

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 lowa 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.

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SMALL GROUPS & COMMUNITY GROUPS BOOKLET

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College-age Group Will Johnston

1st, 2nd, 3rd SUNDAYS @ 6:00PM Harvest Lobby

Will: 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 (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.





Ames Sunday Night Small Group

SUNDAYS @ 6:30PM
Once a month
Leaders: Nancy & Steve Thompson

Nancy: 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 (417) 521-8793 Jennie: 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

2nd/4th MONDAYS @ 6:00-8:00pm Leaders: John & Shari Hernandez 103 E. 4th Avenue, Slater

John: john.hernandez@huxcomm.net (610) 801-6103

Open to anyone, we meet on the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} 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 (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.





Monday Young Adults Small Group

2nd/4th MONDAYS 6:30-8:00PM Leaders: Alex & Haley Austin Ames

Haley: haleyaustin529@gmail.com Alex: 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

1st/3rd TUESDAYS @ 9:30AM Leaders: Robbin Smith & Sherry Erb Harvest

Robbin: robbinsmith56@gmail.com Sherry: 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!



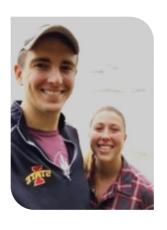
Tuesday Evening Women's Small Group

1st/3rd TUESDAYS @ 5:30PM Leader: Deb Hoppus HVC Room 220

Deb: 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.





Tuesday Night Young Adult Group

 $2^{ND}/4^{TH}$ TUESDAYS @ 6:00PM HVC Leaders: Nick & Kenzie Schwartz

Nick: 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 (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!





Thursday Women's Zoom Small Group

THURSDAYS @ 1:00PM Leader: Imogene Wilkinson

Imogene: 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

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

Paula: 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.





Moms' Playdate with Kids

MONDAYS @ 9:00AM
Leader: Emma Larsen
Harvest Room 117 (Play structure)

Emma: 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

1st MONDAYS @ 6:30-8:30PM 3rd THURSDAYS @ 6:30-8:30PM Leaders: Chad Cook & Kristen Veencamp Harvest Vineyard Church Room 216

Email: 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 1st Monday night of the month in room 212 at Harvest as well as on the 3rd Thursdays for various events. Email us or join our Discord group discord.com/invite/BGzy45Prgr to get connected and see our other social events.





Theology & Apologetic Journal Club

2nd TUESDAY @ 6:30PM Leader: Andy Mizerak Harvest Room 220

Andy: 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!







Co-Working Wednesdays

WEDNESDAYS 9AM-5PM Leader: Neil Rowe Harvest Room 215

Neil: 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 Phase 1

12-Week Course overseer: Josh Miller Harvest Vineyard Church

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.





Young at Heart Group

VARIOUS EVENTS
Wed., Oct. 29: Gourmet Grilled Cheese
Dinner

Leaders: Diane & Ned Miller Harvest Lobby

Ned: 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

1st/3rd 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 (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

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.





Dads & Kids Playdate

SATURDAYS 9:30-11:00AM
Leader: Neil Rowe
Harvest Vineyard Church, Room 117
(Play Structure room)

Neil: 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

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.





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

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

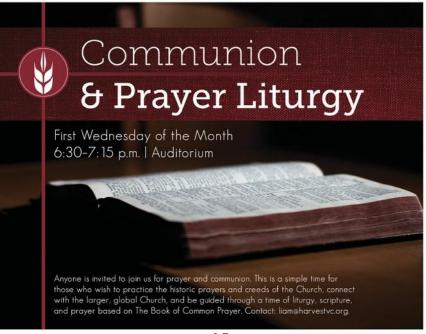
VARIOUS EVENTS
Leader: Liam Conley

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

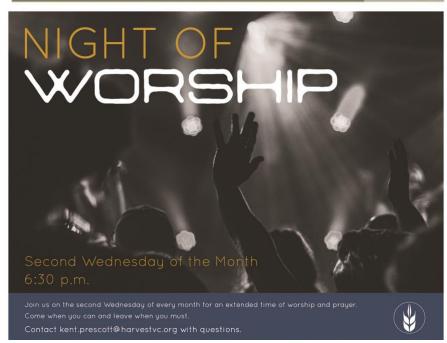
We were all created for relationship. As men, we walk this out by doing things together! If you'd like to receive more information about upcoming men's events such as sports, movie nights, retreats, and small groups, email Liam.











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.



YOUTH GROUPS





Harvest Youth: "Rise" 5th - 6th grades

1st/3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Leader: Cory Miller Harvest Room 111

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

Our mission is to partner with families to help 5th/6th grade students love God, be discipled 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" 7th – 12th grades

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Leader: Will Swartzendruber Harvest Room 205

Will: 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

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

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







CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



KEEP YOUR LOVE ON!

Connection, Communication & Boundaries

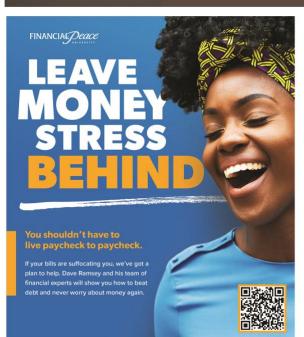
Sundays beginning Oct. 12 12:45-2:45 p.m.

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 victin 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.

Contact: kent.prescott@harvestvc.org







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





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