



HARVEST

VINEYARD CHURCH

SMALL GROUPS &
COMMUNITY GROUPS

FALL 2026

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 build relationships, encourage one another, 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
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SMALL GROUPS



College-age Sunday Night Group

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

Harvest Lobby

Leader: Will Johnston

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

Whether you're brand new to Ames 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.



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Ames Sunday Night Small Group

SUNDAYS @ 6:30PM

Once a month

Leaders: Nancy & Steve Thompson
Ames

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.

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Monday Night Ames Small Group

MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leaders: Neil Rowe & Steve & Randi
Graham

Location: call Neil for location

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

"Through connection in authentic and vulnerable relationships with each other and Christ, we explore the depths of who we are and our identity in Christ. We meet every Monday to discuss issues related to Christian community and put them into practice. Children are welcome, 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 toddler, plus an energetic dog and two cats that run our house, so being comfortable with animals is recommended.



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Tuesday Night Slater Small Group

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

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

Open to anyone, we meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 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 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!

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Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

1st/3rd TUESDAYS @ 9:30AM

Leaders: Robbin Smith & Sherry Erb
Harvest Room 108 ground floor

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. This fall, we will be doing a book study of James Bryan Smith's *The Good and Beautiful Life*.

Contact Deb for details.



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Tuesday Night Young Adult Group

2ND/4TH TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM

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!



Wednesday Night Huxley Group

1st/3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Huxley

Leaders: Jamie & Michelle Dailey

Jamie: (515) 344-5266
Michelle: jmdailey1234@gmail.com

This small group in Huxley is looking for people who strongly desire to be actively engaged in growing in their faith. We have been working our way through Henry Blackaby's *Experiencing God* workbook while sharing our lives and building our friendships. Contact Jamie or Michelle for details and location.

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New Group! **Wednesday Night** **Ames Empty-Nester** **Small Group**

1st/3rd WEDNESDAYS at 6:30PM
Leaders: Steve & Brenda Brouwer

Email: sbbrouwer5@gmail.com

This new small group is launching on Sept. 16 and meets the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Brouwer's home in Ames. Email for the meeting address! This group is open to all empty-nesters—single or married—and will discuss the sermon re-caps. If you have been looking for a small group in this season of life, email Steve & Brenda and get connected.



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!



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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 (Traveling group)

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 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. Email Emma to get on the mailing list.
Feel free to bring a snack, your lunch, or a friend.



Young Adult Ministry

1st MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

3rd THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM

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/BGzy45Prqr to get connected and see our other social events.



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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.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m.
Harvest Vineyard Church
320 South 17th 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.

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Explore Truth • Discover Love • Walk In Freedom

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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.



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Young at Heart Group

VARIOUS EVENTS

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 2-4 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!



SQS: Sew-Quilt-Share

FRIDAYS 9:30AM-3:00PM

Leader: Marsha Braden
Harvest Room 118

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

We would love to have you join our group and stitch-up a new friendship. If you have an interest in being helpful hands and would like to work alongside us by pressing, cutting, organizing, or doing hand work, you are welcome to join us.

We stitch together on Fridays, and our projects are donated to Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp each August. We are a flexible group and understand that your schedule may mean you are not able to join us each week, or you can check in from time to time and work on projects at your home. For the January-March schedule, call Beth Meyer 712-249-4372 or Mary Rasmussen 515-231-7365.



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!



Anxiety & Depression Support Group

1st/3rd SATURDAYS @ 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+.



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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

Sat., Oct. 10: 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.



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New Group! **Mission-Minded Community Group**

1st/3rd THURSDAYS @ 1:30PM

Leader: Kim Schwartz

Location: contact Kim

Kim: jkschwartz92@gmail.com

This new group is for anyone with a heart for serving our community through local missions. We are blessed to worship in a city with many faith-based organizations that are working to equip, encourage, and support those in need. Volunteering alongside these ministries is a meaningful way to be the hands and feet of Jesus and see Him at work in our community. We will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month in a host home for fellowship, prayer, and to learn about the ministry we will be serving that month. On the 3rd Thursday of each month (dates may occasionally change based on the ministry's schedule), we will serve together through hands-on local mission opportunities. Whether you have served for years or are looking for your first opportunity to get involved, this group is a wonderful way to build community while making a tangible difference in the lives of others through the love of Christ.



Brand New Community Group: **The Sunday Diners**

Every SUNDAY at 12:30PM
at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee Market Grille
640 Lincoln Way

Contact Person: kent.prescott@harvestvc.org

This new community group has been created specifically for people who dislike eating Sunday dinner alone! We have chosen the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee Market Grille as our weekly dining location because it is close to Harvest Vineyard Church, there is ample seating for many or few people, plus there are food choices to match every palette, budget, and preference.

Would you like to join us and check it out and meet some new people? Email Kent Prescott to get your name added to the group contact list (just in case we change locations or have updates to share). Otherwise, show up at 12:30 and look for the two hosts who will be wearing "Harvest Vineyard" shirts, and they will direct you to the group. You can order your meal from any of the service counters, or you can grab a drink or a piece of fruit or anything to eat from the grocery store.

Our focus is warm companionship over a shared Sunday meal.





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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 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.



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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 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” 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

Spiritual Gifts *Workshop*

**Sundays, Oct. 25 & Nov. 1
12:30-2:00 p.m.**

How has the Holy Spirit gifted you? What does that mean for your ministry and calling? This workshop will help you learn about the gifts of the Spirit from a Vineyard perspective, and how your passions, abilities, and experiences all work together to inform your ministry in everyday life. Registration required via our app or website. Contact: kent.prescott@harvestvc.org



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Freedom in Christ

**Sundays beginning January 11
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

This 11-week, video-based discipleship course is designed to help every Christian break free from what is holding them back and become who they are made to be in Christ. Whether you're a lifelong follower of Jesus or brand-new to faith, this is for you. \$20 registration required via our app or website. Contact: kent.prescott@harvestvc.org



Learn more
and sign up!



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