real, ask good questions, and pursue Jesus together—one step at a time.



## Gilbert Sunday Night Small Group

SUNDAYS @ 6:00pm  
Gilbert

Leaders: Caleb & Maranda Van Cleave

Caleb: [calebvc94@gmail.com](mailto:calebvc94@gmail.com)  
(515) 669-1404

The focus in this group is on building community and growing in Christ with others. Married couples, singles, all ages welcome. We do have all ages of kids, so childcare is provided in this group. We are open to the Holy Spirit leading and moving in this group; come to experience His love.



## SMALL GROUPS



### **Ames Sunday Night Small Group**

SUNDAYS @ 6:30PM

Once a month

Leaders: Nancy & Steve Thompson

Nancy: [nancy@thompsonworld.net](mailto:nancy@thompsonworld.net)  
(414) 559-1391

All are welcome! This group meets once a month on Sunday evenings. Gatherings consist of some informal conversation, a light snack, prayer, and time to dig deeper into the latest sermon or some other spiritual topic.



### **Marshalltown Sunday Night Small Group**

SUNDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leaders: Brandon & Jennie Whitmore  
Marshalltown

Brandon: [whitmore0438@gmail.com](mailto:whitmore0438@gmail.com)  
(417) 521-8793

Jennie: [jenniewhitmore14@gmail.com](mailto:jenniewhitmore14@gmail.com)  
(515) 451-8753

We meet weekly in our home on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30pm. We are looking to foster community and connection for those who worship at Harvest from the Marshalltown area. Our weekly meetings will be informal, and our discussions will follow whatever the current sermon topic brings up.



## **Monday Night Slater Small Group**

**2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> MONDAYS @ 6:00-8:00pm**

**Leaders: John & Shari Hernandez**

**103 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Slater**

**John: [john.hernandez@huxcomm.net](mailto:john.hernandez@huxcomm.net)  
(610) 801-6103**

Open to anyone, we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 6:00-8:00pm in Slater. Typically, we share a meal at 6:00pm, then fellowship, talk about our lives, and discuss the sermon. Childcare can be arranged in advance.  
Contact John for details or with questions.



## **Monday Night Ames Small Group**

**MONDAYS @ 6:30PM**

**Leaders: Neil Rowe & Steve & Randi  
Graham**

**Location: call Neil for location**

**Neil: [neilalanrowe@gmail.com](mailto:neilalanrowe@gmail.com)  
(563) 271-7154**

Through authentic and vulnerable relationship with each other and Christ, we explore the depths of who we are and who we are in Christ, deepening our relationship with Jesus and with each other. We discuss the Sunday sermon. We meet every Monday with our children present, and we share the cost of childcare.





## SMALL GROUPS



### **Monday Young Adults Small Group**

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> MONDAYS 6:30-8:00PM

Leaders: Alex & Haley Austin  
Ames

Haley: [haleyaustin529@gmail.com](mailto:haleyaustin529@gmail.com)

Alex: [alex.austin8@gmail.com](mailto:alex.austin8@gmail.com)  
(515) 975-5914

We are a group of young adults who meet twice a month to dive deeper into the sermons at Harvest. We make time for conversation and prayer, and our main goal is to create a welcoming, comfortable space to grow and learn together. Contact Haley or Alex for details! We would love to get to know you and your story. We do have a newborn, plus an energetic dog and two cats that run our house, so being comfortable with animals is recommended.



### **Monday Afternoon Women's Small Group**

Every other MONDAY @ 1:00PM

Leader: Jean Nordyke  
Ames

Jean: (515) 231-8361

Joy, laughter, and prayer describe this group. We meet on Monday afternoon at my home in Ames, just two blocks from Harvest Vineyard, to study the Bible and love on each other! As we enter this next season, we will decide together which book of the Bible is next. Holy Spirit always comes to join us! We would love to have you also join us!



## Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAYS @ 9:30AM

Leaders: Robbin Smith & Sherry Erb  
Harvest

Robbin: [robbinsmith56@gmail.com](mailto:robbinsmith56@gmail.com)

Sherry: [sserb68@gmail.com](mailto:sserb68@gmail.com)

This group seeks to give women the opportunity to gather, fellowship and grow in relationship with each other and with Jesus--through coffee, conversation, prayer and the Word.

Are you hungry for connection? Come connect with us!



## Tuesday Evening Women's Small Group

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAYS @ 5:30PM

Leader: Deb Hoppus  
HVC Room 220

Deb: [dkhoppus@hotmail.com](mailto:dkhoppus@hotmail.com)  
(515) 230-4614

We are a diverse group of women who share a common desire to develop a more personal relationship with God and with each other. We will be doing a book study. Contact Deb for details.





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### **Tuesday Night Young Adult Group**

2<sup>ND</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS @ 6:00PM

HVC

Leaders: Nick & Kenzie Schwartz

Nick: [nschwartz95@gmail.com](mailto:nschwartz95@gmail.com)  
(515) 450-3579

This semester, we are meeting during the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.  
To get more information on the dates and times and topic, reach out to Nick!



### **Mon/Wed Night Small Group**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leaders: Nicole & Aaron Steele

Harvest

Nicole: [nicolemariasteele@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemariasteele@gmail.com)  
(515) 203-9887

We will meet twice a month on Monday/Wednesday from 7-8:30pm.  
Real life, low key, meeting together to encourage and connect. Currently, we  
are couples with teenage/20 somethings, but any age & stage are welcome!



## Early Thursday Morning Men's Small Group

THURSDAYS at 6:30AM

Harvest in the cafe

Leaders: Phil Penner &  
Galen Crawford

Phil: philpampen@gmail.com (714) 261-6538  
Galen: galencames@gmail.com (515) 231-2635

Men's Morning Group is an opportunity for men of all ages to learn to walk with God and share life. We meet every Thursday morning at 6:30am, where we discuss the Sunday sermon, then relate it to sharing about life, and conclude with prayer/support. Drop in when you can, and invite a friend!



## Thursday Morning Women's Coffee Group

THURSDAYS @ 9:00AM

Leaders: Pam Penner & Sue Taege  
Meets at Provisions Lot F

Pam: philpampen@gmail.com  
(714) 261-6536  
Sue: (515) 460-6076

Weekly mid-morning coffee time for women of all ages (moms, retirees, students, etc.). Join us at Provisions, Lot F (address is 2400 Loop Drive, Ames) for a little bit of Jesus, a whole lot of coffee, and casual social time. Find us in the coffee shop area. We also have a second group who travels to different coffee shops each week, so contact Sue about the traveling group option!



## SMALL GROUPS



### **Thursday Women's Zoom Small Group**

THURSDAYS @ 1:00PM  
Leader: Imogene Wilkinson

Imogene: [queenlimabean333@yahoo.com](mailto:queenlimabean333@yahoo.com)  
(515) 451-1001

This is an online group for women who might not be able to meet in person and who desire to strengthen our relationship with Jesus through studying God's word. Together we study books of the Bible and hold each other up in prayer. Contact Dorothy or Imogene for details.



### **Thursday Evening Women's Small Group**

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAYS @ 5:30PM  
Leader: Paula Plath  
Harvest Room 220

Paula: [pkplath@iastate.edu](mailto:pkplath@iastate.edu)  
(515) 509-6729

This small group of women meet to listen to what is going on in each other's lives, to pray for one another, and to read and discuss a book. We will be meeting after work on Thursdays at Harvest from 5:30-7:00pm. If you want to bring your supper, you are welcome to eat as we meet. Contact Paula for more information and to receive emails about the group's current topic.

# COMMUNITY GROUPS



## Moms' Playdate with Kids

MONDAYS @ 9:00AM

Leader: Emma Larsen  
Harvest Room 117 (Play structure)

Emma: [emmalia0497@gmail.com](mailto:emmalia0497@gmail.com)

The Playdate with Kids group meets every Monday morning between 9:00-11:00am. Come when you can, leave when you must. In outdoor months, we meet at Brookside Park in Ames, and in the colder months or if the weather is unkind, we meet in Room 117 at Harvest. Text Emma to get on the mailing list. Feel free to bring a snack, your lunch, or a friend.



## Young Adult Ministry

1<sup>st</sup> MONDAYS @ 6:30-8:30PM

3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAYS @ 6:30-8:30PM

Leaders: Chad Cook & Kristen Veencamp  
Harvest Vineyard Church  
Room 216

Email: [youngadult@harvestvc.org](mailto:youngadult@harvestvc.org)

Our Young Adult group encompasses many life stages: singles, marrieds, parents, 20's and 30's. If you are hungry to grow deeper with Jesus and are desiring a community of other young adults doing the same, join us! We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday night of the month in room 212 at Harvest as well as on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays for various events. Email us or join our Discord group [discord.com/invite/BGzy45Prgr](https://discord.com/invite/BGzy45Prgr) to get connected and see our other social events.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### Theology & Apologetic Journal Club

2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY @ 6:30PM

Leader: Andy Mizerak  
Harvest Room 220

Andy: [mizeraka@mchsi.com](mailto:mizeraka@mchsi.com)  
(515) 299-0563

Our group meets once a month to discuss a scholarly journal article or book chapter. We will delve deep into theological topics, including atonement theory; Calvinism vs Molinism vs open theism; the historical Jesus; the “new” perspective on Paul; and other topics. No hard questions will be avoided! In addition to prayer and Bible study, we believe that thinking through and discussing these topics with fellow believers will help us deepen our faith and strengthen our witness. Get in touch with Andy for the latest article/topic and join the discussion!



### Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m.  
Harvest Vineyard Church  
320 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street | Ames

Alcoholics Anonymous will begin to hold weekly open meetings at Harvest Vineyard Church starting in January. There is no charge to attend, and this meeting is open to men and women who are struggling with alcohol and with staying sober, and to their spouses, adult children, friends, and co-workers.



## Co-Working Wednesdays

WEDNESDAYS 9AM-5PM

Leader: Neil Rowe

Harvest Room 215

Neil: [neilalanrowe@gmail.com](mailto:neilalanrowe@gmail.com)  
(515) 724-4514

This is a community group for people who are remote workers or hybrid workers or grad students who would like to meet at Harvest once a week to connect, to pray over individual's work, and to actually work in-person! We have a kitchenette available for us with a microwave, an air fryer and a fridge if you want to bring a lunch and eat together, too. Plus we have private space for taking calls.

**the ultimate  
journey**  
Explore Truth • Discover Love • Walk In Freedom

## The Ultimate Journey Phase 1

12-Week Course

overseer: Josh Miller  
Harvest Vineyard Church

[TUJ@harvestvc.org](mailto:TUJ@harvestvc.org)

### Phase 1: Unpacking Self-Deception

Receive healing for hurts and wounds, and uncover the lies that have held you back and tripped you up. By looking at past events in your life, you will be able to identify your current thinking patterns and embrace the truth that sets you free! Group size during Phase 1 is small, so there is often a waiting list for this course.

Email Emily to inquire about enrollment in the course.





## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### Young at Heart Group

VARIOUS EVENTS

Wed., Oct. 29: Gourmet Grilled Cheese  
Dinner

Leaders: Diane & Ned Miller  
Harvest Lobby

Ned: [ned.miller4@gmail.com](mailto:ned.miller4@gmail.com)  
(515) 681-4683

Open to all adults, but most attendees tend to be from the 40+ age group. Young at Heart meets 3-4 times a year. All events are social. No agenda. The goal is for HVC adults to spend time together doing fun things. There is an annual Gourmet Grilled Cheese Dinner/Potluck, an annual Chili Cook-off, a Game Night, plus other spontaneous events. Watch the weekly e-News for event promos!



### Anxiety & Depression Support Group

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leader: Keith Popejoy  
Harvest Room 220

Keith: (515) 360-8398

It sometimes feels like we cannot talk about our mental health struggles or like other Christians may not understand. This group seeks to turn that assumption on its head by creating a Christian support network for those who are struggling with anxiety and depression. We will gather with others who understand to share, pray, and connect. Open to anyone, at any time, ages 18+.



## Mommy & Me Music Group

FRIDAYS @ 9:15-10:45AM

Leader: Lauren Gent  
Harvest Room 117

Lauren: [lauren.e.gent@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.gent@gmail.com)  
(515) 290-7379

Come join us for Mommy & Me music! Our group provides a wonderful opportunity to sing, dance and play with our babies and preschoolers while also introducing them to Jesus. Stay around after the music for some free play and for the opportunity to connect with other caregivers!



## SQS: Sew-Quilt-Share

FRIDAYS 9:30AM-3:00PM

Leader: Marsha Braden  
Harvest Room 118

Marsha: (319) 560-9613  
[braden.marsha22@gmail.com](mailto:braden.marsha22@gmail.com)

Come experience our quilting group! We gather each Friday throughout the year. We stitch a patchwork of fabrics and friendships. "Sew" grab some fabric, and let's create a quilt project to donate to Riverside Bible Camp for their annual August quilt auction. Attend as your schedule allows; we understand being flexible with schedules. Occasionally due to weather or other issues, we cancel our meeting so call/text Marsha to confirm we are meeting that day. We'd enjoy getting to know you & your creativity. For the January-March schedule, call Beth Meyer 712-249-4372 or Mary Rasmussen 515-231-7365.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### Dads & Kids Playdate

SATURDAYS 9:30-11:00AM

Leader: Neil Rowe

Harvest Vineyard Church, Room 117  
(Play Structure room)

Neil: [narowe83@gmail.com](mailto:narowe83@gmail.com)  
(515) 724-4514

Hey, dads, let's give our wives a break and hang out with our kids! We are a group of dads (and their kids under the age of 5) who get together on Saturday mornings for fellowship and for a time to let the kids play. Our goal is to provide a place for dads to build relationships while the little ones play. Feel free to come and go during the morning as it fits in your schedule.



Alex: [alex.krumm@harvestvc.org](mailto:alex.krumm@harvestvc.org)

A national group of gamers from Vineyard Churches around the country want to create a positive and welcoming online gaming community. Anyone ages 15+ who wants to be part of a Christ-centered community that loves and appreciates video games from any gaming platform (PlayStation, Xbox, Switch, and PC). We have people playing nearly a dozen different titles. We typically play together on Sunday nights with other pick-up games throughout the week. Right now, we do not have any in-person or at-the-church events, but we would love to have you join us online! Vineyard Gaming uses the Discord app to communicate and organize.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS



### Women's Ministry "Consider Lily"

#### VARIOUS EVENTS

Fri-Sun, Sept. 12-14: Women's Retreat  
Sat., Oct. 25: Bagel Breakfast

Leader: Cory Miller

Cory: [cory.miller@harvestvc.org](mailto:cory.miller@harvestvc.org)

Jesus says in Matthew 6:28, "Consider the lilies of the field: they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these." Our desire is to grow in security in Christ and to encourage one another along the wild journey of life. We meet for a variety of activities: breakfasts, ladies' nights out, kayaking & canoeing, cross country skiing, pickleball, Bible studies and guest speakers. Email Cory to be added to our email list!



### Men's Ministry

#### VARIOUS EVENTS

Leader: Liam Conley

Liam: [liam@harvestvc.org](mailto:liam@harvestvc.org)  
(515) 291-8193

We were all created for relationship. As men, we walk this out by doing things together! If you'd like to receive more information about upcoming men's events such as sports, movie nights, retreats, and small groups, email Liam.



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### SINGLE MOMS Lunch

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

A time for single moms to get together with their kids at Harvest for lunch. Childcare and a meal are provided. RSVP required by Thursday at noon, the week before each lunch. Contact: [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org)



## Communion & Prayer Liturgy

First Wednesday of the Month  
6:30-7:15 p.m. | Auditorium

Anyone is invited to join us for prayer and communion. This is a simple time for those who wish to practice the historic prayers and creeds of the Church, connect with the larger, global Church, and be guided through a time of liturgy, scripture, and prayer based on The Book of Common Prayer. Contact: [liam@harvestvc.org](mailto:liam@harvestvc.org).



## COMMUNITY GROUPS



# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Second Wednesday of the Month  
6:30 p.m.

Join us on the second Wednesday of every month for an extended time of worship and prayer.  
Come when you can and leave when you must.  
Contact [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org) with questions.



## rhythms of grace

creating space and time to slow down and  
personally encounter our life-changing God.

Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of equipping and practicing in one  
of the following areas: reading and understanding  
scripture, prayer, rest & solitude, and self-awareness.

Questions? Email [julie.vanhove@harvestvc.org](mailto:julie.vanhove@harvestvc.org).







## Harvest Youth: “Rise” 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leader: Cory Miller  
Harvest Room 111

Cory: [cory.miller@harvestvc.org](mailto:cory.miller@harvestvc.org)  
(515) 290-6484

Our mission is to partner with families to help 5th/6th grade students love God, be disciplined in the love and truth of Jesus, and to trust Jesus with their today, tomorrow, and eternity. We meet at Harvest on the first and third Wednesday nights of each month from 6:30--8:00 PM for a WHOLE LOT OF FUN!



## Harvest Youth: “Roots” 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leader: Will Swartzendruber  
Harvest Room 205

Will: [will.druber@harvestvc.org](mailto:will.druber@harvestvc.org)  
(515) 290-6881

Our name "Roots" comes from the vision of seeing our students learn more of who they are in Christ and then rooting themselves deeper in Christ through teaching, small groups, outreach, and community. Check us out this year as we continue exploring how to be “rooted.” We meet every Wednesday night.



## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



# HEARING GOD WORKSHOP

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 7 & 14 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

God is speaking to you, and He wants you to recognize His voice! During this two session workshop, we will learn more about hearing God's voice, and we allow time to practice doing just that.

*Registration required via our app or website. Contact: [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org).*

*Hearing God is part one of the 5-part Prayer & Healing Workshop Series.*



# PRAYER TRAINING WORKSHOP

SUNDAYS, SEPT. 28 & OCT. 5 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

If you want to learn how to more confidently pray for people, this two-session workshop is for you. We will review scripture and practice praying for people so that you may feel more confidently equipped to pray for people in your small group, family and friend circle, and after worship each Sunday.

*Registration required via our app or website. Contact: [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org)*

*Prayer Training is part two of the 5-part Prayer & Healing Workshop Series.*





## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



# KEEP YOUR LOVE ON!

Connection, Communication  
& Boundaries

Sundays beginning Oct. 12  
12:45-2:45 p.m.

Do you want more healthy relationships in every area of your life? Keep Your Love On is a 6-session class designed to help you learn to see yourself not as a victim but as a powerful person who chooses to keep their love turned on toward every person they encounter, just like Jesus did. This class is for all people ages 15 and above.

Registration required via our app or website.

Contact: [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org)



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# LEAVE MONEY STRESS BEHIND

**You shouldn't have to  
live paycheck to paycheck.**

If your bills are suffocating you, we've got a plan to help. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will show you how to beat debt and never worry about money again.



Begins  
Thursday, Sept. 25  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Financial Peace University is a 9-week class that will meet to go through videos and interactive discussion. You will learn habits for dumping debt, building wealth, and giving generously. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days! A \$100 registration is required for every participant. This registration is fully refunded to everyone who completes the course. Contact: [kent.prescott@harvestvc.org](mailto:kent.prescott@harvestvc.org)



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